



# MEETING MINUTES

November 1, 2007

Steve Johnson called the meeting to order at 9:00AM

Present: Steve Johnson, Steve Bradstreet, Mike Claus, Erik Street, Mary Ann Conroy, Peter Owen, Dennis Cox, Gerry James, Adam Ogden, Stewart Sevey, David Cote, Shawn Bennett, Eric Lebel, Pete Coughlan, Bob Steven, Craig Worth

1. Approval of the October 4, 2007, meeting minutes. Correction to the spelling of Eric Lebel's name was made.
2. Reports
  - a. Treasurer—Mike Clause presented his report. The Chapter has \$5,254.67 in the checking and \$22,860.93 in the savings. The report was approved unanimously.
  - b. Delegates—Mike Bobinsky was not present. Steve Johnson noted that there was not a lot happening. Some by law changes are being considered by National.
  - c. Membership—Erik Street reports that we have 198 members, no new members, 3 delinquent, 3 dropped, 1 re-instated (Eric Lebel), and 1 perspective.
  - d. Maine Local Road—Bob Stevens reports that MLR are currently doing FEMA geotextile presentations in Presque Isle and Old Town. MLR is doing gravel road maintenance training in Rumford and Westbrook. The next training will be on drainage. MLR also sponsored sign packages in Oxford County where the municipality was responsible for a 25% match. There was \$51,000 available for signage. The next county will be Cumberland.

Shawn Bennett asked (again) when Roadway Fundamentals will be offered.  
Bob had no answer at this time.
  - e. IME—Craig Worth noted that the Towns/Cities need to be thinking about "Excellence in Public Works" projects. These are due in late March. The Public Works Director of the Year nomination forms are out with a due date of December 31, 2007. Mary Ann Conroy, Steve Johnson, Steve Bradstreet, and Adam Ogden volunteered to review the nominations.
3. Fall Meeting Report—Steve Johnson reported a good turn out of about 50 people with 62 people at lunch. Stewart was commended for his presentation. There was a slight mix up in registrations. All board members MUST register for lunch.
4. Website Management—Pete Coughlan noted that the .gov webmaster proposal cost about \$1000 to set up and \$35/month and that we can access it to provide updates. Pete said it was user friendly. Shawn indicated he preferred having MCAPWA have control of input. Steve Johnson was looking for easy updating without the bells and whistles. Pete said that a demonstration could be made available for the next meeting. Steve Johnson recommended tabling until the next meeting.

Pete also talked about the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation. He spoke about SP 731–URIP Joint Order and spoke specifically about MCAPWA paying attention to this and all issues. It affects us all.

5. MCAPWA Designee Water Resources Committee—Steve Johnson read from a letter from National APWA requesting a volunteer for a contact regarding the Water Resources Committee. Peter Owen and Eric Lebelles volunteered. Steve Johnson will notify national.
6. 2010 Congress—Steve Johnson and Mike Claus went the last meeting. Planning is going strong. They have \$110,000 in cash, \$260,000 committed, and looking for \$500,000 total. Towns should start budgeting for attendance now. MCAPWA could sponsor a bus for volunteers or attendees.
7. Directors Dinner—Steve Johnson notes that it is tomorrow night. Erik Street, unfortunately, has backed out.
8. Oil Fee—This is in force until 2018. Could be rescinded in the next legislation.
9. Spring Meeting 2008—Bob Burns will be organizing this meeting. It will be held on the first Thursday in April. There was discussion whether weather should be considered. Steve Johnson will contact the Elks Club for a backup date if necessary. Topics will be forthcoming, but should consider having the same program since we were snowed out last year. Bob Burns would be happy about this.
10. Other Business—Erik Street noted that the Maine Motor Transport supports standard physicals for drivers and not the more stringent MDOT physicals. There may be new rules coming regarding what level of physicals will be required for commercial drivers.

Stewart noted that MCAPWA should have a more visible presence at the Transportation Conference in December. We should either be a sponsor or have a booth. Steve Johnson will contact Maria Fuente regarding the December conference.

Stewart also noted that the New England Chapter has a snow conference coming up.

Bob Stevens asked whether the board preferred and April/May or September/October supervisory leadership training. The board preferred the April/May.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00. Record time for Steve Johnson.

