

# APWA

## Maine Chapter American Public Works Association

# MEETING MINUTES

January 6, 2005

Erik Street called meeting to order at 9:03 am – MMA office - Augusta

Present: Rob Burns, Bill Stretton, Mike Claus, Erik Street, Bob Stevens, Gerry James, Steve Walker, Tom Martin, Wes Thames, Greg Dore, Craig Worth, Dennis Cox, Adam Ogden, Mike Bobinsky

1. Motion made and seconded to approve December Meeting Minutes. Board voted unanimous approval of December meeting minutes as submitted.
2. Steve Bradstreet absent, Treasurer's report made verbally by Erik Street. Collection made from last 3 unpaid participants for Supervisors Training. Steve Johnson unable to attend Kansas City APWA Training. Wes asked if any funding for Snow Conference attendance. Greg Dore reported in the past he had been subsidized to attend the Snow Conference by the chapter when we applied to host the next conference. Greg said that our past practice has been that any subsidy needs to be tied to chapter business.
3. Greg Dore made the delegate's report. Greg wanted to attempt to host the 2008 APWA Snow Conference in Bangor. Greg noted it would cost the chapter \$10k. Mike Bobinski and Greg Dore still planning on going to Montreal conference. Greg has a \$600 bill for attendance at the chapter dinner. Mike Claus made motion that MCAPWA pay \$600 bill and individual attendees repay the chapter. Steve Walker seconded, approved unanimous. University of Maine scholarship names were sent to Paul Beaudreau. Greg went over scholarship mechanism. Noted that \$1000 taken out of investment shares to pay for scholarship. Investment share value varies with market. Wes noted that he would support funding additional community college scholarship. Erik Street said we could continue discussion on this when formulating budget. Quality leadership responses received. Not much additional information in comments. Greg discussed educational training from APWA. Greg said these training opportunities were good. Bob Stevens said anyone who wanted support for APWA training can coordinate with Pete Coughlin. Erik and Greg thought more promotion of training sessions would be helpful to increase attendance. Greg Dore made a motion to donate \$500 to Special Olympics in name of Ronnie Raymond of Bangor Public Works, seconded by Wes Thames, approved unanimous.
4. Discussed hosting snow conference, and whether we have the resources to host the conference. Discussed if Portland and Bangor have the resources to host the conference. Discussed how to get volunteers for snow conference. Many issues of planning and time by volunteers discussed. Need to apply for 2008 by March of this year. Greg will get more information on potential support with APWA Region 1. Discussed setting up a reserve fund if we did host a snow conference
5. Bill Stretton on membership, 5 delinquents, Westbrook, Levant, and MDOT. Windham and Maine DOT have dropped members. 6 new members from MTA. 176 members currently.
6. Bob Stevens on MLRC. Pete Coughlin working on some traffic control training. Jason's job posted on MDOT website. Bob working on annual report to Federal Highway. Calendars still in short supply. Video update, not expected to be edited by spring meeting. Erik wondered if we should outsource the editing. Bob will talk with videographer if this is feasible.

7. Craig Wirth no update on IME
8. Steve Bradstreet will discuss QBS at next meeting. Will effect funding for Federal / State Regional projects. Support from MCAPWA may get the region more funding. Wes and Mike discussed experiences with QBS.
9. Spring meeting information from Steve Bradstreet. Comedian Jim Dunn all set. Jim Packard from MDOT fleet services has not been confirmed. Truck specs are his specialty. No response to Stewart Sevey on his contacts for a speaker. Tom Martin suggested Red Light person from MDOT commercial. Bob Stevens thought we are all set with the Elks Club. Jeff Dennis from DEP has not confirmed, Paul Piccard mentioned last meeting. Mike Bobinsky wanted to know if regional stormwater activities would be of interest. Erik wanted speaker topics to be directed to hands on people. Bill Laflamme suggested as a possible speaker. Erik noted Traffic Calming designer might be of interest. Bob Stevens talked about the DEP people he deals with. Erik wants speaker not to be a sales pitch. Street Striping suggested as a speaker topic. Construction Inspection and Contract Management speaker topics suggested by Tom Martin. Erik discussed door prizes, and suggested ticket when entering. Greg Dore made motion to expend \$500 for Spring Meeting door prizes at discretion of executive committee. Mike Bobinsky seconded. Erik said he would look at several prizes. All were in favor.
10. Highway Congress discussed. Letter to go to exhibitors reviewed by Board. Several additions to this year's letter. Try out area changed. Need to work with John Foster on revising Fairgrounds map. Mike Claus and Craig Worth will work with Greg on coordinating changes on map to meet concerns of fairgrounds. Discussed many options for rearranging try-out and vendor spacing, parking issues and vendor entrance options. Steve Walker discussed interference issues with rodeo. It was noted that tunnel water problems could occur. Adam noted that OGEIS has new aerial photo for Skowhegan. Erik will change vendor letter to note Beech Street will be vendor entrance and vendor registration.
11. Erik postponed 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary and chapter committee assignments to next meeting.
12. Erik reminded Board we need to update web page.
13. Discussed obtaining Colorado rodeo results for MDOT teams.
14. Erik is working on contract for work zone memorial. Issue of cost from \$2000 to \$2900 under negotiation. Erik hopeful we will maintain the \$2000 level. Bob Stevens said MDOT will work with promotion.

Next meeting 2/3/05 - MMA 9:00 am. Meeting adjourned at 10:55

Respectfully Submitted, Mike Claus