

2/12/10 NHPWA Board Meeting at LGC, Concord, NH

Present: Dave Lent, Jim Terrell, Catherine Schoenenberger, Jennifer Perry, Linsey Shaw, Al Bolduc, Kürt Blomquist, Brian Vincent

President Lent called the meeting to order at 9:07 a.m.

D. Lent distributed 1/8/10 minutes (no quorum at that time to approve).

Spring Annual Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 26th at LGC, Concord. The theme is "Sustainability." Carl Quiram will send the APWA list of potential topics from their sustainability conference. There is a general desire to have a keynote speaker during lunch (possible suggestions included Jordan Institute, UNH Professor in Sustainability). All are encouraged to identify possible speakers and forward suggestions to the Board. Also, possibility of having a poster session was discussed. Bylaws require 21 day notice of annual meeting; Board nominations needed by May 1st.

NHPWA Logo – Dave brought samples of previous APWA Public Works Week posters for ideas. They were very artistic, but too detailed for logo development. Their best use is their take way message or theme. The logo needs to be an easy graphic to be reproducible and useful on multiple levels, from letterheads to posters to banners. A. Bolduc will work with his nephew to develop some concepts for a logo to report back to the Board in the next month. LGC does have graphic artist who could be plugged in at a later date.

Mission statement – D. Lent wants to review and update.

Construction Career Days at the Hopkinton Fair Grounds, Sept. 23 & 24 – C. Schoenenberger provided an update on the plans for 2010; there will be a kickoff meeting in the next couple of weeks. It was a real success last year, and will be even more popular this year. It will be 2 days this year, with 600 students/day. It follows the Plow Rally. NAWIC will hold a VIP gathering the night before. They are actively seeking sponsors, and would take any NHPWA involvement possible.

2010 APWA Congress in Boston August 15- 18 - K.Blomquist relayed concerns about low attendance at most national conventions, and challenges gathering donations & fundraising. There are incentives to get New England and New Hampshire people there, such as discounted or free attendance for volunteering part of that day.

Annual Ken Ward Plow Rally at the Hopkinton Fair Grounds, Sept. 22 – K. Blomquist motioned to donate up to \$1500 for the Plow Rally; A. Bolduc 2nd; motion carried.

Common meeting day w/other Public Works groups – general consensus is this is a good idea; Fridays appear to be a good day for that, if possible. A joint Public Works Newsletter also a very popular idea & supported.

Other Business –

K. Blomquist reported that the Commission established to study water infrastructure sustainability funding (SB60 2009) finished hearing various reports from DES & UNH yesterday. One of their goals is to gain financial independence from the legislature, citing the current lack of funding for water & sewer projects. Next meeting is Thursday, March 18th @ 3 pm.

Other legislation/actions warranting careful observation includes

HB1676 – licensing salt applicators

Stream Crossing Rules – Final proposed rules were filed on January 20, 2010.

PLEASE REVIEW IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY; WILL HAVE MAJOR IMPLICATIONS FOR
PUBLIC WORKS OPERATIONS

Joint Legislative Committee on Administrative Rules (JLCAR) review anticipated March 5

Usually 60 days until final

K. Blomquist also reported on APWAs Emergency Management Committee's recent meeting in Washington. FEMA is rewriting Public Assistance Guidance Document. FEMA is reorganizing again.

NHPWA Scholarships – D. Lent revisited general discussion on scholarships; there has been suggestion to possibly consider stipend for member qualified use (ie: APWA Emerging Leaders), continued use at existing schools/programs or others. NHPWA could set/establish criteria for judging/selection. J.Perry to contact Gerry at UNH and Prof. Moynihan at Thompson School to see if we can either develop criteria or at least have UNH screen & we select.

Next meeting March 12th at 9:00 am at LGC.

K. Blomquist motioned to adjourn, 2nd by A. Bolduc. Meeting adjourned at 11:07 am.

Respectfully submitted,
Jennifer Perry, Vice President