



**General Membership Business Meeting**  
**Thursday, May 6, 2021**  
**Via Zoom**

**Minutes**

**1. The General Membership Business Meeting was called to order at 11:40 a.m. by President Beth Engum**

**2. President’s Update (Beth Engum)**

President Engum made the following announcement:

A. 2021 PWX, St. Louis, MO. PWX will be in person this year. Registration will open soon. Dates are August 29-September 1.

**3. Secretary/Treasurer’s Report (Monica Heil)**

A. Financial Report

In 2020, the chapter experienced a number of adjustments due to the COVID pandemic which impacted the chapter’s budget. The chapter was not able to have a spring or fall conference which are main revenue sources for the chapter. A transfer of funds from the chapter’s Merrill Lynch account was necessary to help sustain operations in 2020. Chapter membership continued to remain strong which is also a revenue source for the chapter. Sponsorships also remained sound with more sponsors supporting the chapter in 2020 than in the past. The chapter recognizes and thanks the loyal support of its sponsoring organizations.

The following is a summary of the financial statements for months ending April 30, 2021:

For months ending April 30, 2021	
<b>Opening Balance Equity (as of 7/1/2020)</b>	<b>\$277,380.80</b>
Merrill Lynch	\$141,333.16
US Bank	\$84,391.20
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>\$225,724.36</b>
<b>Net Monthly Income</b>	<b>(\$1,656.44)</b>

**MOTION: Motion made by Russ Matthys and seconded by Mike Turner to approve the Financial Statements for months ending April 30, 2021. Motion carried.**

B. Draft 2019-20 Budget

The budget expenses in 2020-21 were substantially reduced in planning to work and operate in a pandemic year. In preparation for the 2021-22 budget, the chapter will again consider any variables that will affect the chapter in the next budget fiscal year. Committee chairs and directors have submitted budget requests that will be reviewed and considered with anticipated revenues to develop a balanced budget. The 2021-22 budget will be adopted by the Executive Committee at its June 9, 2021 meeting.

**4. Leadership Academy Graduates (Wally Wysopal)**

The Leadership Academy was held in-person and accommodated the protocols necessary to meet COVID restrictions.

The academy is a 90-hour training program in seven monthly sessions over eight months. Graduate students are able to apply the studies credits toward a Master of Public Administration. The program has 12 core areas of study following APWA's criteria. A number of guest speakers contribute to program and model how to be a great leader to the students.

Since there was not a graduation in 2020 due to the pandemic, Mr. Wysopal introduced the 23 graduates from 2019-20 and proceeded to introduce the 12 graduates from the 2020-21 program.

Registration is now open for classes beginning in September 2021.

## 5. National Awards Update (Sarah Lloyd)

The Chapter submitted 14 nominations for the 2021 APWA national awards. The following seven awards were received:

- Exceptional Performance Award (Journalism – Chapter) – Raise Our Grade, MN
- Technical Innovation Award – City of Eagan GIS Mobile Workforce
- Top Ten Public Works Leaders – Jeannine Clancy, MCEC
- Harry S. Swearingen Award – Individual – Chris Petree, WSB
- Professional Manager of the Year Award – Emergency Management – Mark Ray, City of Crystal
- Professional Manager of the Year Award – Transportation – Matt Morreim, City of St. Paul
- Public Works Project of the Year, Disaster and Emergency, Construction, \$5-\$25M category – City of Woodbury Water Treatment Facility

The awards will be presented at the 2021 PWX in St. Louis, Missouri.

2021 Award Deadlines:

- June 1 – PACE Award: The chapter is working on the nomination and will submit by the deadline.
- Late August - Local Awards - The Awards Committee will solicit for local awards.
- December 1 -The Excellence in Snow and Ice Award: Members are encouraged to consider submitting for this award.

## 6. Vice President's Update (Nick Egger)

### A. Spring Conference Service Events and Evening Social Event

Following today's conference session, a number of service events are scheduled. Some slots remain open for volunteers. Locations include Chanhassen, Robbinsdale, Brooklyn Center, Rochester, Apple Valley, Lake Elmo and St. Paul. The networking event will be held at French Regional Park beginning at 4 pm.

### B. 2021 PWX Chapter Dinner (St. Louis, MO)

The Chapter Dinner will be held at 360 Rooftop with appetizers and views of St. Louis. Details to come.

### C. Summer Golf Classic

The Annual Summer Golf Classic is scheduled for July 15 at Bunker Hills Golf Course. Look for details coming soon.

### D. Other known events (i.e., technical tours, YP social events, etc.)

- Details for two technical tours are close to being finalized.
  - City of Blaine Water Treatment Plant (8.6-million-gallon per day filtration facility, doubling Blaine's water filtration capacity) – September
  - SWLRT (16 stations; 29 bridges, 7 bridge modifications; 8 tunnels; 182,000 miles of track; more than 100 retaining walls; and the largest public works infrastructure project in the State of Minnesota) – Date TBD (targeting early summertime)
- Feed My Starving Children – the chapter will be scheduling another opportunity to participate in this charitable event at the Eagan location on October 21, 2021.

- Young Professional's Social Events:
  - Annual Lawn Bowling Mixer – Golden Valley Brookview Center
  - Mini Golf Outing at Centennial Lakes – July
  - Social networking event planned for later in the summer at an outdoor venue

## 7. Closing Comments (President Beth Engum)

President Engum encouraged people to attend the service projects and the networking event at French Regional Park, Skyview picnic area. Food trucks and porta potties will be available, and a number of games planned.

The 2021 Fall Workshop and Conference are scheduled in person at Earle Brown Heritage Center from November 17-19. The chapter will be celebrating its 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary and the History Committee is planning the celebration during the conference.

## 8. Old Business

No old business items.

## 9. New Business

No new business items.

## 10. Adjourn

The 2021 Virtual Spring Conference General Membership Business Meeting adjourned at 12:06 p.m.

## ATTENDEES:

Beth Engum, Nick Egger, Monica Heil, Russ Matthys, Jeannine Clancy, Chris Petree, Nina Stanley, Nick Monserud, Minh Nhat Huynh, Christine Watson, Lee Mann, Charles Asamoah, Ken Ashfeld, Mark Erichson, Dave Sanocki, Jon Lennander, Sue Mason, Michael Thompson, Mike Kuno, Jeannine Briol, Matt Saam, Jake Theisen, Shawn Blaney-Red Wing, Jon Hagen, Rod Rue, Jeff Pearson, Joe Feriancek, Delaney Moberly, Karen Erickson, Dave Hutton, Rick Moskwa, Ryan Stempski, Jay Murzyn, Jeff Oliver, Todd Howard, Dan Coyle, Jon Watson, Justin Gese, Lydia Ener, Matt Huggins, Nick Guilliams, Chris McKenzie, Scott Jensen, Tom Kaldunski, Kelly Agosto, Charles Cadenhead, Brad Fisher, Tony Kutzke, Dustin Tipp, Amber Klein, Chris Long, Alan Maxwell, Sonya Henning, Sue Polka, Toby Muse, Chris LaBounty, Kirill Maloylo, Cory McCullough, Alex Jordan, Amy Grothaus, Mike Payne, Ken Anderson, Jeremy Koenen, Katie Westphal, Eric Seaburg, Logan Vlasaty, Justin Messner, Tiffany Dagon, Troy Nemmers, John Rodeberg, Nic Hentges, Dan Ruiz, Ross Beckwith, Zach Johnson, Olivia Wycklendt, Mike Turner, Wayne Houle, Wally Wysopal, Brian Simmons, Bev Farraher, Greg Anderson, Nathan Will, Sarah Lloyd, Jupe Hale, Bridget Rief, Sarah Schweiger, Mitch Hatcher, Tom Zabinski, Mike Kelly, William Bauer, Cody Mathisen, Mindy Carlson, Anna Bessel, Lucas Jones, Phil Olson, Ben Perkey, Eric Lembke, Jesse Struve, Michael Hejna, Jason Sprague, Eric Eckman, Brian Hare, Erin McPhee Anderson, Dan Schluender, Anna Breland, Mike Foertsch, Nick Klisch, Stefan Higgins, Jeremy Mathiasen, Sean Christensen, Jenn Solseth, Chuck Schwartz, Jacques DuVal, Brandon Stenglein, Ryan Hoefs, Angela Popenhagen, Chad Setterholm, Cristina Mlejnek, Marty Powers, Andy Brotzler, Matt Hanse, Jon Haukaas, Brett Grabau, Mark Fremder, Joe Powers, Jessa Trbojevich, Chuck Boser, Jason Staebell

**APWA National Guests:** APWA President Mary Joyce Ivers, APWA Chief Executive Officer Scott Grayson, and APWA Region VI Delegate Joe Johnson