

APWA Center for Sustainability
Summary of August 17, 2009 Conference Call

1. Welcome

The meeting was called to order by the Chair. All 12 members of the Sustainability Center Leadership were present, along with all 5 of the At Large Directors.

2. Review of Outcomes from Chicago Meeting

The Chair reviewed the outcomes from the first meeting of the SCL in Chicago July 23/24, 2009 and asked the group if they felt it captured the discussion from the meeting. The SCL members agreed that that the documents reflect the discussions and outcomes from the Chicago meeting and all agreed that the Center was on track. The members of the Committee also expressed how impressed they were by the high level of energy and excitement generated during the Chicago meeting and with how much the group was able to accomplish in two short days.

3. Discussion of Engaging APWA Membership Priority

The committee discussed preparing a survey to send out to the APWA membership to get the 'pulse' of our members on sustainability as an issue to help inform the activities of the SCL. The group agreed to form a subcommittee to flesh out the details of the survey and get it ready to go. Keith Reester, Michael Mucha, Karen Haley, Mary Pat Baldauf, Carl Quiram and Sue Siopis volunteered to form a subcommittee to complete this task. The subcommittee will meet by conference call to get clear about the survey's purpose and flesh out the details and finalize the survey. The goal is to have the survey designed and sent to our members so that we can have the results of the survey for the October face to face meeting.

4. Discussion of American Clean Energy & Security Act Advocacy Position Statement

The committee reviewed a draft position statement on pending climate change legislation. Discussion focused on allocating revenue from the sale of allowances directly to local governments and what percentages of that revenue we should be advocating for from members of Congress. The committee was in agreement that the approach taken by the draft position statement was the right one. The committee recommended some editorial changes that will be incorporated into the draft position statement. Once consensus is reached on the draft statement by this committee, it will be circulated to each of the Technical Committees to review and provide comment on. After the Technical Committees weigh in, the SCL will review the Technical Committee comments and reach consensus on a final draft statement. Once final agreement is reached within the committee the final position statement will be forwarded to the Government Affairs Committee for review and approval during their September meeting.

5. Discussion of Sustainability in Public Works Conference June 2010

The committee was briefed on planning for the 2010 Sustainability in Public Works Conference to be held June 8-10, 2010 in Minneapolis, MN. Committee members were asked to provide suggestions on content and potential speakers for the conference. Mary Anderson volunteered to participate in a session how to sell your sustainability activities to your political leadership. The committee suggested a session on how universities and colleges are training the next generation of engineers. Finally, the

committee suggested that the conference planning staff contact Heidi Hamilton in Minneapolis for help with the conference.

6. Discussion of Agenda of October Face 2 Face Meeting

The committee discussed a potential agenda for the next face to face meeting of the SCL in October 2009 in Kansas City, MO at the APWA headquarters. At the meeting the committee will focus fleshing out ideas for the identified priorities and develop an action plan for the remainder of the year. The action plan will inform the Center's activities for the remainder of the year and help to inform the Center's budget request for Fiscal Year 2011.

7. Adjourn