

New England Chapter APWA
Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting – April 14, 2021
Zoom Conference call – 1:30

1. Call to Order – Meeting was called to order by President Garro. Roll was called. Guests/Committee Co-Chairs included Nason/Marinaccio/Leger.

2. Concerns, etc. – None.

3. Consent Agenda.

a. Approval of minutes – March 17, 2021 minutes were reviewed and approved.

b. Treasurer Report – Connors said very little activity all monthly bills were paid.

c. Finance Committee – Mattscheck said meeting was held a few weeks ago and will send out an email re: dates for next meeting to discuss budget.

d. Delegate's Report – Benevento said he emailed Grayson re: status of PWX. There is a Council of Chapters meeting on Friday and hopefully there will be more info. Meeting next Tuesday Council of Chapters PWAC Task Force which is gaining momentum at the National level. He also mentioned Ashley Wilson, Director of Membership will be leaving APWA for another job.

e. Education –Goober said they are all set for the April Chapter Connects and will have a dry run-on Friday. Garro asked about registration count and Goober said it was light. Hackett said there are only 19 registered. Could be due to subject matter (water systems) which don't necessarily come under PW in all cities and towns.

f. Awards – Benevento said results are starting to come in. Out of the 11 submitted for Member and Professional Awards we only lost four. Still nine more to hear about. He proceeded to name the winners. "New England Chapter Connects" won the Donald C. Stone Award for Excellence in Education. Garro said good call sending in NEC Connects.

g. Membership – Roy reported membership is back up to 938. National is running a special for new members. Last month he sent the Nat'l roster to all EC Board members. Garro asked if for the 50% offer we should do a brochure and Roy said they will piggyback on Nationals.

h. Sponsors – Leger reported the sponsors were polled re: a golf tournament at Granite Links at the end of June. He received 12 responses. Ten said yes and two responded maybe. He said it could be expensive... \$150-\$200/per person with boxed lunch. There have been no Chapter events, so he asked the Board to supplement the greens fees for \$10,000, keeping the registration cost to \$100/per person. Goober asked if we were at Granite Links because of the luncheon and Leger said no. They wanted a decent course location and places like Brookmeadow etc. are not doable. Benevento said an alternative for less money would probably be the way to go, maybe in the Worcester area, convenient for all Chapter states. Leger said he looked into Worcester, Bridgewater, Southern MA and they were off the beaten path. Benevento asked about the supplemental cost and the benefit for membership, when not all members play golf. Garro suggested that a luncheon could be held for all members.*

At this time, Scott Grayson checked in from National to talk about the St. Louis, MO PWX.

*To continue... Yanulis said he had concerns spending \$10,000 as did some of the other members. Mulleavey said he wanted it to be a nice, well attended event but also can't approve the \$10,000. Garro asked about a golf/EC Board meeting in July. While discussions continued Webb called Shining Rock in Northbridge, MA who had two openings in July. Cost is \$69/with cart and they can accommodate up to 80 participants. It was decided to table discussion until next meeting.

i. Newsletter – Myers had nothing to report but still hopeful there will be a summer *Chatter*.

j. Government Affairs – Riccio said we all know what’s going on with the infrastructure Bill. Everyone getting state/county money. Yanulis said other organizations are following beyond the \$1.9 trillion infrastructure bill which will be unveiled in a few weeks. Discussion ensued.

k. Summer Conference – Nason said no news but a meeting is scheduled for tomorrow.

l. NPWWL – Connors reserved May 18, 2022 with Granite Links and signed an addendum to the original contract.

m. Fall S&I/Snowplow Roadeo – Mattscheck said no Fall Meeting. Talked to Committee and would like to do a stand-alone location. Need to make it a sanctioned Chapter event with on-line registration for everyone.

n. PWX Chapter Dinner – Meeting scheduled to discuss possibility of having only one dinner sponsored by the sponsors

o. PWAC – Benevento said that that we will begin to see chapter emails promoting National Public Works Week, and urged everyone to get their proclamations in. He also reported that the May NEAPWA connects session is coming together on Storm Preparedness.

p. Website and Social Media – Nothing to report

q. Young Professionals Report –Tony reported that the YP’s have a virtual event coming up and that Frank M. is working with Jaqui to get some gift cards for the event.

r. Professional Development and Knowledge Management – Nothing to report

s. Diversity Committee – Whitehouse had nothing new to report. She is still working on a presentation with a group of women from Girl’s, Inc. re: picking PW as a profession and how to get involved.

t. Mechanics Workshop – Collins reported to Connors via email that he is waiting for Ford to finalize a date for the workshop but looking at May or June at the latest.

u. Past Presidents Advisory Council – Barrett said it is a work in progress to bring on a Chapter Administrator.

v. Scholarship Committee – Lisa reported that they extended the deadline to April 16, 2021 because they did not get many applicants

w. Spring Conference - Webb said the Spring Conference is a go for 2022.

x. Holiday Board Meeting – Stinson had nothing to report.

y. Approval of Consent Items.

Above consent items were approved on a motion by Westerling/Barrett

4. Action on items removed from the Consent Agenda.

No voting items.

5. Other Business and Correspondence

6. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned on a motion by Garro/Mattscheck.

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary-Treasurer

Julie Piacentini
EC Board of Directors