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## GENERAL CHAPTER MEETING

APRIL 8, 2016

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### MINUTES

#### **Call to Order**

Kirk Holmes, President called the meeting to order at 8:22 a.m.

#### **Agenda**

The agenda was reviewed for additions and deletions. A motion to approve the agenda was made by Mike Clark and second by Peter De Boldt. The motion was approved.

#### **Secretary's Report**

Meeting minutes from the previous General Chapter Meeting were distributed. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Debbie Sullivan and second by Ahmad Qayoumi. The motion was approved.

#### **Treasurer's Report**

A Treasurer's report was not presented at this meeting.

#### **Vice President's Report**

Debbie Sullivan reported on the Committee Summit that was held on February 25<sup>th</sup>

#### **President's Report**

Kirk Holmes reported that Fall Conference in Spokane will include a "Night of Excellence" focusing on individual awards. This event will be similar in format to the Project of the Year Banquet.

#### **Past President's Report**

Mike Clark noted that the Chapter Submitted Steve Thomsen for the APWA National Top-10 Leader award. We also submitted our Quarterly Chapter Magazine for the National Journalism Award. Mike also requested that any suggestions for ballot nominees for the 2017 Board be submitted to him.

#### **Chapter Liaison's Report**

John Carpita reported that the Chapter Membership count is over 1,500 and climbing. He also noted that the deadline for Magazine submittals is May 13.

#### **Delegate's Report**

Peter De Boldt reported that Scott Grayson was selected as APWA's new Executive Director. Tina Nelson was selected for the National Mentoring committee and Peter is on the National Infrastructure committee. A survey will be distributed by National on how funding of infrastructure improvements. The following projects within Washington State have been selected for National Project of the Year Awards...

- City of Tacoma, Tacoma Central WTP Flood Protection Project
- City of Bellingham, Squalicum Creek Reroute
- City of Yakima, Yakima Railroad Grade Separations



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## Committee Reports

1. Asset Management – There has been much interest in Asset Management. The Workshop in July had 72 attendees and there have been two brown-bag sessions this year. Additional workshops will be planned for the future.
2. Awards – Individual award nominations are due in July. The Awards committee is considering adding an award for small communities to be consistent with APWA National.
3. Conference Oversight – There were 408 conference registrations and 108 exhibitor registrations for the Spring Conference. The Washington Chapter has submitted an application to host PWX-2019 in Seattle.
4. Area Meeting East – There will not be an Area Meeting East Event this year. The Board will still meet in June as scheduled. An Eastern Washington Ad-Hoc committee will be meeting in Moses Lake to discuss how we can better serve chapter members in Eastern Washington.
5. Winter Summit – No comments
6. Construction Management – No comments
7. Construction Administration Education – Workshops are being scheduled in Spokane for this Fall.
8. Construction Standards, Div-1 – Diane Sheesley is the new Co-Chair. The new specification book is out. A number of GSP revisions were noted.
9. Construction Materials – No Report
10. Construction Standards, Div-7 – No Report
11. Diversity – No comments
12. Emergency Management – The committee is growing with 11 members. They will attempt to develop workshops for the east side and west side. A Directors Roundtable was held in February to discuss Cascadia. They will also explore creating a Chapter Incident Management Team. Brian Loos BRIAN REPORTED THAT THEY HAVE 11 ACTIVE MEMBERS, 8 WERE AT CONFERENCE.
13. Emerging Professionals – The committee has held three events this year with over 90 attendees. They will be coordinating events with student chapters
14. Environment & Sustainability – They held their first committee sponsored session. They are trying to set up a workshop for Envision training.
15. Government Affairs – This legislative session has been extremely political. Kirk spearheaded bill to create a funding source that would bridge the gap between emergency expenditures and FEMA reimbursements. It appears the Public Works Trust Fund Program is facing more challenges this session. Jim Rioux and Scott Sawyer are establishing a connection with the National Advocacy Program.
16. MPAC – No comments
17. Maintenance – The committee is looking into partnering with students.
18. Marketing – No comments
19. Membership – No comments.
20. Past Presidents – This is a new committee. The group met to discuss goals and direction. One topic of discussion was how to solicit candidates for the Board.
21. Scholarship – The Jack Pittis scholarship is now the Chapters sole scholarship. The application date has been extended to May 15. The scholarship will be awarded at the Fall Conference. The committee is looking at other ways to raise revenue for scholarships such as going on line for donations or auctioning fishing trips, cabin rentals,...
22. Stormwater Management – No Comments



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23. Student Outreach Network - College – The University of Washington Chapter sent 10 students to the Spring Conference. Any financial support that can be provided for students to attend Chapter Conferences would be great! The committee would like to help form student chapters at Saint Martins and Central Washington University.
24. Student Outreach, K-12 – Women in Engineering gave a presentation at UW and to High School Students this year.
25. Technology Solutions – The committee is seeking input from all chapter members on new technology topics.
26. Transportation – The committee sponsored five sessions at the Spring Conference. They are reviewing their committee mission statement and developing a new work plan.
27. Washington State History – The committee will continue to provide articles to the Chapter magazine. Individuals interested in history are encouraged to get involved with the committee.
28. Pre-Fog/Wastewater– The committee has been restructured and they are planning multiple training/information sessions this year.

## **Future Chapter Activities and Conferences**

### **A. Future Conferences:**

#### Kirk Holmes – 2016

Fall – Spokane, October 4 - 7, 2016

#### Debbie Sullivan – 2017

Spring – Tacoma, April 4 - 7, 2017

Fall – Kennewick, October 2017

#### Scott Egger – 2018

Spring – Vancouver, 2018

Fall – Wenatchee, 2018

#### Lorelei Williams – 2019

Spring – Vancouver, April 23 – 26, 2019

Fall – Yakima, October 6 – 11, 2019 (Might be cancelled if awarded PWX-2019)

PWX 2019 – Seattle, August 2019

### **Good of the Order**

Bill Holladay noted that the golf tournament at the 2016 Fall Conference in Spokane will be the last tournament that he organizes. Bill has done a phenomenal job of organizing the golf tournaments. Proceeds from the tournaments go to the Jack Pittis scholarship fund. Dan Ireland from SCJ stated that he would be interested in learning what it takes to oversee the golf tournament.

### **Adjournment**

**Next Chapter Business Meeting:** October 7, 2016, Davenport Grand Hotel, Cedar Ballroom – 8:30 AM, Spokane Washington