



MEETING MINUTES

February 1, 2007

Steve Johnson called meeting to order at 9:05AM – MMA Building, Augusta

Present: Steve Johnson, Stephen Bradstreet, Mike Claus, Mary Ann Conroy, Peter Owen, Andy Russell, Steve Walker, Shawn Bennett, Stewart Sevey, Craig Worth, Greg Dore, Jerry Douglass and Bob Stevens (Maine Local Roads Center), Dave Cote, Erik Street, and Gerry James.

1. Motion made and seconded to accept January 4, 2007 meeting minutes. Board voted unanimous approval of January meeting minutes
2. Mike Claus presented the treasurer's report. Invoices paid for MMA contract, Cogee Entertainment. Income from national allotment and interest. Annual report sent in to national. Audit committee formed and approved by board. Gerry James reviewing as we speak.
3. No delegates's report.
4. Erik Street presented the Maine APWA membership report. We have approximately 200 members. Five new members in 2006.
5. Jerry and Bob presented the Maine Local Roads upcoming programs. Gravel roads, work zone workshops coming up. Bob noted that cones, drums and other products are available via a link on our website. Steve Johnson to contact John Foster to put link on website. Possible future workshops: grader training, RSMS, roadway fundamentals, defensive driving, chainsaw training.
6. Craig Worth noted that applications for "Excellence in Public Works" are due in April. Have the plaques from last year been delivered?
7. Steve Bradstreet discussed the upcoming 16th Highway Congress. Steve handed out the results of last years survey. Nametags will be done for vendors. Survey also suggested moving congress around the State. Mary Ann suggested in 5 year blocks. Concerns regarding now having to pay rental. Vendors would like a printout of attendees by Town with titles. Registration form is on website. Steve Johnson to coordinate for insurance through national.
8. John Melrose and Maria Fuentes made a presentation regarding state funding of transportation projects. John noted that the legislation is controversial. Parts 2 and 4, not controversial, Parts 1 and 3, controversial. Bottom line-no road project money. How do we raise money? Excise tax and auto sales tax dedication to transportation. Board comments: streamline funding process, let municipalities control projects, Fed's create problems with their strict regulations and specifications.
9. Mike Claus presented the update of the spring meeting. Jim Ring has not confirmed yet. Mike needs to update the agenda and get to everyone.

10. Steve Johnson said that we should be all set for the Supervisory Training. We need volunteers.
11. Steve Johnson presented a CSI-Ralph Knowlton Memorial Award Nomination of Bill Stretton. Board approved nomination.
12. Steve Johnson noted that there is an APWA Education Summit in Denver. Mary Ann expressed her interest.
13. Steve Johnson said that the 2010 annual APWA convention planning meeting was cancelled last month.
14. The board agreed to support the legislation discussed by John and Maria with the stipulation that there would be an opt-out provision, more LAP support mechanisms initiated and cost sharing between gas, meal and lodging taxes, not just excise taxes. Spread the pain to other taxed areas. Shawn suggested leaving out the excise tax recommendation completely. Gerry made a motion to meet with John and Maria in two weeks.

Mary Ann asked for MCAPWA support for her to attend the People to People Program in India. Board supported with a motion of \$2500 if she came up with the rest and was selected to go.

Next meeting to be March 1, 2007 at 7:30AM at MMA in Augusta.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 11:30 AM

Respectfully Submitted, Steve Bradstreet

