



MEETING MINUTES

MARCH 5, 2009

Steve Bradstreet called meeting to order at 9:03AM – MMA, Augusta

Present: Steve Bradstreet, Mike Claus, Bob Burns, David Cote, Steve Johnson, Michael Bobinsky, Peter Owen, Dennis Cox, Gerry James, Shawn Bennett and Rob Pontau; Jerry Douglass (Maine Local Roads Center); and Chris Lockwood (MMA).

Directors Absent: Mary Ann Conroy, Steve Walker, Stewart Sevey, Eric Labelle and Megan Bates.

1. Peter Owen made a motion to approve the February 5, 2009 meeting minutes, Gerry James 2nd the motion, minutes accepted by unanimous vote.
2. Chris Lockwood (MMA): Mr. Lockwood presented to the Board information on a couple upcoming ballot items, Tabor II and a Citizen's initiative to reduce excise tax imposed on motor vehicles, MMA plans to make public their stance on these initiatives in conjunction with other organizations soon; Mr. Lockwood also discussed with the Board MMA plans for a new addition to their facility.
3. Treasurer's Report: Bob Burns, checking account balance is at \$9,985.28 and the savings is \$15,110.30. Motion made by Mike Bobinsky to accept the Treasurer's report, Steve Johnson 2nd the motion, motion passed by unanimous vote. Mike Clause mentioned the need for the Chapter to appoint an audit committee, it was suggested that couple members of the same group that was on the selection committee for "Public Works Leader of the Year" could also cover the audit the same day, specifically Mary Ann Conroy and Eric Labelle.
4. Delegate Report: Mike Bobinsky, working on the final arrangement for the Region 1 & 2 meeting being held in Portland, ME, registration information for the meeting will be out soon; APWA National is promoting conference on sustainability in the Public Works Sector, on March 26 & 27, 2009 in Charlotte, NC; APWA National is also promoting a video developed by Penn State called "Liquid Assets: The Story of Our Water Infrastructure" beginning May 1, 2009, permission will be granted to community cable channels to cablecast the documentary; Public Works Congress and Exposition is coming up in Columbus, OH, September 13-16, 2009; APWA National is sending out information on the stimulus package output to different regions of the country; and Mike will be attending a meeting in Cumberland county on stimulus package payments.
5. Membership Report: Steve Johnson, chapter membership is holding steady, National is has extended the reduced membership fee offer until June; Steve has had further discussions with Mr. Bob Seelye of Calais Public Work pertaining to him becoming a Director on the Board, Mr. Seelye is interested in serving.
6. Maine Local Roads Report: Jerry Douglas, Work Zone Safety training is coming out this month and has been posted on the MLR's website; the contract for Defensive Driving training has been signed with Maine Motor Transport and is ready; the Pancakes and Paving seminars are going good and have been well attended, the information from these meetings will be on the MLR website.

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7. IME Report: no report.
8. Website: Steve Bradstreet, nothing new to report on the website this month.
9. Public Works Leader of the Year: Steve Bradstreet, we have had 5 good submittals to go over, Steve will be setting a date for the committee to review the applications and make their recommendations.
10. Stimulus Package Letter: Mike Claus will make some changes to the letter to Mr. Cole and get it sent out.
11. New Director: covered in Membership.
12. Legislative Updates: no updates as Pete Coughlan was not available for the meeting however, Steve Bradstreet expressed the Board's appreciation for Pete taking it upon himself to keep the Board up to date on the Legislative issues.
13. Spring Meeting: Bob Burns, the speakers and schedule for the meeting is for the most part done, the comedian has been scheduled but the identity of the comedian is unclear at this time.
14. Highway Congress: Mike Claus, 27 vendors have registered at this time; Mike Claus gave out assignments to the members of the Board for the event; Steve Bradstreet will contact Nationals for event insurance and will invite the APWA President, Noel Thompson, to the event; Steve Bradstreet and Bob Burns will make necessary contacts for the snow plow rodeo; Steve Johnson will contact the town of Cumberland to request use of the golf carts for the day of the event; there was much discussion on ways to encourage more Public Works Directors and City Purchasing Agents to attend the event.
15. Other Business:
Bob Burns listened in on the IRS webcast offered thru APWA National.

Next meeting to be April 2, 2009 at the Waterville Elks Lodge following the Spring Meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 AM

Respectfully Submitted, David Cote

