

**New England Chapter APWA
Minutes of the July 24, 2024 12:45pm
Executive Committee Meeting
Tunxis Country Club, Farmington, CT**

1. **Call to order EC Board Meeting:** Meeting was called to order by President Roy. Guests/Committee Chairs included Mark Moriarty, Don Dapont, Mike Fisher, Brenda Codella, Allen Viall, Robert (Bobby) Betsold, and Rob Betrimitus.
2. **Concerns, etc.:** None
3. **Consent Agenda:** *These items will be acted together at their conclusion by a single vote.*
 - a. **Approval of Minutes:** June 14, 2024 minutes were reviewed.
 - b. **President's Report:**
 - Collins: Roy announced and acknowledged the loss of Tom Collins. Stinson, Merson and Lawlor acknowledged Collins's contributions to APWA, the Chapter and the profession. A moment of silence was taken.
 - Snow Conference: Roy noted National has expressed an interest in the NE Chapter hosting the North American Snow Conference in April of 2027 or 2028. National's current preference is to hold the event in Hartford as was done in 2016. General discussion and support for holding the event in Worcester, due to proximity to membership. Item removed from consent agenda.
 - MA Director: Roy noted with Dave Pinsonneault moving to the national board in November, there will be an opening for a MA Director. Item removed from Consent Agenda.
 - Summer Conference: Roy noted with Codella present, we will discuss location of Summer Conference 2026 under Programs report.
 - YP Grant/Scholarship: Roy reported that National is providing payment for two YP's to attend YP Summit at PWX. Roy had asked Frank Marinaccio to coordinate and provide two potential YP candidates to the Board.
 - c. **Treasurer's Report:** A report prepared by Otero was provided: Final invoice for 2024 Summer Conference has been paid, contract and deposit for Summer Conference 2025 has been executed and paid, deposit for 2025 Spring Conference has been made. Otero is working with Bank of America to setup new account for Scholarship funds. Otero is finalizing year end closeout and providing to national. It is important that the Chapter hits our deadlines for financial submissions as our reimbursements are tied to meeting these deadlines. Additionally, meeting these reporting deadlines is a requirement for the Chapter being eligible for the PACE Award.
 - d. **Finance:** Lawlor reported that the Finance Committee had meet and approved the FY25 budget. Item removed from Consent Agenda.
 - e. **Past Presidents Advisory Committee:** Mattscheck stated no report.
 - f. **Holiday Event:** Sopelak and Garro reminded all present the Holliday Meeting is scheduled for December 7th, in Mystic, CT.
 - g. **Awards:** Stinson reported the Massachusetts State awards will be presented at the Fall Conference. He also noted the Chapter won the PACE Award.
 - h. **Sponsors:** Betsold reported the sponsors are doing great raising funds for PWX with approximately \$30,000 collected to date. Tickets will be on sale once they have all the donations raised and can set the pricing appropriately.
 - i. **Programs:** Codella gave an update on the Summer 2026 conference. They have been working with the Omni at Mount Washington and have made adjustments to the agreement – the hotel has made some concessions based on the contract review from National but not meet all of the asks. We have until this Friday to make a commitment. A robust discussion on the location and pros and cons of moving the conference were discussed with a specific focus on how far up into New Hampshire this Omni is verse this being a destination that is worth the trip. Roy agreed that he will send an e-mail poll to the Executive Committee to determine if we should move forward with the Omni.

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda with a second and unanimous approval Lawlor/Modzelewski.

4. **Action Items (removed from Consent Agenda):**
 - **North American Snow and Ice Conference:** Lawlor made a motion, seconded by Weisberg to Express the Chapters interest in hosting the Snow Conference in Worcester in 2027 or 2028 with Hartford as an option. Motion passed unanimously.
 - **Anticipated Massachusetts Director Vacancy:** Mattscheck made a motion, seconded by Lawlor to request the Massachusetts Directors propose a candidate for the anticipated vacancy by the NEAPWA October meeting to allow

the name to be included in with the new slate of officers that will be presented at the fall meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

- **FY25 Budget:** Lawlor made a motion, seconded by Garro to adopt the FY 25 operating budget as approved by the Finance Committee with a not to exceed value of \$354,350. Motion passed unanimously.

5. Other Business:

- Stinson reported that APWA Foundation is looking to build a National Fallen Hero's Memorial in Baltimore. The memorial will be part of the Public Works Experience Museum. Design competition for the memorial and fundraising will be forthcoming.
- Stinson expressed his desire for the Board to recognize Tom Collins.
- Lawlor thanked all involved in the outpouring of support for the family of Andrew DiDomenico, the CTDOT worker killed in the line of duty a few weeks back.

6. Adjournment: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned on a motion by Lawlor/Dexter.

Respectfully submitted,
Thomas Roy, President