



To: Jean Guy Courtemanche, Region I APWA Board of Director
From: Eric J. Labelle, P.E., Maine Chapter House of Delegate
Date: May 13, 2011
Subject: **Semi-Annual Report**

The Maine Chapter has been involved in various programs and events this spring and is planning for the fall workshops, conducting supervisory training programs, monitoring state and federal legislation that affects public works and our communities; The Chapter membership has generally remained steady over the past year with membership remaining in the 190's.

Fall Meeting

MCAPWA Fall Meeting was held on October 13, 2010 in concert with the Maine Municipal Association Convention. Officers were elected for new terms starting January 1, 2011. The following informational sessions were also held:

- "Transportation Funding and Responsibilities: A State Perspective" presented by Bruce Van Note, MDOT Deputy Commissioner
- "Road Systems Management Systems 2010" presented by Peter Coughlan and Jerry Douglass, MDOT's Local Roads Program
- "LD 1725 Status" presented by Mike Mullen, Maine Department of Environmental Protection. Proposed legislation impacting requirements in the installation of culverts.
- "Snow Melting Technology" presented by Stewart Sevey, H.P. Fairfield Inc.
- "Dust and Erosion Control by Sweeping" presented by Tom Graham, Tenco

Board Member Legislative Involvement

The Chapter President and other members have been involved in legislation action underway. They have testified and commented on **LD 1387, An Act To Restore Exemptions in the Natural Resources Protection Act**. The legislation has significant implications in the cost associated with the replacement of culverts.

Board Members have also been involved on the Policy and Sounding Board Committees for the **MDOT Simplification Study**. The study proposes ways to reduce the burden of supporting the state's road network by simplifying road classifications, funding the restoration of some of the roads, and transferring maintenance responsibility of the restored roads back to local municipalities.

Board Member APWA National Involvement

Board and Chapter Members have also been involve with Committees and Task Forces as well as serving as liaisons.

- Michael Bobinsky, APWA Audit Committee, Chair

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- Ralph Norwood, P.E., APWA Transportation Committee Liaison
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New Officers began their terms on January 1, 2011. The 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, Assistant General Manager, Brunswick Sewer District
 Delegate: Eric Labelle, Assistant Director, Portland Public Services was appointed Delegate for the Maine Chapter. Former Delegate Michael Bobinsky, Portland Public Services Director will remain engaged as the Alternate Delegate.

Spring Meeting

The MCAPWA Spring Meeting was held on April 7th, 2011. Attendance for the meeting was 173, down slightly from the previous year. Informational sessions were held and the recently appointed MDOT Commissioner, Dave Bernhardt spoke at the meeting about his vision for MDOT.

Supervisory Training

The 2-3 day training sessions were held in late April and early May. Seventeen people participated in the program.

20th Annual Highway Congress

Board Members are planning for the 20th Annual Highway Congress to be held on June 2, 2011 in Skowhegan. A free event provided to Public Works employees featuring over 100 vendors, training, and demonstrations. Presentations will be made for the Statewide Roadeo winners, Excellence Awards, and the Public Works Leader of the Year. Attendance for the event is typically around 1200.

Region 1 Director Nominations

The House of Delegates will be meeting in Quebec City from May 13 through May 15th. The meeting is being held on May 13. Eric Labelle, MCAPWA Delegate, will be attending the meeting. A nomination has been submitted by the Maine Chapter.

National Public Works Week

National Public Works Week(NPWW) begins May 15 through May 21, 2011. Erik Street, Yarmouth Public Works Director, gathered a committee to work on establishing regional displays at local malls. The effort was limited due to insurance requirements, however, southern Maine will be having one regional display in Kittery. Efforts were also helpful in establishing press releases and open houses throughout southern Maine.