

## INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

### MINUTES

March 15, 2005

The meeting was called to order by Bob Kass, Chair at 4:35 p.m., Central. Members of the committee present were Bob Kass, Chair; Neil Grigg; Larry Lux; Ross Vincent; and Diane Linderman, Board Liaison. Marty Basta; Len Bernstein; Chris Champion; and Zeferino Sanchez were absent. Geoff Greenough and Julio Fuentes, chairs of international task forces were also present as was Jimmy Foster, a member of a task force. Kaye Sullivan staffed the meeting.

#### Fundraising for Jennings Randolph Fund

Geoff indicated he sent a communication to several past presidents, who currently work in large firms, to get their input on how to approach corporations for fundraising efforts. Jerry Fay indicated their firm is not interested in international work, but others might be. Geoff indicated he would call the other past presidents to determine if they could make some phone calls. Larry indicated he knows a couple of several people who might be able to give us an entree into large companies. Staff will meet about the issue of fundraising letters to chapters and will report at the next meeting. Staff was advised that the fundraising brochure needs proofing for spelling errors.

#### Approval of Minutes

The minutes of February 15, 2005 meeting were approved by consensus.

#### Review of Future *Reporter* Articles

Bob will prepare an article on the AMMAC trip to the APWA Kansas City headquarters office for the May issue. Julio is working with Paul Cooley on his trip to Israel for the May issue.

#### Review of International Task Force Work Plans for 2004-2005

APWA/AMMAC Task Force: The task force held a conference call and discussed AMMAC's visit to the APWA headquarters office where a licensing agreement was finalized for AMMAC to print and market the *Management Practices Manual* in Spanish. AMMAC will re-translate portions of the manual, reformat the size of the publication and will print and sell it in Mexico and Latin America. AMMAC has paid APWA in full for the license. AMMAC would like for APWA to host a public works person in the AMMAC office to carry out the APWA agenda in Mexico. Bob advised he has been in touch with an ICMA employee in Mexico who indicates AMMAC is strongly associated with one of the three political parties in Mexico – the one currently in power. The AMMAC Executive Director is working to make AMMAC more partisan. The U.S. Department of Commerce is sponsoring the exhibition in Mexico on May 18-20, 2005. An AMMAC invitation has been sent to several APWA members for the July 13-16, 2005 Congress and they are requesting speakers from the U.S. George Torres will be presenting a session.

APWA/IPWEA/INGENIUM Task Force: Ross advised that INGENIUM has established a link to APWA on their new website at [www.INGENIUM.org.nz](http://www.INGENIUM.org.nz). INGENIUM's conference is in October 2005.

APWA/SPWA/CZPWA Task Force: Geoff is trying to determine who will be coming from Central Europe to the APWA 2005 Congress.

Report of International Disaster Relief Task Force

Diane reported that the Emergency Management Committee is in support of the IAC's suggestion to create a database of APWA members who would be willing to take part in disaster recovery activities. The committee suggested a conference call later this spring and a meeting at Congress. Diane also indicated the Emergency Management Committee meets in Kansas City at the end of the month and they could include Larry in their discussion on this issue by conference call.

Next Committee Meeting

The next committee meeting date is April 19, 2005 at 4:30 p.m., CDT.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:20 p.m.