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**February Newsletter****Message from the president****February 2015**

You know that Sister Sledge song “We Are Family”? (If you don’t, find it on [YouTube](#), it’s super catchy.) I recently went through a time of personal struggle and now that I am coming out the other side I’m reflecting on all the awesome support I received from my community around me



**Anne Harding,**  
IAP2 Canada President

[Read more](#)**Tips From The Trainers**

Each month, we present some handy hints and incisive insights from the people who train others in P2. This month, **Stephani Roy**

**McCallum of Dialogue Partners** shares some thoughts on “myths” of P2, addressing change and the importance of keeping people’s feelings in focus.

**What do you need to know about me?**

First of all, I’m the wife of a fabulous man, mother of 4 awesome children, and an avid world traveller, Spartan racer and paddle boarder.

I’m also the Managing Director of [Dialogue Partners](#) where I have led controversial projects around the globe on topics ranging from the rights of Indigenous peoples; municipal budgets; health care; natural disaster; truth and reconciliation; energy, environment and major infrastructure; and more.



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The IAP2 Canada Mentorship Program is currently in its February-October cycle. Check the [Mentorship Program page](#) for updates on the next cycle this Fall.

## Meet the Members

**Paula Hall, independent consultant;  
President IAP2 Wild Rose Chapter**

**How long have you been in P2, and where have you worked?**

I’ve been working in P2 for about 17 years, now. I have a communications background and I was looking for communications-related jobs and didn’t know where to go, and I wound up at a utility company in the siting department. It was there that I realized I wanted to deal with the people who were affected by decisions like siting of utilities and through that, I got



introduced to IAP2 in 1998. We were not told about IAP2 in university!

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### **Four Keynote Speakers highlight the 2015 IAP2 North American Conference**

An internationally-recognized facilitator who brings together people from diverse cultures and backgrounds, and a leader in conflict resolution in key policy areas will be two of the keynote speakers at the Fourth Annual IAP2 North American Conference, Sept. 9 – 11, in Portland, Oregon.

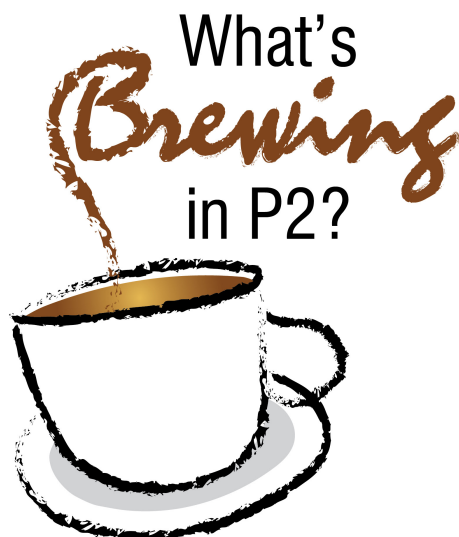
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### **WANTED: Session Presenters for Portland Conference**

The deadline is approaching to submit a proposal for a session presentation at the Conference. This is an opportunity to share an insight or angle with your friends and colleagues in P2.

Presentations at last year's Conference ran the gamut from Indigenous Engagement, to the



way Millennials see the future of the profession, to the importance of story-telling in P2. If you would like to present one of our sessions, you have until March 6 to submit your proposal.

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IAP2 USA Announces Skills Symposium – a chance to learn from the best!

You'll want to save these dates – May 27-31 – for the IAP2 Skills Symposium at the **Humphrey School of Public Affairs** at the University of Minnesota. It's a rare opportunity to learn from some of the best in the profession on topics you and your colleagues have said you want to learn more about: promoting diversity, using technology, building trust, evaluation, and much more. The topics and symposium leaders are still being finalized, so check back here, watch your email and the IAP2 USA website for updates.

[More details](#)

## Cool stuff from the IAP2 Monthly Webinars

Each month, our Learning Webinars present a great opportunity for you to learn all sorts of new approaches and ideas that can work for your P2 projects. Case in point: the February webinar, which featured Core Values Award winners Carolyn Lukensmeyer of the National Institute for Civil Discourse in the US and David Plouffe of the City of Calgary, Alberta, Canada

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## P2 – The Next Generation – the IAP2 Student Webinar, March 31

All across our countries, student interest in IAP2 is growing –and it's no wonder! Savvy students who used IAP2 to network, improve their skills, and land jobs are spreading the word like no other. Practitioners are some of the first to tell us they appreciate the energy and enthusiasm that student members bring to our organizations and that students and practitioners have much to learn from each other.

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## Chapter news

- Wild Rose sponsors student training & 2015 Signature Event
- AGMs in Prairies and St Lawrence/St-Laurent
- Yukon looks for good turnout for training in May

**Read All About It!**

Get ready to apply for the 2015 IAP2 Canada Core Values Awards!

Did you work on a successful, or innovative, or ground-breaking P2 project in the past year? Time to start thinking about making sure that it gets the recognition it deserves – and that others can learn from it. Applications for the 2015 IAP2 Canada Core Values Awards will be received **April 6 – May 1**. There are five different categories:

- Research Project of the Year
- Organization of the Year
- Indigenous Engagement
- Extending the Practice through Collaboration, Creativity and Innovation in the Field
- Respect for Diversity and Inclusiveness

From the winners of these categories, the **Project of the Year** will be chosen.

If you need inspiration, [click here](#) to find out more about last year's winners. And join our [webinar](#), Tuesday, April 21 at 2pm Eastern time to learn more. The deadline for submissions is **Friday, May 1**.

## Be part of the IAP2 Canada Board!

Nominations for positions on the IAP2 Canada Board for 2015-2017 open on March 2 and continue until March 23. For more information, contact us at [info@iap2canada.ca](mailto:info@iap2canada.ca). On March 17, IAP2 Canada President Anne Harding and other current board members will host a webinar, "Board Membership 100", to explain what the job entails and the benefits they've gained from it; and also to answer your questions.

**More information**

### Upcoming Events

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| <b>March 2-23</b>               | Nomination period for IAP2 Canada Board   |
| <b>Friday, March 6</b>          | North American Conference -- <b>deadline to submit session proposals</b>            |
| <b>Tues. March 10, 2pm (ET)</b> | IAP2 Monthly Webinar – " <b>Audience Response Systems in an Emotional Setting</b> " |
| March 17, 2pm (ET)              | Webinar – " <b>Board Membership 100</b> "   |

- Opening April 6;  
close May 1**      Applications for IAP2 Canada Core Values Awards
  
- Tue. April 14,  
4pm (ET)**      Webinar – "Creating a Framework for Citizen Engagement"
  
- April 21**      [Webinar on Core Values Awards](#)
  
- May 27-31**      **IAP2 Skills Symposium,**  
Humphrey School of Public Affairs, Minneapolis
  
- Sept, 9 - 11, 2015**      **Fourth Annual IAP2 North American Conference**  
DoubleTree by Hilton, Portland, OR



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