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Message from the president

When I was in high school, I was asked to accompany the school choir on piano. I was a band nerd, so being involved with another part of the school's music program wasn't that big a stretch, so I said yes.

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The IAP2 Canada Mentorship Program begins next cycle

IAP2 Canada's popular Mentorship Program is set to begin a new cycle. The program connects established P2 practitioners with newcomers and gives an opportunity to share best practices and experiences. From past mentorship sessions, "veterans" and "rookies" alike tell us they have benefited greatly from the program.

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2015-17 Strategic Plan

In her President's Message, Anne gives an update on the work in developing the 2015-17 Strategic Plan. The Committee is finalizing the work plan for the next steps and they'll be looking for volunteers, so please keep an eye on future newsletters and the IAP2 Canada website and see how you can help out.

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IAP2 Certification Task Force Needs YOU!

The IAP2 Certification Task Force is still open for input into the draft Core Competencies document. You can have your say up till

Wednesday, Dec, 3.

Shop Talk: Mastering Conflict

Cinergy Coaching has a new blog item on "Mastering Conflict".

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You don't want to miss ...

... our next two webinars. On Tuesday, Dec. 9, "Engage the Systems of the Whole City" looks at ways of bringing together the many and varied "voices" in a city system to ensure all get a say in decision-making. **Beth Sanders** of Populus Community Solutions and **Ryan Henderson** of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, will share their experiences. [Click here](#) for more information and to register.

On Tuesday, January 13, we get to hear from two more Core Values Award winners on how their projects sparkled and caught the attention of the judging panels in Canada and the USA. Both were honoured in the Research Project category. **Dr Julia Abelson** has been working with health-care agencies across Canada to come up with a way of evaluating the success of patient-engagement initiatives. **Dr John Poynton** spearheaded a project to give parents a more meaningful role in public education in the St Vrain Valley School District in Colorado. He'll be joined by one of the parents, **Laura Mcdonald**. The St Vrain project was recently awarded "Research Project of the Year" by the IAP2 Federation. To get more information and register, [click here](#).

As always, these webinars are free for IAP2 members and only \$50 for non-members.

Chapter news

British Columbia

www.iap2bc.ca

Annual General Meeting

IAP2BC members installed their 2015 Executive at the AGM in Vancouver this month. **Catherine Rockandel** will return for another term as president, joined by:

- **Drew Ferrari**, Secretary
- **Sarah McKinney**, Treasurer
- **Lisa Moilanen**, partnership development coordinator
- **Daniella Ferguson**, member services
- **Carolina Quintana-Kohut**, training coordinator
- **Anthea Brown**, director at large
- **Andrea Winkler**, director at large
- **Michelle Aucoin**, director at large

Newly re-elected Vancouver City Councillor **Geoff Meggs** was the guest speaker. With public transportation constantly in the public eye in Vancouver, he spoke of the trade-offs required to get major projects moved forward. Transit in Vancouver is run by a regional authority – TransLink – which addresses often competing needs of 23 municipalities, districts and one First Nation.



About 25 members turned out for the IAP2BC AGM



Coun. Geoff Meggs spoke to the IAP2BC AGM. Returning President Catherine Rockandel is at left.

Wild Rose

www.iap2wildrosechapter.org

The Wild Rose chapter of IAP2 Canada has had a very eventful fall! We had a number of members attend the IAP2 North America Conference in Winnipeg and our Board hosted a meet-and-greet for all the conference delegates from Alberta. We had a great time and managed to capture some feedback about what our members appreciated about the Chapter (including networking, learning, meeting great

people!) as well as some ideas for future events (more mixers, case studies, and speakers from outside the field). Overall, it was a grand success!

We were able to host two great mixer events this fall, one in Edmonton and one in Calgary. They were well-attended and included short presentations by **Maria deBruijn** from Emerge Solutions (Edmonton event) and **Anne Harding** and **Adam Pommer** from Suncor Energy (Calgary event). Both spoke about the importance of using the IAP2 core values in conducting P2 in their industry and talked about the practical application of the values.

In Calgary, we hosted **John Lewis** of Intelligent Futures, for a lunch and learn session where he provided details on his 2013 IAP2 Project of the Year - ourWascana. John filled us in on the community conversation and development of a 50-year vision for the Wascana Centre in Regina, Saskatchewan. The ourWascana process was a tremendous success. Through the use of a variety of innovative techniques, over 3,300 citizens were engaged throughout the process and provided over 8,000 suggestions for planning Wascana Centre's next 50 years. Thanks to John for coming out to share how it all came together!

We are still having coffee klatches, alternating between Edmonton and Calgary on a monthly basis on the third Thursday. If you are travelling to one of these cities, please feel free to come along for coffee and a chat. We are holding off for December, but will be starting up again in Calgary in January.

Prairies

www.iap2canada.ca/prairie

The Prairies Chapter is holding its third annual Holiday Meet and Greet, Monday Dec. 1 in the Clay Oven at the Goldeyes Ballpark Building, 1 Portage Ave. East in Winnipeg. It's a chance to eat, drink, be merry and network with fellow P2 practitioners. You need to RSVP by Nov. 27 to

prairies@iap2canada.ca.

It's getting near election time, too, and the Prairies Chapter is looking for dynamic people from Saskatchewan, Manitoba and Northwestern Ontario to serve on the Board of Directors in 2015. The deadline for self-nominations is Friday, December 12, with voting to take place from Wednesday, Dec. 17 and Monday, January 12. Results will be announced at the IAP2 Prairies AGM on Feb. 9. You can download the [self-nomination form](#) here and submit it via email to the Elections Committee at

prairies@iap2canada.ca.

The Prairies Chapter is also partnering with KM (Knowledge Mobilization) for KM in the AM - a series of Conversation Cafés in Saskatoon. It's a networking opportunity in a World Café format. The most recent was held on Tuesday, Nov. 25: for information on future KM in the AM events, visit the [IAP2 Prairies Chapter](#).

Great Lakes

www.iap2canada.ca/greatlakes

Local chapter representatives participated in the Strategy Institute's 4th annual Public Consultation Summit held in Toronto in November. Members of the executive team co-chaired sessions, while others attended many of the informative sessions. Thank you to the Strategy Institute for another meaningful session.

Great Lakes Chapter is planning a learning and social function for early 2015. Details will be forthcoming. If you have any ideas or would like to volunteer for upcoming sessions, please get in touch.

St Lawrence / St-Laurent

www.iap2canada.ca/St_Lawrence

Lunch and Learn: Millennials in the Profession

Who is the new generation of P2 practitioners? Lindsay Wiginton of Acertys (and also an IAP2 Canada member) will give a lunch-and-learn presentation on December 5 on what she learned from interviewing nine "Millennials" in the profession. [Click here for more details.](#)

Annual General Meeting

Plans are underway for an early winter election at the St. Lawrence chapter. Please check back to our website in mid- December for more details. We are hoping to have a multi-venue AGM, hosting members in Montreal and Ottawa, linking by video. We plan to share in some learning, guest speakers, some food and some voting.

The steering committee is meeting once a month and there is a lot of work and planning being done to build our "bilingual chapter". We have a number of smaller committees working on, training, outreach and communications. We are pleased to see membership steadily increasing.

Public Consultation Summit

Janis Crawford and **Brenda Pichette** did a bilingual spotlight presentation at the Summit in Toronto on November 6. The presentation went well and there was an enthusiastic call for conference members to "join us"!

The St. Lawrence and Great Lakes Chapters joined forces at the summit to host a table in the exhibit hall. Brenda Pichette chaired the event, her opening address spoke to what important work we P2 folks do. It really seemed to resonate with the conference attendees. **Mike Sullivan** and **Carrie-Lynn Ognibene** from the Great Lakes executive joined Brenda in chairing the parallel streams at the conference.

There was a wonderful mix of speakers, the tracks included speakers for Private and Public sector engagement, and aboriginal and municipal consultations.

Atlantic (emerging) Chapter

Our membership list currently shows 40 (count 'em!) members in the Atlantic region, and the organizers of this new chapter are currently preparing their Letter of Intent to present to IAP2 Canada in the next couple of months.

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Yukon/Northern (embryonic) Chapter

Whitehorse, YT, member John Glynn-Morris continues his work to develop a Northern Chapter for IAP2 Canada. To help raise the profile of IAP2 in the Yukon, John is working with a southern Canadian firm to offer a training program in the spring of 2015. John has started to develop an informal network of professionals who work in variety of fields that include public engagement. His goal is to build a Yukon-based network which could one day support a regional or pan-Northern Chapter. If you are based in, or have interests in, Yukon, Northwest Territories or Nunavut and are interested in helping to form this new chapter, please contact John at johnglynnmorris@gmail.com.



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