



**GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING
Nov. 15, 2018 – 11:30 a.m.**

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER (President Kristin Asher)

The Business Meeting was called to order by President Asher at 11:26 a.m.

2. SECRETARY/TREASURER’S REPORT (Russ Matthys, Secretary/Treasurer; Lee Gustafson, Deputy Treasurer)

A. Meeting Minutes from May 10, 2018 General Business Meeting from Spring Conference.

MOTION: Motion made by Jeannine Clancy and seconded by Jim Grube to approve the meeting minutes of the May 10, 2018 Spring Conference General Business Meeting as presented. Motion carried.

B. Financial Report

Cash	\$143,637
Long-Term Investment Account	\$146,077
Current liabilities	\$0
 Net Assets (10/31/18)	 \$289,714
 Net Assets (01/01/18)	 \$299,924
YTD Change in Assets	-\$10,210

MOTION: Motion made by Bob Moberg and seconded by Angela Popenhagen to approve the APWA-MN Chapter Financial Statements for months ending Sept. 30, 2018. Motion carried.

3. PRESIDENT’S REPORT (Kristin Asher)

A. Recognition of Chapter Committee Chairs

President Asher recognized the committee chairs and thanked them for their ongoing commitment and continued involvement and support of the Chapter in 2018.

4. GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE UPDATE (Zach Johnson, Chair)

The Government Affairs Committee (GAC) was established to be a voice advocating Chapter concerns to government officials and media.

As the GAC chair, Zach Johnson, described the first priority of the GAC was to determine how best to serve the Chapter by advocating public works to government officials with the goal of advancing and helping to develop policy. The GAC will spend much of the upcoming legislative session introducing themselves to government officials and building relationships in order to bring awareness of public works concerns and become the go-to resource for government leaders and media. The GAC’s goal is to be an active participant at the government level and bring updates to the membership. Next summer, the GAC will develop a strategy and identify key issues to push forward in the next legislative session.

5. ASCE REPORT CARD (Jason Staebell, ASCE MN President)

The first report card on Minnesota’s infrastructure came out in October. The report graded nine infrastructure categories: aviation (B), bridges (C), dams (C), drinking water (C-), energy (C), ports (C+), roads (D+), transit (C-) and wastewater (C). The overall average grade for the categories is a C. The process took 18 months conducted by volunteers evaluating data from a number of sources. ASCE wanted to do more to get the word out and developed a brochure to promote the report card and suggestions on how to raise the grade. The brochure has been distributed to local government leaders and already it has received some interest and feedback. ASCE has also partnered with the

MN Chapter in its Raise Our Grade, Minnesota campaign to actively promote and advocate infrastructure improvements.

6. RAISE OUR GRADE, MINNESOTA CAMPAIGN (Kristin Asher)

One of the Chapter’s strategic goals is to get legislators talking about infrastructure. The Chapter is working closely with MN2050 and Chapter leaders to develop an advocacy campaign called Raise Our Grade, Minnesota to alert and educate the public about the infrastructure issues through a website and to get them talking to their legislators. MN2050 has put in a lot of effort to gather information about asset management and develop videos about infrastructure. This campaign will expand that effort by communicating to legislators and the public. A website specific to the campaign will be the main tool used by dividing the state into regions and communicating through stories pertinent to each region. The public will be able to read about infrastructure concerns specific to their region, write letters to their legislators and get updates. The idea is to educate and bring awareness to the public so that they start talking to each other and government leaders. The Chapter is gathering stories that impact quality of life in the specific regions. The goal is to have the website active in January 2019.

Also, as part of the campaign, education and awareness tools will be developed for members to use. Banners have been created to promote the campaign and are available to be checked out for display in city halls, chambers of commerce, etc.

7. TELLER’S COMMITTEE REPORT (Chris Petree)

Past President Petree presented the Tellers Committee Report. The APWA-MN Chapter has successfully conducted its election for executive committee members electronically. Voting opened on October 9 and closed on October 30 with a total of 306 ballots returned, representing about 30% of eligible voters.

The Tellers Committee presented the following 2018 election results to the general membership:

President	Amy Grothaus, Braun Intertec
Vice President	Russ Matthys, City of Eagan
Secretary/Treasurer	Beth Engum, Kimley-Horn & Associates
Director – Manager/Engineer	Jupe Hale, City of Maple Grove
Director – Vendor/Contractor	Mark Rehder, Rehder Forestry Consulting
Director – Superintendent	Joe Wiita, Scott County
Bylaws Referendum	Passed

MOTION: Motion made by Dave Hutton and seconded by Rick Shomion to approve the Tellers Committee report for 2018. Motion carried.

The Tellers Committee extended congratulations to these individuals and their upcoming service on the Executive Committee. The Tellers Committee also recognized and thanked those Chapter members who, while not being elected, demonstrated service and commitment to the organization by being on the ballot. Those members are Heidi Hamilton, Chad Millner, Dave Meslow and Tim Kieffer.

8. RECOGNITION OF OUTGOING EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS (Kristin Asher)

President Asher called Vice President Amy Grothaus and Secretary/Treasurer Russ Matthys to join her in recognizing the outgoing directors:

Chris Petree, Past President
Dan Curly, Director – Superintendent
Heidi Hamilton, Director – Vendor/Contractor
Tim Plath, Director – Engineer/Manager

Asher extended gratitude to the outgoing directors and Past President Petree for their dedication and commitment to the Chapter.

9. 2019 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE INSTALLATION (APWA President David Lawry and APWA Region VI Director Chuck Williams)

President Asher turned the meeting over to APWA President David Lawry and APWA Region VI Director Chuck Williams to conduct the officer installation.

APWA President Lawry called the 2019 Executive Committee members to the front and read the oath of office to the Executive Committee members. The Executive Committee members confirmed their commitment by accepting the oath as read. President Lawry emphasized the unique responsibility before the Executive Committee members and the election results reflect the Chapter's confidence in their abilities to lead.

Following the officer installation, Vice President Grothaus presented the Presidential plaque to President Asher and thanked her for her dedication and service to the Chapter in 2018.

President Asher formally passed the gavel to APWA-MN Chapter President-elect Amy Grothaus who will officially take on the duties of President on January 1, 2019.

10. OLD BUSINESS

No old business.

11. NEW BUSINESS

No new business.

12. ADJOURN

The 2018 Fall Conference General Business meeting was adjourned at 11:56 a.m.

ATTENDEES:

Kristin Asher, Amy Grothaus, Russ Matthys, Chris Petree, Jeannine Clancy, Lee Gustafson, Beth Engum, Mike Chistofore, David Swearingen, Anthony Anderson, Eric Lembke, Nathan Drews, Anna Breland, Jen Schumann, Dave Hutton, Charlie Howley, Phillip Elkin, Tim Plath, Jupe Hale, Adam Juel, Karen Erickson, Jason Wedel, Nick Egger, Justin Messner, Phil Olson, Mike Payne, John Sachi, Bob Goebel, Katie Koscielak, Nick Williams, Michael Kowski, Larry Popple, Ross Bintner, Jim Studenski, Steve Love, Nic Hentges, Nate Stanley, Mindy Carlson, Angela Popenhagen, Ken Frosig, Richard McCoy, Mike Kuno, Stefan Higgins, Dan Schluender, Tom Thompson, Curt Fakler, John Schmeling, Lauren Letsche, Darin Ellingson, Tom Pletcher, Todd Kasowski, Brett Grabau, Matthew Pooler, Wayne Houle, Joe Powers, Nate Christensen, Merritt Clap-Smith, Josi Wood, Jason Cook, Danyell Lundell, Menbere Wodajo, Heidi Hamilton, Christina Orlosky, Alex Jordan, Matt Blazer, Jeremy Koenen, Neil Normandin, Reid Wronski, Mike Stifter, Mark Lobermeier, Andrew Hogg, Nathan Braman, Pete Young, Nick Monserud, John Gorder, Chad Setterholm, Joe Spah, Bev Farraher, Eric Nelson, Stan Lim, Monica Heil, Steve Klein, Bruce Beese, Anne Weber, Donovan O'Connor, Emma White, Jim Sailer, Kyle Colvin, Anna Bessel, Evan Owens, Ryan Vial, Chris Remus, Leah Gifford, Sam Westlund, Alex Wiebe, Tanja Mattonen, Josh Potter, Olagoke Afolabi, Luke Ulstad, Michael Hejna, Dustin Tipp, Zach Johnson, Jim Grube, Carol Kaszunski, Rick Moskwa, Lynn Nardlinger, Shawn Blaney, Sam Ellison, Kara Langford, Carolyn Fackler, Bridget Rief, Susan Mason, Vince Vandertop, Nick Amatuccio, Aaron Schmidt, Jason Staebell, Rick Shomion, Joe Pond, Ron Rosenthal, Philip Schrupp, Jeff Pearson, Ken Ashfeld, Phil Wacholz, Steven Jahnke, Joe Wiita, Jarrett Hubbard, Mick Cyert, Chad Isakson, Eric Klingbeil, Michael Thompson, John Hagen, Bob Moberg, Dane Ekdorn, Ryan Allers, Chris Cavett, Glen Sticka, Mike Kelly, Lee Mann, Brian Hare, Logan Vlasaty, Chris LaBounty, Jim Wentzloff, Lydia Ener, Alex Miller, Shane Geraghty, Justin Bergerson, Ken Anderson, Sean Christensen, Jared Voge, Micah Heckman, Ryan Halverson, Steve Lillehaug, Joe Hansen, Mark Ray, David Juliff, John Powell, Tim Williams, Chris Sagsveen, Karl Keel, Elisha Langat, Nick Preisler, Jim Olson, Eric Kraemer, Mark Peine, John Caven, Dave Chalmers, Tyler Johnson, Dave Sanocki, Alan Offerman, Tracy Griffin, Matt Sylvester, Mike Dressel, Bob Slipka, Mark Hansen, Chris Kufner, Jon Jarosch, Michael Weber, Tom Kaldunski, Kristy Morter, Andrew Balgobin, Dan Christiansen, Erik Henriksen, Mark Rehder, Pavel Nikolov, Lucas Lortie, Alan Catchpool, Adam Kramer, Dan Ruiz, Bill Bowman, Roy Hanson, Brian Simmons, Jen Desrude, Chad Millner, Jesse Struve, Ron Quanbeck, Steven Johansen, Mark Huiskes, Chris Link, Gena Gutzmann, Toby Muse, Josh Bowe, Ahmed Omar, Steve Collin, Jack Yuzna, Matt Saam, Amber Klein, Nathen Will, Jennifer Edison, Tim Himmer, Mike Petersen, Joe Reding, Dan Curley, Ellen Brenna, Mark Maloney, Tom Wesolowski, Michael Kennedy, Jim Stremel, Emily Lueth, Matt Huggins, Jon Haukaas, Tom Zabinski, Julie Long, Scott Anderson, Mike Juliff, Frank Brodeen, Laurie Johnson, Derek Asche, Keith Quernemoen, Tony Kadlec, Jenn Solseth, Jacque Thompson, Paul Coone, Dale Ronning, Lane Wegener, Katie Warner, Eric Eckman, Derick Anderson, Spencer Tolliver, Nathan Drews, Adam Edwards, Tony Kutzke, Scott Thureen, Steve Bot, David Bennett, Mike Boex, Ryan Burfeind, John Rodeberg, Richard Shomion