



General Business Meeting
Thursday, May 10, 2018
 Grand View Lodge, Nisswa, MN

Minutes

1. The Business Meeting was called to order at 11:48 a.m. by President Kristin Asher

President Asher made the following announcements:

- A. Emerging Leaders Academy (ELA). APWA offers a year-long opportunity for intensive leadership and management training within the context of public works. Members meeting the criteria and willing to make the commitment to the program can submit letters of interest to President Asher by July 10. The Chapter will sponsor the ELA candidate to attend the 2019 PWX in Seattle, Washington. Information about the program will be advertised on the website.
- B. National Public Works Week. Governor Dayton signed a proclamation declaring the week of May 20-26 as Public Works Week. The Chapter submitted press releases to the Star Tribune and Pioneer Press. There is also a generic press release found on the website for member to use in promoting the message locally.
- C. 2018 PWX registration is open. Posters and expo passes are available (while supply lasts).
- D. Letters of interest for members interested in applying for the Young Professional Stipend to attend the 2018 PWX are due May 31.
- E. Presentations for the Fall Conference are due by May 29.

2. Secretary/Treasurer's Report (Russ Matthys)

- A. Review/Approve Minutes of November 16, 2017 Fall Conference General Business Meeting.
MOTION: Motion made by Bob Moberg and seconded by Sue Mason to approve the meeting minutes of the November 16, 2017 Fall Conference General Business Meeting as presented. Motion carried.

B. Financial Report

The following balances for financial statements for months ending March 31, 2018 were presented:

Total Current Assets	\$138,590
Merrill Lynch Account	\$134,549
Beginning of Year Net Assets	\$284,654

The March 31, 2018 financial statements were previously approved by the Executive Committee at its April 11, 2018 meeting. No further action required.

Budget proposals for inclusion in the preparation of the 2018-19 budget should be forwarded to Secretary/Treasurer Matthys as soon as possible.

3. National Awards Update (Sarah Lloyd)

The Chapter submitted 17 nominations and received the following eight national awards:

- Exceptional Performance Award (Journalism – non-Chapter) – LRRB
- Project of the Year Award (Structures >\$75 million) – US Bank Stadium

- Project of the Year Award (Transportation \$25 - \$75 million) – Nicollet Mall Redesign and Construction
- Project of the Year Award (Transportation > \$75 million) – St. Croix Crossing
- Project of the Year Award (Historical Restoration > \$75 million) – MN State Capitol Rehabilitation
- Project of the Year Award for Small Cities/Rural Communities – City of Hastings Riverfront Renaissance
- Harry S. Swearingen Award (Individual) – Jeannine Clancy
- Harry S. Swearingen Award (Corporate) – WSB & Associates, Inc.

The awards will be presented at the 2018 PWX in Kansas City, Missouri at the end of August.

4. Public Awareness Committee (PAC) Update (Russ Matthys)

The PAC's mission is to raise awareness of and advocacy around public works issues. It has participated in a number of educational outreaches promoting public works.

- The Chapter partners with Success Beyond the Classroom (SBC) on a number of events including Future City Competition (FCC) and STEMLink. In January, PAC volunteered at SBC's Creativity Festival for 3rd to 5th graders held at the University of Minnesota where students are introduced to the college experience. STEMLink events are held at Normandale and Century colleges for 5th and 6th graders where students experience what it's like to attend a college. APWA volunteers will be teaching a session on intersections and interchanges.
- Hopeful to participate at the State Fair again this year and present the intersections and interchanges demo to fairgoers.
- As one of the support sponsors of the Science Museum's Civil Engineering Day on April 28, the PAC represented APWA using a Plinko board demonstrating a storm sewer system. There were many opportunities to bring awareness to public works through interactions with students and adults.
- PAC is always looking for volunteers to help with the outreaches and education opportunities. Interested people can contact Volunteer Coordinator Beth Engum, PAC Chair Chuck Schwartz or Russ Matthys.

5. Government Affairs Committee Update (Chris Petree)

For a number of years, the Chapter has been discussing having a stronger presence and educating people about public works. Past President Petree established a Government Affairs Committee as a first step in December 2017. The committee has met twice this year. At the April meeting, representatives from the League of Minnesota Cities and Metro Cities attended to help coordinate advocacy efforts. Steve Albrecht is leading the charge of the committee. The goal during this legislative session has been to get the committee organized and discuss how to increase the public works presence in the legislative process and provide benefit to Chapter members.

6. MN2050 Update (Greg Stonehouse)

The focus for MN2050 in 2018 is to begin an external pivot transitioning from local professionals to legislators and policy makers. The two primary efforts supporting this outward initiative will be through a social media campaign and legislative engagement. Members of the MN2050 and the Chapter officers have scheduled a meeting in the near future to discuss objectives and brainstorm ways to accomplish the objectives most effectively. With many of the state government officials coming up for re-election, public works professionals have an opportunity to engage and bring the state of the infrastructure to their attention. MN2050 has prepared a white paper and it is available on the MN2050 website as a resource to help policy markers become aware of public works issues.

7. Volunteer Update

Volunteer opportunities can be found on the Volunteer page on the Chapter's website. The following opportunities are available:

- Committee volunteers for the Communications Committee
- Amateur photographer(s)
- Education and outreach opportunities

8. 2018 PWX Chapter Dinner Update (Amy Grothaus)

Tom's Town Distillery will be the site for the Chapter Dinner on August 28 during the PWX in Kansas City, Missouri. The restaurant offers an option to take a historical bus tour of Kansas City. Final event details will be communicated to members soon.

9. Old Business

No old business items.

10. New Business

No new business items.

11. Adjourn

The 2018 Spring Conference General Business Meeting adjourned at 12:19 p.m.

ATTENDEES:

Kristin Asher, Amy Grothaus, Russ Matthys, Chris Petree, Jeannine Clancy, Lee Gustafson, Sue Mason, John Gorder, Tim Plath, Matt Saam, Alyson Fauske, Zach Johnson, Greg Stonehouse, Chuck Autio, Ron Quanbeck, Larry Poppler, Justin Klabo, Lee Gustafson, Shibani Bisson, Adam Gadois, Alex Miller, Emily Lueth, Monica Heil, Alex Jordan, Chris McKenzie, Steve Grossman, Christina Orlowsky, Jennifer Edison, Lydia Ener, Shawn Louwagie, Dan Schluender, Brian Skok, Ray Hanson, Andrew Budde, Cara Geheren, Amanda Groh, Janna Kieffer, Tim Kieffer, Jeff Oliver, Rod Rue, Jim Price, John Hagen, Joseph Bennett, Jon Haukaas, Dan Ruiz, Kyle Colvin, Anna Bessel, Pat Dunn, Mike Wallace, Dan Curley, Brad Metcalf, Evan Sieben, Nate Palmer, Sean Simonson, Dale Reed, Jim Studenski, Karl Keel, Mark Erichson, Anna Breland, Dave Hutton, Ron Rosenthal, Jon Wertjes, Rick Moskwa, Shawn Blaney, Nick Egger, tom Zabinski, Grant Riemer, Cristina Mlejnek, Sarah Lloyd, Carolyn Fackler, Georgina Stanely-Woidyla, Sarah Schweiger, Jupe Hale, Mindy Carlson, Bob Moberg, Steve Klein, Brian Miller, Lucas Jones, Jon Herdegen, Dan Coyle, Kyle Skov, Renee Willette, Jacob Newhall, Nate Will, Jim Wentzlaff, Greg Brown, Chris Petree, Brian Simmons,

APWA National Guests: APWA Past President-Ron Calkins, Region VI Delegate Chuck Williams, APWA Director At Large Fleet & Facilities Mary Joyce Ivers, and APWA Executive Director Scott Grayson