

## INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

### MINUTES

May 17, 2005

The meeting was called to order by Bob Kass, Chair at 4:35 p.m., CDT. Members of the committee present were Bob Kass, Chair; Marty Basta; Len Bernstein; Chris Champion; Larry Lux; Zeferino Sanchez; Ross Vincent; and Diane Linderman, Board Liaison. Neil Grigg was absent. Geoff Greenough and Julio Fuentes, chairs of international task forces and Richard McCoy, Minnesota Chapter international liaison, were also present. Kaye Sullivan and Nickole Blankenship staffed the meeting.

#### Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the April 19, 2005 meeting were approved by consensus.

#### APWA 2006 Strategic Planning Input

Committee members were requested to provide input to the new strategic planning process by responding to questions. The chair requested that committee members provide responses to staff by June 6<sup>th</sup> and place a consolidation of responses on the next agenda in order to formulate a committee response.

#### Review of Future Reporter Articles

New Zealand has submitted an article for the *Reporter* on their tsunami response and Australia is preparing a companion article. Richard Kibbe, the new president for INGENIUM will prepare an article for the August issue of the *Reporter*. Larry will prepare an article for the December issue on his Jennings Randolph study trip to Australia. The committee will need to determine an article for the November issue prior to Congress as the deadline date will be September 25<sup>th</sup>.

#### Discussion of Possible Roundtable Topic for 2005 Congress

The committee will request a roundtable at Congress for Monday, September 12, 2005 on the subject of “*Should APWA play a role in international disaster relief?*” A task force of the committee will prepare an outline for the roundtable during the summer months.

#### Discussion on Fundraising for Jennings Randolph Fund

Geoff advised that Richard Ridings will examine the *Engineering News Record* for consultants/contractors to determine if any have an interest in APWA and international work. Geoff will report on his findings at the next meeting. Staff will draft a solicitation letter to chapters and forward to committee members for review.

Staff suggested the possibility of a silent auction at a future Congress to raise money for the JR Fund. Suggestions were made that exhibitors/vendors could donate and have the item in their booth for sign up to the silent auction. This would hopefully generate more registrants on the exhibit floor. This issue may be discussed further at a later time.

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

APWA/AMMAC Task Force: The Department of Commerce involvement in the Construction Management Conference has gone well. Julio and Bill Clevenger will attend that conference. APWA presenters are still needed for the AMMAC Congress. Bob will utilize Dwayne Kalynchuk's PowerPoint presentation on the *Management Practices Manual*.

APWA/IPWEA/INGENIUM Task Force: IPWEA has been contacted by APWA with an interest in selling IPWEA's *Fleet Manual*. INGENIUM reported that GHD has Spanish speaking employees in California who will make presentations at the AMMAC Congress. IPWEA is hosting a study tour around the 2005 APWA Congress for ten individuals in Canada and Minnesota. Approximately an additional ten individuals may also attend Congress.

APWA/SPWA/CZPWA Task Force: Dr. George Neuzil from CZPWA will be a presenter at the 2005 APWA Congress. Translations of Reporter articles are going fairly well. CZPWA will be sending a large contingent to the 2006 APWA Congress in New Orleans.

#### Review of International Activities Schedule at Congress

Richard advised that he is coordinating pre and post-tours for international guests around the 2005 Congress.

#### Update on International/National Disaster Relief Task Force

Diane advised that the Emergency Management Committee has appointed two members to the task force. Karen Bloodworth, Technical Services Program Manager, will staff the task force.

#### Next Committee Meeting

The next committee meeting date is June 21, 2005 at 4:30 p.m., CDT.

#### Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m., CDT.