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To: Jean Guy Courtemanche, Region I Director

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

Subject: Semi-annual Report-2010

The Maine Chapter continues to have an active schedule of events and programs. The following provides a 2010 semi-annual report on Chapter Activities:

New officers were elected during the Fall Workshop with terms beginning in January 2010. New officers are as follows:

President: Mike Clause, Public Works Director for the Town of Kennebunk

Vice-President: Bob Burns, Public Works Director for the Town of Gorham

Treasurer: David Cote, Public Works Director, City of Brewer

Secretary: Rob Pontau, Public Works Director Town of Topsham

Retirement Celebration for Tom DeMaio, Commissioner of Public Works for the Town of Brookline, Massachusetts

Chapter members joined in recognizing long time Public Works Leader Tom DeMaio at his retirement celebration on January 14 in Boston. Chapter members Eric Labelle, Mike Bobinsky and Mike Claus attended a Retirement Celebration for Tom DeMaio, Commissioner of Public Works for the Town of Brookline, Massachusetts. Tom retired after 30 years of service to Brookline and 360 friends from New Jersey to Maine came to wish him well. Look for Tom to play a major role in overseeing the 2010 National APWA Congress in Boston this August. The Maine Chapter APWA would like to thank Tom for his dedication to APWA and remind him that he is always welcome for lunch at the Skowhegan Highway Congress.

MCAPWA Spring Meeting April

The over 200 public works fans from around the state attending the MCAPWA Spring Meeting at the Waterville Elks Club gave Dave Cote of Brewer Public Works a nice

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round of applause for putting on a great program this year. Speakers discussed winter road maintenance and had a lot of data on actual salt usage throughout the state. We heard about new environmental regulations on the horizon for public works and some change in culvert operations that are probably on the way. Butch Bradley spoke on visiting Maine and his admiration for some of the tasks public works employees undertake every day. Tom DeMaio, Carl Quiram, and Richard Stinson from the New England Chapter, made a presentation on the 2010 National Congress in Boston. The Maine Chapter has organized a "Chapter Volunteer Day" at Congress for August 17, and is soliciting signups from Chapter members throughout the State. Our goal is to help the New England Chapter host the best ever APWA Congress. David Jones of Lewiston was awarded the 2009 Public Works Leader of the Year Award. Friends and Co-Workers came to say thanks to David for all the hard work and accomplishments he has achieved in Lewiston.

19th Annual Highway Congress June 3, 2010

Annual Highway Congress set for June 3, 2010 and Chapter members have been busy with preparations for the annual Highway Congress. The Congress is in its 19th year and continues to be a state wide favorite among municipal public works officials, employees and contractors. The activities include vendor displays, training sessions, workshops, equipment and product demonstration, safety panels, and the annual State Snow Plow Rodeo. The event is held at the Skowhegan Fair Grounds, in Skowhegan Maine.

Public Works Training Program Available

Maine Chapter APWA, along with Maine Local Roads, Quality Leadership Network and MMA are providing a three-day program designed for supervisors that focuses on developing leadership and communication skills; setting performance expectations; improving performance; and other issues supervisors face in today's workplace. An active pace is punctuated with discussion, technique enhancement, and role play to develop confidence. Sessions will be held in the Bangor area this April 20-22, 2010 in Bangor and on May 11-13 in Brewer. The Chapter has been sponsoring this activity over the past several years with interest and participation continues to grow.

New Rules for Maintenance and Replacement of Road Cross Culverts at Stream Crossings

Chapter members gave testimony to the Maine State Legislature over proposed new Road Cross Culverts at Stream Crossings during the past legislative session. The proposals require design and construction standards that increase the size of culverts and allow flow that match stream environments. These new standards will place undue financial hardship on the Cities and Towns in Maine subject to these rules. The Maine DEP has responded to testimony and written comments on new rules for maintenance and replacement of road cross culverts at stream crossings in accordance the Natural Resources Protection Act, involving Chapter 305 and Permit by Rule requirements. These rules will be brought to the Legislature this session for its consideration. The

Chapter has been working closely with lobbyist at Maine Municipal Association in amending these regulations to less impacting and less costly to the municipality responsible for maintaining the stream crossings in their town. As we become aware of the scheduling for additional hearings and sessions on the rules, we will keep members posted.

Maine Chapter American Public Works Association hosted the 14th Annual GOLF CLASSIC on Friday, September 10, 2010 at Natanis Golf Course in Vassalboro, Maine.

The Chapter encouraged any City, Town, MDOT, Turnpike, or Sponsor to show off their skills by competing with a 2 person team in a Scramble Golf Tournament. Trophy's and Prizes to the Top winners as well as food for all. The Tournament was limited to the first 144 golfers. We had a fun event, which encourages communication and camaraderie, in addition to the fund raiser for our scholarship fund. We had another very successful tournament.

Mike Bobinsky, Appointed Chair of APWA Audit Committee

Michael J. Bobinsky, Director of Public Services for the City of Portland has been appointed to a one year term as Chair of the American Public Works Association Audit Committee. The Audit Committee serves as the liaison between the APWA Board of Directors and an Independent CPA firm in relation to audit and tax services for National APWA operations. The Audit Committee is responsible for review, acceptance and recommendation of the annual audit reports to the APWA Board of Directors.

Eric Labelle, PE, Appointed to APWA Water Resource Management Committee

Eric Labelle, PE, Community Services Director for the City of Auburn has been appointed to a two year term on the American Public Works Association Water Resource Management Committee. This Committee serves as a center of expertise on water resource issues for APWA. The Committee recommends and advances APWA policies and positions regarding legislation and regulations that affect public works practices in the disciplines of water resources management; provides forums for APWA members to exchange ideas, technologies, and information on public works practices; addresses water resources issues including laws, regulations, and services to the public; identifies and promotes research needed to advance public works practices in the area of water resources management; and enhances service to APWA members by providing educational opportunities, information exchange, and representation.

APWA National Congress in Boston!.

The Chapter has been active with supporting the planning and development of this year's National to be held in Boston from August 14-18, 2010. The Maine Chapter has contributed \$15,000 to the sponsoring New England Chapter, paid out over the past few years, and has arranged a charter bus to take Chapter members to work as volunteers at the Congress on Tuesday August 17. We have close to 50 volunteers signed up to help this major event. In addition, Chapter members will be attending the New England Chapter dinner on the evening of August 17 in Boston and we have been encouraging other members to attend the Congress as well. We are all very proud of the New England Chapter and the focus on regional involvement with the planning of this major event and look to a very successful and enjoyable event.

Fall Workshop tied to the Maine Municipal Convention on October 13, 2010.

Chapter members will be getting geared up for the fall workshop which will be held in conjunction with the MMA Convention this year. Topics and speakers are being considered at this time.