



MEETING MINUTES

March 6, 2008

Steve Bradstreet called meeting to order at 9:05AM – Augusta Civic Center, Augusta

Present: Steve Bradstreet, Mike Claus, Bob Burns, David Cote, Steve Johnson, Michael Bobinsky, Mary Ann Conroy, Peter Owen, Andy Russell, Steve Walker, Adam Ogden, Stewart Sevey, Eric Labelle, Wes Thames, Shawn Bennett, Craig Worth (IME) and Bob Stevens (Maine Local Roads Center).

Absent: Dennis Cox and Gerry James.

1. Minutes from the February, 2008 meeting was approved.
2. Treasurer's Report: Bob Burns presented the Treasurer's report, the reported was accepted.
3. Delegate Report: Mike Bobinsky circulated a sign up list for wishing to volunteers their help at this year's APWA Public Works Congress & Expo in New Orleans. The 2008 North American Snow Conference with be held in Louisville Kentucky on April 13-16. No progress to report on the efforts to update the APWA's bylaws and rules. Steve Bradstreet inquired if Mike had made contact or found out anything more on the Regional Diversity Liaison. Mike Bobinsky had not yet been able to get more information on or make contact with the Regional Liaison but he did offer more information in the way of a guide as to what the roll of the Liaison should be.
4. Membership Report: Steve Johnson, current membership for the MCAPWA is at 197. The flyer offering a reduced rate for new membership to the APWA has been sent out. Mary Ann Conroy requested a copy of the flyer and suggested that Chapter Board members assist in recruiting efforts. Steve Johnson said he would send all Board members a copy of the flyer and will plan to acquire a list from MMA to send out more flyers and to find out who they have already been sent to.
5. Maine Local Roads Report: Bob Stevens, because of the minimal attendance due to bad weather at the Electrical Safety workshops MLR is planning to run the workshop again this fall. A 3 day Traffic Signal workshop is scheduled for March 24 – 26, 2008, MLR will pay a portions of the cost to attend, up to \$350 per community. Discussion turned towards the upcoming Spring Meeting, Bob Stevens anticipates there will be upwards of 9 people being awarded their Road Scholar certificate at the meeting. There was some discussion on the Road Scholar program and Bob said the Roadway Fundamentals program, which many people need to complete the Road Scholar program, still seems to be a long way off.
6. IME Report: Craig Worth, the City of Augusta has offer the only submittal thus far for the Excellence in Public Works program.
7. Website Committee Report: Steve Bradstreet, we have not yet established a Website Committee. Mike Clause, the site is up and running, MMA will finish taking over the site next week and they have not run into any problems yet. Steve Bradstreet, we have not received and request for payment from MMA as of yet. Mike Clause, the Spring Meeting flyer is on the website. Steve Bradstreet, on the behalf of the Chapter he will be sending John Foster a jacket for the years he has spent tending to the Website. Eric Labelle, do we

or had we ever posted employment opportunities on the Chapter's website. After some discussion on this topic it was determined that Steve Bradstreet would speak with Jeri Holt at MMA to discuss the cost of posting employment opportunities on the website or providing a link on our website to MMA's website for postings. Mike Clause will provide the link to Board members needed to send information to Jeri Holt for website postings.

8. Spring Meeting update: Bob Burns, the flyers for the meeting have been sent out with a box to check for those who paid last year and did not attend, the agenda is full and all speakers are set, the comedian Tony B. will be the entertainment. Bob is still working with vendors on visual aids. Bob Stevens inquired as to how someone who couldn't attend last could find out if they had paid already or not. Steve Johnson, Joan at MMA has that information. Mike Clause, can we post the information on the website pertaining to who has a free pass from last year's event. Bob Burns, a snow date for the Spring Meeting on April 17th has also been set, if used there will be some extra cost involved.
9. Highway Congress: Mike Clause, vendors have been contacted and have started signing up for the event, plan on assignment for the Board members to be discussed next month and Steve Walker will be sending out information flyers for the Snow Plow Rodeo in April. Steve Bradstreet, if Board members know of any vendors that may be interested in attending but may not have been sent an invitation please let him know and he will get an invitation out to them. Steve Walker suggested that we may need more space for the equipment trials area. Steve Bradstreet, we still had a couple areas we could use for that purpose if needed.
10. Supervisory Training update: Steve Johnson, the training should be ready to go for the most part, he will be working with Jeri Holt to finish up the details. Mike Bobinsky, do we still have more people to make up the class from last year? Steve Johnson, yes, we still have some that missed the class during a storm day. Mike Bobinsky will be working on the (Dealing with the Media) section of the training.
11. Audit Committee: Steve Bradstreet, Bob Burns has brought the information needed for the audit review therefore would the members of the Audit Committee please review the information at the conclusion of the Board meeting.
12. Public Works Leader of the Year: Steve Bradstreet, the four nominees for the award have been review by the appointed committee and we have a recommendation for the Board to consider. After some discussion and an overview of the selection process used by the committee along with the justification for the recommendation, Bob Burns made a motion to accept the committee's recommendation, the motion was seconded by Wes Thanos and passed unanimously by the Board. The identity of the selected candidate will not be publicly revealed until the Spring meeting to allow for proper notifications and other arrangement to be made.
13. Diversity Liaison: Steve Bradstreet, no more to report over what had been discussed during the Delegate's Report.
14. Other Business: Steve Bradstreet inquired if anyone had attended the State meeting on Weight Limits. Several members had seen televised information of the meeting and believed a work session on the Weight Limit topic was to take place tomorrow (March 7th). Shawn Bennett suggest we send a letter stating the Boards position (opt not to pass) on the proposed bill on Weight Limits. Steve Bradstreet said he would send a letter on behalf of the Board.

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Bob Stevens inquired if the mailings had gone out for the Supervisory training yet, Steve Johnson's answer was yes.

Mary Ann Conroy inquired if anyone knew the outcome of the vote to ban Calcium Chloride, Shawn Bennett said they voted not to pass measure.

Next meeting to be April 3, 2008 at the Elks Lodge, in Waterville, ME following the Spring Meeting lunch.

Meeting adjourned at 10:47 AM

Respectfully Submitted, David Cote

