

# INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

## MINUTES

September 13, 2005  
Minneapolis, Minnesota

The meeting was called to order by Bob Kass, Chair at 3:10 p.m. in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Members of the committee present were Bob Kass, Chair; Marty Basta; Chris Champion; Vanessa Conrad; Geoff Greenough; Rachel Lazarus; Larry Lux; Ross Vincent; Zeferino Sanchez; and Diane Linderman, Board Liaison. Dwayne Kalynchuk was absent. Others in attendance were Sue Cosner, ICMA; Brian Pettit; Jimmy Foster; Jose Gamboa; Ramankutty Kannankutty; Brad Kutzner; Len Bernstein; Richard Kirby; Keith Wood; Warren Roberts; and Richard McCoy. Staff included Kaye Sullivan, Nickole Blankenship, and Lisa Pogue.

### Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the August 16, 2005 meeting were approved by consensus.

### Formation of 2005-2006 Work Plans

APWA/AMMAC: AMMAC signed a licensing agreement with APWA to print and sell the APWA "Management Practices Manual" in Spanish. Bob Kass made a presentation on the Manual in Spanish at the AMMAC Congress. Past President Tom Trice was in attendance at the AMMAC Congress to bring greetings from APWA and while there, participated in a press conference. AMMAC will present a proposal this year to provide its offices in Mexico for APWA to promote its agenda in Mexico. They are proposing that APWA pay the honorarium for an individual to work closely between the two organizations.

APWA/IPWEA/INGENIUM: The task force has developed a list of proposed *Reporter* articles for next year. They also proposed moving forward on several issues: 1) approve a multi-year agreement for the partnership to provide for long-range planning of the task force; 2) provide free access for members of IPWEA and INGENIUM to the APWA website Members Only section; 3) provide the APWA member rate at Congress for any of the partners' members; 4) provide Jennings Randolph guidelines and application forms in the room where the JR fellows make their presentation at Congress; and 5) make provision for APWA publications to be sold in Australia and New Zealand at the APWA member price and conversely.

APWA/SPWA/CZPWA: The task force proposed the following: 1) task force members continue the translation of APWA *Reporter* headlines and request that APWA cover the cost of approximately \$600 per year for university students in the Czech Republic to translate specific articles from the *Reporter*; 2) link the three organizations' websites; provide an infoNOW Community for individuals interested in international public works activities; 3) APWA present a one-half day workshop at the CZPWA Spring Conference on the New Orleans flood and rebuilding of the city; and 4) consider a licensing agreement with CZPWA to translate portions of the "Management Practices Manual" through a Czech university. Staff will contact People to People to determine the possibility of a study trip to Eastern Europe. CZPWA is planning on bringing a contingency of up to 30 people to the 2006 APWA Congress.

IAC: In addition to items proposed in the task forces' work plans and some ongoing activities, the International Affairs Committee set their work plan to include the following: 1) develop a

plan to secure additional donations to the Jennings Randolph Fellowship Fund, promote the fellowship more heavily, and/or look for opportunities for APWA to create a fund for international exchange; 2) explore a strengthened relationship with ICMA through increased communications to place a public works representative on each of the ICMA technical study tours; and 3) explore the possibility of study tours to our partner countries conferences through People to People.

#### Future Reporter Articles

The December issue will carry a report of the Czech Republic and Slovak experiences at the 2005 Congress. Larry Lux and Brian Pettit will prepare articles on their JR Fellow trips to Australia for the January and February issues respectively.

#### Discussion of 2006 IAC Educational Sessions

The IAC guaranteed educational sessions at the 2006 Congress are:

- Jennings Randolph Fellowship Reports from Pettit and Lux
- Attracting Young People to Public Works (international perspective of Australia/New Zealand/Canada/U.S.)
- Public Works Delivery Systems in Slovakia and the Czech Republic

#### Appointment of 2005-2006 APWA/SPWA/CZPWA Task Force

Nominations were made and the following individuals were appointed to the APWA/SPWA/CZPWA Task Force for 2005-2006:

Helena Allison, Chair  
Geoff Greenough  
Brad Kutzner  
Milan Rezabek  
Craig Sinclair  
Guy Cicon

#### Final Report of International/National Disaster Relief Task Force

Diane reviewed the report and recommendation that is going before the Board of Directors the next day to authorize staff resources to work with the Joint Task force to:

- Proceed with the development of a budget for a PW Disaster Resource Data Base for domestic use;
- Approach DHS or other agencies for funding the development, implementation and on-going costs of the program;
- Continue to research the expansion of the system to serve international needs; and
- Consider funding the implementation if other resources are not available.

Larry proposed that staff act as a clearinghouse for resources, indicating the project would need a single point of contact and that APWA should work directly with EMAC to involve public works in disaster relief.

#### 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 first call will be October 18, 2005.

#### Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.