

**New England Chapter APWA  
Minutes of the June 23, 2023  
Executive Committee Meeting  
Sea Crest North Falmouth and Zoom Conference Call – 10:00 AM**

1. **Call to order EC Board Meeting:** Meeting was called to order by President Bechard. Roll was called by Connors. Guests/Committee Chairs included Conrad Leger, Kris Surette, Patrick Yeo, and Amanda Bazinet.
2. **Concerns, etc.:** None
3. **Consent Agenda:** *These items will be acted together at their conclusion by a single vote.*
  - a. **Approval of Minutes:** May 17, 2023, minutes were reviewed.
  - b. **Treasurer Report:** Connors reported that Otero will send out the June Financial Report.
  - c. **Finance Committee:** No report
  - d. **Delegate's Report:** Westerling congratulated Dan Pennington, Glastonbury, CT on becoming a lifetime member. He also reported that Rich Benevento was re-elected as the Region I Director. Benevento's next term will commence on August 27th, 2023, and it will be announced at PWX.
  - e. **Education:** No report.
  - f. **Awards:** Benevento reported that we are waiting to hear about the PACE award.
  - g. **Membership:** No report
  - h. **PWAC:** Piacentini reported that they will have a meeting soon.
  - i. **Sponsors:** No report
  - j. **Scholarship/Charity:** Connors stated that Allison McMordie of Westfield, MA, who was awarded the Career Advancement Opportunity Scholarship submitted courses that were already completed. The award would be for 2023-2024 season. We pay it forward not backwards. Connors said she would reach out to her to see if she has courses in the future. Bechard stated it needs to be in line with our policy and she also needs to be a current member.
  - k. **Newsletter:** Meyers reported there will be an edition out this Fall.
  - l. **Website and Social Media:** Ciancarelli reported the new website's live date will be July 12<sup>th</sup>.
  - m. **Young Professionals:** Kris Surette reported that they plan to have a walking tour/Complete Streets education component in Newport, RI sometime soon. They planned for another WooSox night on August 8<sup>th</sup> in which they need to identify the ticket costs and would like to get that flyer out after July 4<sup>th</sup>. The third event that is being planned will be a Wachusett's Dam nature hike, which will be a 2-mile hike. Benevento mentioned that Bob Lewis, Framingham would like more YPs getting involved from his Town.
  - n. **Professional Development & Knowledge MGMT:** No report
  - o. **Past President Advisory Council:** No report
  - p. **Summer Conference:** Yanulis reported that they are planning a meeting very soon. Connors stated that having 3 meal choices is a lot logistically. Yanulis thanked all who moderated the educational sessions. That room B was packed all day, well attended. Leger stated this was the best venue out of the last 10 he's been to and that it was nice to have Thursday night as a free night. Benevento said that it's nice to be along the water, people like that. Bechard mentioned that Benevento should share his thoughts with the Program Committee. Field said that he likes this venue and understands paying premium prices for a great educational session day and nice venue. Yanulis thanked Stinson for all that he did behind the scenes. Westerling said that the Casino night was fabulous, and they did a great job with prizes. He also stated great job on the Stormy Awards, and thought it went really well. Merson agreed and said there were 55 people that attended. Yeo stated that having 2 days of day trips brought value. Connors said the deposit has been made to Sea Crest for 2024. The Committee needs to start planning 2025 now. Yanulis mentioned that the CT shore is a great place.
  - q. **NPWW/MOTY Awards Luncheon:** Connors reported that 2023 went well. People were happy not having a guest speaker. The numbers have dropped off since leaving Venezia's. Benevento stated that a few people didn't like the current venue. Yanulis asked Leger if the sponsors were happy with the newer location and Leger said yes, that they were happy. Benevento said by not having a guest speaker, it gives more appropriate time to recognize the award winners.
  - r. **PWX Chapter Dinner:** Meyers reported that the registration should go out soon. He'd like to have the Boards approval on the suggested ticket price of \$125.00. We will invite Region 2 to join us. Connors stated that about 20 people from Region 2 attend and that she would reach out to Dominic about having them register and pay ahead of time. Meyers has someone working on the flyer and he will send it to Otero so that she can send it out through Constant Contact. Connors will be setting up the EC Board Meeting at the hotel.
  - s. **Northwest Committee:** Schaeffler reported that their committee met on June 7<sup>th</sup>. They have no dates for their lunch and learns yet and have been looking at locations.

- t. **July 19<sup>th</sup> Bombara EC Board Meeting:** Bechard reported that he will be holding this event at his house in Wareham. He's looking at food options. It's on a golf course and people can play 9 or 18 holes. This is a social gathering with a meeting after. Westerling asked what others can bring. Bechard stated that he will let everyone know soon.
- u. **Holiday Event:** Benevento reported that they are looking at 2 locations, the John Carver Inn and the 1620 House in Plymouth, MA. It will be on December 2, 2023.
- v. **Director of Region 1:** Benevento reported that the New England Chapter was founded in 1954. The NE Chapter has hosted 5 expos. He gets asked if the NE Chapter would like to host PWX.

#### 4. **Approval of Consent Items**

Above Consent Items were approved on a motion by Westerling/Connors.

#### 6. **Action on Items Removed from the Consent Agenda**

A motion was made by Westerling/Connors and approved to have the PWX Chapter Dinner Ticket Price be set at \$125.00.

#### 7. **Other Business and Correspondence**

A proposal was received to consider the consolidation of Education and Professional Development Committees. Bechard requested that everyone review the attachment that Otero sent out with the June package and share their thoughts with him. Lawlor mentioned that it's the Presidents call to approve the combination of committees. Bechard stated that he was looking for input. Lawlor stated that they had presented this at a previous EC Board meetings and that they have been working on this for a while. Bechard will add this to a future meeting agenda and asked for a small presentation so that he can make this decision.

#### 8. **Adjournment**

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

Respectfully submitted,

Molly Otero  
Chapter Administrator