

06/11/10 NHPWA Board Meeting at LGC, Piscataqua Room, Concord, NH

Present: Kürt Blomquist, Dave Lent, Jennifer Perry, Katy Myers, Rob Prud'homme, Catherine Schoenenberger, Linsey Shaw

President Lent called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.; no quorum, no voting actions were taken.

D. Lent announced his retirement from Merrimack effective June 30, 2010. NHPWA by-laws require officers to be actively employed in the municipal sector, so Dave is also resigning as the President of NHPWA. J. Perry has taken on the Secretary-Treasurer duties until there is a replacement for P. Capano; she suggested a recent past President would make a good interim President. K. Blomquist offered to fill in for the remainder of D. Lent's term. All agreed this would be a tremendous help to the Board, and will be voted on at the next Board meeting with a quorum.

K. Myers will be the new Education rep on the Board; L. Shaw will still be available for support.

LGC Conference – D. Lent garnered two speakers for NHPWA and will meet LGC's June 14 deadline: Kürt Blomquist will present on climate change adaptability and NHDOT Bridge group will present on overweight load permitting and scour susceptible bridges. Both sessions are preferred for the morning of Thursday, Nov. 18<sup>th</sup>. J. Perry will coordinate the Board meeting lunch that day.

NHPWA Annual Meeting best dates in October are either the 14<sup>th</sup> or 21<sup>st</sup>, and prefer to use the Merrimack & Pemi Rooms at LGC. Prior meetings had included these discussions: theme "Sustainability", poster session, 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. Bylaws require 21 day notice of annual meeting.

General discussion about difficulty achieving a quorum; ideas included appointing alternates, amending bylaws (definition of quorum). Volunteers for a subcommittee to redraft bylaws for review by LGC in time for vote at Annual Meeting included K. Blomquist, J. Perry, R. Prud'homme, L. Shaw.

C. Schoenenberger provided an update on Construction Career Days, which is gaining momentum. Attendance in 2009 was ~400 students; registrations so far for 2010 are 830+. NHPWA supported last year at \$250; other organizations are typically at \$1000. NHPWS&TC is sponsoring at \$1/student. General discussion agreed that NHPWA should support at a higher level, such as \$1000, especially where scholarships were not awarded this year, but need to vote at next Board meeting.

APWA Congress August 15 – 18 in BOSTON! C. Schoenenberger & K. Blomquist reminded all to take advantage of volunteering for ½ day, attend ½ day free. Sign up on the NEAPWA website. This is a great opportunity, especially if conference travel has been restricted in recent years.

D. Lent received copy of letter from C. Quiram to Gov. Lynch, tendering his resignation from the Waste Management Council. K. Blomquist will call C. Quiram to learn more about appointment, whether it came from NHPWA or others, and to rally to keep it in the public works community.

J. Perry noted that the last newsletter was issued in July 2009; need to get it going again. Group agreed it would be great to target for the end of July; highlight Congress, update on PW Summit, Construction Career Days, Plow Rally, and Annual Meeting. Newsletter subcommittee volunteers included D. Lent, C.

Schoenenberger, K. Blomquist, J. Perry, L. Shaw. Contributors should submit material to L. Shaw by mid July. Also put new logo options in newsletter, with final selection to be made at Annual Meeting.

J. Perry relayed suggestion she received to get more involvement and make general membership more aware of Board meetings by forwarding meeting notices and reminders, minutes, etc. to the members. K. Myers is updating the list serve for general membership and can pass along this info.

Next meeting July 9<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. at LGC in Concord.

Meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jennifer Perry, Vice President