



**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE KANSAS CHAPTER  
AMERICAN PUBLIC WORKS ASSOCIATION  
MEETING AGENDA**

**Date: April 2, 2015**

**Time: 10:00 a.m.**

**Location:**

**Hays Welcome Center  
2700 Vine Street  
Hays, Kansas**

**Attendees:** Chuck Bartlett, Shawn Mellies, Russ Tomevi, Nathan Bergman, David Cronin, Kenzil Lynn, Ray Ibarra, Justin Erickson, Brenda Herrman

**Absent:** Ron Seitz, Douglas Whitacre, Brett Letkowski

**I. Approval of Minutes**

- Motion for March and revised February Meeting Minutes Approval - Cronin, Second – Waters. Motion Carried

**II. Agenda review / modification**

None

**III. Chapter Business**

- a. APWA Spring Conference (Cronin). The registration has been posted to the Chapter website. There is no update on the food and beverage contract but conference subcommittee will discuss it on April 3. The lunch speaker will be Athletic Director Jon Curry. Greg McCaffery will be recognized for the Top 10 APWA National Award during membership meeting. There will be 45 minutes for the membership meeting. The convention center will not be supply pipes and draping for the vendors.  
The board discussed ways to help Carla Anderson with the possible establishment of a subcommittee to investigate the viability of setting a student chapter at a Kansas University, junior college, or vocational school. This discussion included getting involvement from members that use the stipend to attend the national conference, to focus one school, to not setup by-laws, the use of a handout to get involvement from the membership, and to look at schools two year school nears Topeka. The board also discussed investigating the viability more before presenting a plan to the full membership. **Herrman made a motion to setup a subcommittee under the Career Awareness Chair to investigate the viability of a student chapter, Second-Ibarra. Motion Carried**
- b. Leadership Conference (Erickson) Discussed ideas that came up during the Leadership Conference, which included ways to get more involvement from young members and recruit or get more involvement from relative inactive areas of the state. The use of a stipend for young professional under the age of 35 years old to attend the national conference even if they had already attended the national conference before, discounted membership dues, or some form of college loan reimbursement. The hosting roundtables in low impact areas of the state to encourage more involvement from those areas. The attendance of members to regional events and committee meetings is vital to the chapter. **Erickson to send out link to power point presentations.**
- c. Chapter Dinner at National (Ibarra) Contacted John Rathbone and the following restaurants were mentioned: Durant's Steak House, TGI Fridays at the Chase Field, Dan Majerle's, Alice Cooper's, and the Stockyards. More research to be done and will recommend one choice to the board.
- d. T-Works Letter of Support (Bartlett). National encouraged this type of involvement and would be willing to review the letter. The group discussed laws

against this type of letter for public sector employees and who the letter should be sent to. The letter should be sent to people like the Governor, Secretary of Transportation, members of the Ways & Means and Transportation committees in Topeka. **Herrman made motion to approve, Second-Waters. Motion carried.**

- e. National Public Works Week May 18<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> (Bartlett). Will put in proclamation for the Governor to sign. Board members will do formal presentation at the City Council Meeting for Greg McCaffery's Top 10 APWA National Award.

#### IV. **Chapter Activities Reports**

- a. President's Report (*Chuck Bartlett*)
  - Committees have been updated and will be uploaded to the Chapter's website
  - APWA shirts will be blue button down and in price range of \$30-\$35. **Will send more information to board members when everything is finalized.**
- b. Treasurer's Report (*Russ Tomevi*) The meeting was too early in the month to have new treasurer's report. The audit has been completed and AMEX will be added to the credit cards that were accepted by the chapter for online registrations.
- c. League / Legislative Affairs (*Nathan Bergman*) The league is offering training courses for emergency planning (April 10-11) and youth employment (April 15). A bill to carry a weapon without a concealed carry permit has passed. A bill is being considered to cap sick leave for the KPERs retirement plan at 240 hours and the final payment would not include sick leave or vacation time if hired after July 1993. The bill would also not allow retired KPERs employees to work for another employer with KPERs.
- d. Delegate's Report (*Kenzil Lynn*) (*Brenda Herrman*). The meeting was too early in the month to have new delegate's report
- e. Career Awareness (*Douglas Whitacre was absent*) No Report.
- f. Membership / Diversity Liaison (*Justin Erickson*). Currently 263 members, 2 new members, 4 dropped members, 1 delinquent, and 15 prospective members. The City of Beloit, Topeka, and Cutler have 1 vacancy.
- g. Scholarship / LTAP (*Ron Seitz was absent*) No Report.
- h. Newsletter (*Karla Waters*) The march newsletter is out and next one will be going out in June. The June newsletter will include a conference summary and an announcement about Greg McCaffery's Top 10 Award.
- i. Awards (*Brett Letkowski was absent*) No Report.

#### V. **Action Items**

- Executive Board: Follow up with Carla Anderson about spring conference presentation and/or moving forward with student chapter.
- Erickson: Send out link to Power Points from leadership conference
- Bartlett: Finalize APWA shirt order
- Executive Board: Review leadership manual

#### VII. **Adjournment**

Motion for adjournment – Cronin, Second –Ibarra. Motion carried.

**Next Meeting: May 15, 2015 (Spring Conference) Manhattan  
June 11, 2015 Winfield**