

**New England Chapter APWA  
Minutes of the June 16, 2021  
Executive Committee Meeting  
Zoom Conference Call – 12:30 p.m.**

**1. Meeting convenes.**

**2. Call to Order** – Meeting was called to order by President Garro.

**3. Concerns, etc.** – None. If any questions, contact Connors directly.

**4. Meeting temporarily adjourns.**

**5. Presentation of Top Ten.**

**6. Meeting reconvenes.**

**7. Presentation of O’Leary and Crombie/PWX Awards\*\*\***

**8. Consent Agenda.**

**a. Approval of minutes** – April 14, 2021 minutes were reviewed and approved.

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

**c. Finance Committee** – Mattscheck reported meeting will be held within the next week or two.

**d. Delegate’s Report** – Benevento reported they are planning big things re: PWX. Steering Committee is looking for new topics for the Task Force which is gaining momentum at the National level.

**e. Education** – Shea wanted to share a couple of thoughts re: NE Connects. They have been very pleased with the topics and registrations. As we move forward, come up with new abstracts, maybe leave in some of the others for the future. Garro congratulated the PWAC and Education Committee.

**f. Awards** – Benevento said it was another successful year with the Chapter collecting another nine awards out of 18 submissions. That makes a total of 80 National Awards in the last seven years. Over the next week, he will be setting up a meeting re: Chapter Awards. He said he and a few from folks from the Summer Conference Committee met at the Red Jacket to discuss the logistics of holding an Awards Dinner and it was decided not to do it on the Cape. With last years winners along with this years winners, it would be too rushed so he will be discussing with the Committee about an event in September, solely for the winners and guests. It needs to be planned as there will be 30 awards to give out. The only two to be presented on the Cape will be the MOTY and Contributor of the Year Awards. Talk more about it at the next EC Board meeting.

**g. Membership** – Roy reported he received great feedback re: the PWA pins, with 15 people thanking the Chapter for them. Membership is looking good and just hovering under the 1000 number.

**h. PWAC** – Benevento said the pins were a great PWA gesture and thanked Aimee for all her help. PWAC continues to grow with new members, namely Marilee and Krista Larsen from Laconia, NH. He then said this is PW week and thanked Sheppard, Blodgett and Schaeffler for getting awareness signs hung in their city/state, and to Mike Gantick who has been very helpful. He spoke about getting press releases out re: the awards. Piacentini added if anyone has any PW activities scheduled for this week, send to Myers, Benevento of herself. Aimee asked folks to take selfies with the PWA pin and forward to her. Hadley added the two bills that went to the House and Senate have gone through. He added there is another law going through the State House regarding adding three years to retirement credit for 'essential public employees re: Covid.

**i. Sponsors** – Yanulis said nothing to report at this time.

**j. Government Affairs** – Riccio had no report.

**k. Scholarship Committee** – *Severance deferred until the end of the meeting.* Garro mentioned that the winners of the Crombie/PWX for 2020 and 2021 have been deferred to next year (2022) to give them the best experience of what PWX is all about.

**l. Newsletter** – Myers said little momentum, so send photos re: PW week. They will be doing an issue re: awards and will also reach out to sponsors for input. *Chatter* will continue to be done virtually.

**m. Website and Social Media** – Working on updates and on the National website conversion. Waiting to hear back from National.

**n. Young Professionals Report** – Marinaccio reported over the last few months they had a few events with the last one being a “movie night”. There were a few new faces who are now on committees. Working now on scheduling a YP trivia night. They are still working with the Membership Committee re: student memberships and how the Chapter is working with the YP’s.

**o. Professional Development and Knowledge Management** – Blomquist reported the Institute is available with either a self-paced version or a group program. He suggested that folks take full advantage of the program. Also looking for folks to be instructors. If interested, please contact him. Norwich is also looking into a contract with the Army Corps of Engineers to offer up education programs to help veterans learn the civilian side of public works. Also looking into ICMA and how to set up veteran’s programs.

**p. Diversity Committee** – No report

**q. Past Presidents Advisory Council** – Daring sent a report to Connors stating the Past Presidents Committee will schedule interviews with candidates for the Chapter Administration position on June 22<sup>nd</sup> (next Tuesday). Our intent is to develop a short list, who we will ask you and others to meet with, before making a final decision

**r. Mechanics Workshop** – Collins sent a report to Connors that he is still waiting for the zoom link info for the June 30th workshop but the meeting will only be from 10:00 a.m. until noon.

**s. Spring Conference** – Roy reported they are on hold for next year.

**t. NPWW/MOTY Awards Luncheon** - Connors said no report. All set for 2022.

**u. Summer Conference** – King said registration should be opening within the next week. The package was created without the education sessions. Waiting for Committee approval. There will be golf, but Benevento gave up the date re: the awards dinner. Too lengthy a program to squeeze into one night, but the Contributor of the year and the MOTY awards will be awarded. A separate dinner date in September will be scheduled for the 2020 and 2021 Award winners.

**v. PWX Chapter Dinner** – Myers said a meeting is scheduled for next Wednesday to determine hotel and dinner locations, Survey going out soon re: Chapter attendees at PWX.

**w. Fall S&I/Snowplow Rodeo** – Mattscheck said they are still looking for a location in Worcester. Will have an updated report for next month’s meeting.

**x. Holiday Board Meeting** – Stinson said Committee is meeting with Sheraton in June. More to come.

**y. Approval of Consent Items.**

Above consent items were approved on a motion by Benevento/Bechard

**9. Action on items removed from the Consent Agenda.**

No voting items.

## **10. Other Business and Correspondence**

- A *motion* was made by Benevento/Mattscheck and approved to make a second \$500 donation to a Food Bank in each of the Chapter's states.
- Schaeffler will be setting up a meeting re: the VT Municipal Highway Assoc.'s cancelled event. The gentleman who ran the event retired and she is looking for assistance from, not only the old VT board members but also the NEC, to get it back on the calendar. Zach, Merson, Baker, Severance and Garro are already on the committee.
- Weisberg is working on the Sustainability Committee. More info to come.

\*\*\*Severance thanked the Scholarship Committee for their work on the changes to the three scholarships. He mentioned all the winners from both 2020 and 2021 and then presented the O'Leary and Crombie/PWX Scholarships to the 2020 and 2021 award winners. Those winners who were unable to attend in person participated via Zoom and were given \$20 Grub Hub gift cards.

## **11. Adjournment**

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

Respectfully submitted,

Jaqui Connors  
Secretary-Treasurer