

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

MINUTES

October 18, 2005

The meeting by conference call was called to order by Bob Kass, Chair at 4:35 p.m. Members of the committee present were Bob Kass, Chair; Marty Basta; Chris Champion; Vanessa Conrad; Dwayne Kalynchuk; Rachel Lazarus; Larry Lux; Ross Vincent; Zeferino Sanchez; and Diane Linderman, Board Liaison. Geoff Greenough was absent. Kaye Sullivan and Nickole Blankenship staffed the committee.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the September 13, 2005 meeting were approved by consensus.

Future Reporter Articles

Helena is working with Jiri Neuzil to complete an article for the December issue. Dwayne agreed to prepare an article on his People to People study tour in China for the March issue. Chris and Ross will speak with Jimmy Foster about an article on his trip to Australia and New Zealand. Larry will contact Wally Wells about preparation of an article on an international meeting on asset management that occurred at the 2005 Congress.

Update on 2005-2006 Work Plans

AMMAC: Bob, Vanessa and the APWA/AMMAC Task Force will work with Zeferino and Ruben Fernandez to formulate a detailed proposal for APWA to fund expansion of the APWA agenda into Latin American countries. Staff will arrange for a conference call.

IPWEA/INGENIUM: The task force has written objectives and will make assignments to accomplish their goals. Ross advised there is now a U.S. component in the IPWEA/INGENIUM Asset Management Manual.

IAC: Committee members were asked to review the IAC Work Plan to determine if modifications need to be made.

Discussion of Jennings Randolph Fellowship Guidelines

The committee agreed not to change the guidelines to include a member exchange. The deadline for receipt of Jennings Randolph applications for 2006 has been extended to October 24, 2005. The committee will review the applications on their November conference call.

Review of Relationship with ICMA

This issue will be discussed on the November conference call.

Follow-up to Board Action on Disaster Relief Task Force Recommendations

Diane reviewed the Board action on the recommendations concerning a Public Works Disaster Resource Database. Staff will develop an outline on how such a program would be established and conducted, including financing options, such as securing federal funding. This proposal could be included in the next fiscal year's budget proposals. Information was provided that RedR ("...an international federation of regional offices that provides relief for suffering caused by disasters by selecting, training and providing competent and committed personnel to humanitarian programs world-wide") keeps a database of responders that they train in readiness.

The U.S. does not have a RedR office. Also a comment was made that police and fire have a central clearinghouse for EMACs to draw from. Public works does not.

Submission of 2006 IAC Education Session Proposals

Staff will determine if Larry/Brian's submission is in. Chris will submit a proposal on attracting young people to public works by the deadline.

Next Committee Meeting

The committee agreed to meet by conference call on the third Tuesday of each month at 4:30 p.m., Central. The next conference call will be November 15, 2005.

Adjournment

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