

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

MINUTES

October 19, 2004

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; Marty Basta; Len Bernstein; Chris Champion; Neil Grigg; Larry Lux; Ross Vincent; and Diane Linderman, Board Liaison. Zeferino Sanchez was absent. Geoff Greenough, Chair of the APWA/SPWA/CZPWA Task Force was also present. Staff included Kaye Sullivan, Nickole Blankenship, and Mark Tibbetts.

Discussion of Concept Paper on Increasing Corpus of Jennings Randolph Fund

Mark Tibbetts advised the committee of the U.S. Department of State website on international professional exchange programs. None of the programs, however, were with countries with which APWA has an international partnership. Bob advised he sent the link to a contact at ICMA and would follow up with them to determine if APWA and ICMA might submit a joint proposal or if this would be worth pursuing alone.

The committee reviewed the revised fundraising letter for the Jennings Randolph fund and suggested that both the letter and a brochure be produced for separate audiences. Committee members agreed to advise Mark of contacts. He will add the contacts to a spreadsheet to make sure there is no overlap and will add a column to the spreadsheet to include the name of the IAC member whose name will be included in the letter and as a signature. Mark will summarize the process agreed to and forward to the committee prior to the next conference call.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of September 14, 2004 meeting were approved by consensus.

Identification of Future Reporter Articles

The New Zealand article for the January issue will introduce *INGENIUM* to the APWA membership; IPWEA will prepare a sidebar on the IPWEA Conference for the December issue; a notice of the Jennings Randolph recipients and an update on the fundraising effort for the JR fund will be in the March issue; and a re-cap on the *INGENIUM* Conference will be written for the August issue.

Review of International Task Force Work Plans for 2004-2005

APWA/AMMAC Task Force: No update was available, however, an update on the publication contract will be provided at the next meeting.

APWA/IPWEA/*INGENIUM* Task Force: The task force will finalize their work plan prior to the next conference call.

APWA/SPWA/CZPWA Task Force: The task force's work plan was reviewed. SPWA and CZPWA representatives have been set up on requested infoNOW Communities and spring conference dates are being explored for both associations.

IAC: Staff will provide updates within the work plan as goals are pursued and reached.

Update on IAC Sponsored Educational Sessions for 2005 Congress

It was confirmed that the following international session proposals for the 2005 Congress have been submitted:

- “Rebuilding the Infrastructure in Iraq” (Major John Lawlor) [*Jimmy submitted this proposal*]
- “Personal and Professional Benefits of International Experience in Public Works” – two Jennings Randolph Fellows (Kutzner and Gamboa) [*Bob submitted this proposal*]
- “The Impact of the European Union on the Czech and Slovak Republics – One Year Later” [*Geoff submitted this proposal*]

Bob indicated a third panelist is needed for the international experience session. Neil and Chris agreed to participate, if needed. Staff will forward the proposal to Neil and Chris.

Chris Champion prepared a proposal on “State of the Art: Asset Management Practice in Australia, New Zealand and Canada” as a 90 minute session through the regular call for papers process.

Staff advised the committee of attendee numbers at the three 2004 IAC sessions. Staff was requested to advise the committee of attendee numbers at the three IAC sessions for 2002 and 2003. The chair suggested the committee review topics related to attendance at these sessions for future years’ proposals.

Discussion of People to People Ambassador Program

Staff advised the committee that People to People will not be able to provide a study tour to Australia in 2005 due to budget and staff constraints, but will be happy to work with APWA on possible study tours to the Czech Republic in 2006 and Australia in 2007. IPWEA provided written information on their foundation program for international exchanges. The APWA/IPWEA/INGENIUM Task Force will discuss the possibility of approaching chapters to sponsor someone from their chapter to the 2005 IPWEA Conference.

Update on Jennings Randolph Fellowship Applications

Staff advised that nine applications have been submitted with another expected by the deadline date of October 22nd – all applications are for an Australia study tour. The committee will make a decision on a recommendation to forward to the Eisenhower Institute during their November conference call. Staff will provide a ranking form with each application.

Update on IFME Activities

The committee was advised there is currently some internal strife within the organization, but APWA and IPWEA will observe the resolution. Neither organization will be in attendance at the meeting in Rome in November.

Next Committee Meeting

The next committee meeting date is November 16, 2004 at 4:30 p.m., Central.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m.