



July 16, 2016

RE: WMTSP/SICOP – APWA Winter Maintenance Sub-Committee Update:

Mark DeVries – Chair, Dan Schacher – Vice Chair

Matt Morreim – APWA WMTSP/SICOP Liaison

2016 APWA North American Snow Conference –

Hartford – May 22 - 25 (New England Chapter Sponsorship)

North American Snow conference was in Hartford CT May 22-24, 2016.

The final verified numbers are:

Registration – Final Numbers

Full Reg – 450

One-Day Reg - 79

Expo Only Pass – 974 (346 paid / 628 comp passes)

Misc. – 106 (includes press, speakers, board, volunteers, misc.)

Guest/Spouse/Child – 5

Total Number of Attendees –1614

Exhibitor Reps – 723

Total Number of People – 2337

Exhibits– Final Numbers

211 Companies

480 Booths

The certificate class had about 200 attendees on Sunday

Our committee meeting was held on Monday evening. There were about 35 attendees including Kathleen, Scott Grayson, Brian Usher and Rick

I will send out the minutes once completed. It was a good meeting and one major outcome was a new “Salt Brine Fact Sheet” for APWA.

2016 PWX

The 2016 PWX will be held in Minneapolis August 28 – 31st 2016 at the Minneapolis convention center. There will be 11 winter maintenance educational sessions at the PWX. The subcommittee reviewed the submittals and provided feedback.

The guaranteed session at PWX will be on multi modal issues and the recent winter biking conference held in Minneapolis

The winter maintenance committee is planning on meeting on Sunday morning, room and time TBD

Winter Maintenance Supervisor Certificate –

2014 workshops:

- a. Ohio – Cincinnati NASC (May)
- b. Colorado – Loveland, Western Snow & Ice Conference (September)
- c. Kansas – Kansas City (October)

2015 workshops:

- a. Grand Rapids – Michigan, NASC **257** Participants (April)
- b. Colorado – Loveland, Western Snow & Ice Conference (September)
- c. Alberta – Red Deer, Partners in Excellence Conference and Tradeshow (October)

The western conference and Alberta conference were both great. About 100 at the Western and over 60 in Alberta. the new format worked very well (see below).

2016 workshops

- a) Hartford – May 22nd – Complete
- b) South Carolina – August 8th
- c) Wisconsin – September 6th
- d) Loveland – September 28 & 29th
- e) Red Deer – October 3rd
- f) Kansas City – October 11th
- g) Vancouver – October 24th & 25th
- h) Michigan and New Jersey are pending

Certificate Program Updates

- a. Snow and Ice modules have been combined into a single section and a new module has been added at the end, “What Happens When”. The section focuses on what to do when your normal practices don’t work.



- b. Equipment Module has been updated to reflect changes that have taken place in the industry since the program was initially put together.
- c. Policy Module has also been updated and refreshed along with a couple other Modules.
- d. Certificate program presentations are currently undergoing a full redesign and refresh under the leadership of Mark DeVries.

Learning Management System (LMS)

- a. Evaluation of weather or not to move forward with converting the Winter Maintenance Supervisor Certificate into an online LMS is still ongoing.

November APWA Reporter, Snow and Ice Issue –

With the help of many key members that make up the APWA Snow and Ice Sub-Committee, we were able to put together a very successful November Reporter. The issue focused on current challenges and new adventures in the snow and ice industry. All in all, the Sub-Committee came up with nine very strong snow and ice focused articles that were accepted and placed in the issue.

This year, Members (Dan Schacher, Eric Hartmann, Lee Perkins, Kevin Hensley, Larry Schneider, Pat Kennedy, Marc Valenti) volunteered at the meeting to do submittals. Mark will send out a reminder in August. Outside articles are welcome.

Dan and Mark had articles in Road and Bridges.

Mark was interviewed by City and County Magazine.

Dan was interviewed by the USA today newspaper

Mark has an article in the 2016 April edition of Highway Magazine, a British publication

Mike Kennedy is doing a winter biking article for Road and Bridges now.

Click Listen & Learn –

October 22nd 2015 the Winter Maintenance Sub-Committee presented a webinar session on “Liquid use in winter maintenance”. The session was sold out which means 100 agencies had signed up. It will be available in the library for those that could not register.

2016 Click Listen & Learn –

2016 CLL was decided on at the meeting. Training was the theme, what is out there. Wilf made the suggestion and will be on it. Diana agreed to be on it so did Ben Jordan and Kevin Hensley. Ron Ditmars will be the moderator.

Other Activity –

- Clear Roads
John Scharffbillig will attend in Omaha this September. Mark and Wilf attended in Rhode Island because John could not. Mark gave an APWA update and we did a presentation on the BMP research we completed.
- SICOP
Matt Morreim will attend the next meeting in July with Mark and will assume the role representing the committee in the future.
- Dan Schacher presented at the Cold Comfort conference in Manchester England May 18-19 2016 representing Alaska and APWA.
- Mark DeVries is presented at the Cold Comfort Scotland meeting on April 28th and at the meeting in Manchester as well.
- Peer Exchange/SICOP
Over 150 snow and ice leaders attended a 3 day conference exchanging ideas and research needs. Mark attended as did Tim Croze and Mike Coffey. Mark represented the committee at the SICOP meeting.
- Transportation Research Board (TRB)
Mark, Wilf, Ben and Dave attended the 95th Annual Meeting – January 10-14, 2016 in Washington, D.C.
Winter maintenance committee and Surface Transportation Weather Committee.

Excellence in Snow and Ice award

- Three winners will be presented the award in Hartford
- Longmont Co, Buffalo Grove Il., Orangetown NY

Salt Brine Fact Sheet

- The committee has developed a fact sheet for agencies and media in response to inquiries about the use of brine in winter operations. (see attachment)



Tools in your Toolbox

- A series of articles regarding best practices and programs available to agencies dealing with winter operations. Wilf Nixon has been doing these monthly articles

Info Now

- A recently revamped system to push information to members and allow members to post inquires (similar to our list-serve)

New Executive Director

- Scott Grayson will take on his new role as Executive Director of the American Public Works Association on April 14th.

2017 APWA North American Snow Conference –
2017 Des Moines – April 23 – 26 (Iowa Chapter Sponsorship)

2018 and 2019 are out for chapter solicitation now.