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From: Michael J. Bobinsky, Maine Chapter House of Delegate

Subject: **Annual Activities Report**

The Maine Chapter continues to have an active schedule of events and programs. The following provides an annual report on Chapter Activities:

-Spring Meeting held in Waterville on April 3, 2008. The event was very well attended. We had presentations on snow and ice control from officials from MDOT, vendor representatives from Cargill presented on their products and we had demonstrations from MDOT as well. The highlight of the event was the recognition of the Chapters first Public Works Leader of the Year award, presented to Tony Hayes, Director in the Town of Falmouth Maine. A selection committee received nominations from throughout the state and based on accomplishments in the field of public works, Tony was selected. Congratulations Tony!

-The Highway Congress was held in Skowhegan Maine on June 5, 2008. This was our major event with over 1,000 in attendance. 100 vendor displays were exceptional and we had several vendors participate in the demonstration section. A large turnout of vendors and participants enjoyed the day. We experienced rainy weather the night before and the morning of the event, causing us to cancel the Rodeo for that day. It was later scheduled and held at the Augusta Civic Center. The State Plow Rodeo was held as well as equipment demonstrations, workshops and vendor displays. The State Plow Rodeo Champions were Rob Hams and James Nightingale from the Town of Kittery Public Works. These two will be sent to the Western Snow and Ice Conference in Colorado and compete in the National Plow Rodeo event, representing the State of Maine. In addition, we announced the Excellence in Public Works Awards to large, medium and small

communities. These awards recognize capital improvements projects that are particularly impressive and by size of community.

-Area municipalities hosted their local and county wide snow plow rodeo contests over the month of late April and May. Winners at the local municipal level competed at County Rodeos and then top finishers were invited to the State Highway Congress in Skowhegan.

-The Chapter decided to have the chapter website updated and hosting by staff from Maine Municipal Association. Adding updated features, links to other related municipal sites and beginning to post job opportunities. In addition, regular updates of our Chapter meeting minutes and other reports on special awards and winners at the State Plow Rodeo will continue. Link to our website is [www.mcapwa.org](http://www.mcapwa.org).

-Chapter officials supporting the 2010 Boston Congress by participating in Steering Committee meetings with the New England Chapter. Members are planning on volunteering and participating in the planning efforts during the next few years. Chapter Members plan to volunteer to help out with the 2010 Boston Congress as well. The Chapter has agreed to contribute financially to the Congress as well.

-Membership continues to be holding steady and we are working on growing new members by utilizing some of the strategies that APWA National promotes. A new brochure has been produced which we will use as promotional material during special events, training and other opportunities.

-We hosted our annual Supervisory Training sessions in May. The Chapter has found success with using an outside leadership consultant combined with some hands on sessions to help members develop skills as public works supervisors and managers.

The Chapter selected its first ever Public Works Leader of the Year, and selected Anthony (Tony) Hayes. Tony has spent over 30 years in the public works field and most recently served as Director of Public Works for the Town of Falmouth. The Chapter used a selection committee from the Board of Directors and using a set of criteria, received nominations from the Chapter membership and selected Tony. We plan to do an annual Public Works Leader of the Year award, and make the announcement at the annual spring meeting.

The Chapter's 12<sup>th</sup> annual Golf Classic will be held on September 5 at Natanis Golf Club, in Vassalboro, Maine. Our Golf Classic serves as a fund raiser for the Chapter with proceeds placed in our scholarship fund.