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Fwd: IAP2 Newsletter - March 2015

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**March Newsletter****From the Board****Kevin Thorvaldson, Board Director**

As many parts of Canada move slowly into spring {sorry easterners – it was a tough one for you!}, we begin a fresh new season & we thought it appropriate to let you know what your Board has been up to, as we move toward spring elections for the national Board, which will refresh the faces of the team that will lead IAP2 Canada for the next two years.

What is a typical day like for a board member? To begin, there really isn't a standard set of challenges; it changes each and every week, as our priorities and circumstances change, to move with the tides of our membership.



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Start thinking about applying for the 2015 IAP2 Canada Core Values Awards!

You and your team worked hard to deliver a great P2 project: now it's time to make sure it gets due recognition. The application process opens **April 6** and continues through **May 1**. Remember that it takes time to write an application, so plan ahead and [learn from last year's winners](#)

The three main categories are:

- Canadian Project of the Year
- Canadian Organization of the Year
- Canadian Research Project of the Year

There will also be 4 Project Category Awards – from which the winner of Project of the Year will be chosen:

- Extending the Practice through Collaboration, Creativity and Innovation in the Field
- Indigenous Engagement
- P2 for the Greater Good
- Respect for Diversity and Inclusiveness

Do you have questions? Do you know what's involved? Plan on attending [our special webinar](#) on the Core Values Awards: **Tuesday, April 21 at 2pm** Eastern time.

If you are interested in becoming a Core Values Award judge please contact us at info@iap2canada.ca for more information.

Citizen Engagement in Cities, Evaluating P2, highlight upcoming IAP2 Webinars

Following up on the popularity of our December webinar on how engaged cities involved their residents and communities we are pleased to continue the conversation. Citizens in Melbourne, Australia, are regarded as some of the more engaged in the world, and in our **April Learning Webinar**, we'll find out how that came to be, and how it can be done in your own P2 projects.

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Plan To Participate – The IAP2 Canada Annual General Meeting, April 28

IAP2 Canada's AGM will be held Tuesday, April 28, in conjunction with the BC Chapter networking social, "Thinking Beyond the Open House – Public Participation is more than Coffee and Doughnuts". As always, the AGM will be held via webinar, so watch your email inbox for details as we get them.

[Register](#)

Meet the Members

This month, we meet John Glynn-Morris, who set up his home base in Whitehorse, Yukon, and has been working to develop a new Chapter covering Canada's North.

John Glynn-Morris

Independent P2 Consultant

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

I'm a Vancouver kid originally, but have lived across the country. I have been living in Whitehorse for two years, but before that I spent a decade in Halifax and that's where I started my P2 journey. I'm a Park Planner and through that I was doing some public engagement activities but it just wasn't working.



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Guest Participation: Why a Citizen Joined IAP2...

Doug Marteinson, a non-practitioner member of IAP2 Canada

I had never intended to be a public participation practitioner, and I am still not there. Maybe it was the adoption of the term "engagement" in the advertising of stakeholder or community information events that raised my angst about the public participation field.

I am old school. My first understanding of engagement had to do with the beginning of a life-long commitment to partnership with my sweetheart. My work with corporate leaders in the territory of teamwork and strategy execution began over 20 years ago, before the days of "employee engagement". My 40 years in business have shown me how competitive advantage and enhanced profitability results from employees having a voice, being part of the solution, making things happen, and being charged up by their contribution!

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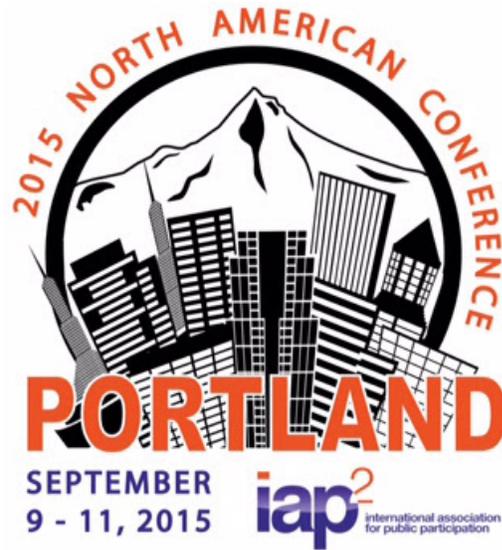
2015 IAP2 North American Conference, Sept. 9 – 11, Portland Oregon

Organizers of the Fourth Annual IAP2 North American Conference are thrilled with the

response for the call for presentations. More than 75 session proposals from around the world were received and are now being reviewed.

Have you taken a look at the keynote presenters? If you haven't take the time to review the experience and talent that you will have the opportunity to learn from.

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Chapter News

- A new Chapter is born!
- Beyond Coffee and Doughnuts!
- Schmoozin' in TO!
- New Prairie Chapter Board!
- Networking in Calgary in May!

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Special Free Webinar, March 31 – IAP2 for Students

More and more today, students want to be involved in things that better our world. Being a part of IAP2 provides excellent opportunities to do just that. So we want to hear and learn from you: what do students want to do with IAP2? How can you help? How can things change? What are the opportunities that are available?

Join us **Tuesday, March 31**, with a special **free** webinar on **IAP2 for Students**.

[Register](#)

Dive Deeper Into Successful P2! 2015 IAP2 USA Skills Symposium

Wednesday 27 May through Sunday 31 May, 2015

**Humphrey School of Public Affairs, University of Minnesota,
Minneapolis/St. Paul, Minnesota, USA**

The event will involve a wide range of workshops of varying duration and topics exploring skills, tools and techniques that support effective public participation. This training will be undertaken in a rich

learning environment, with activities building a creative and supportive space for participants whether they spend a day or the whole week at the event.

[More details](#)

Upcoming Events

- March 31,** Special Webinar: "**IAP2 for Students**"
2pm EDT
- April 6 – May 1** Applications accepted for IAP2 Canada Core Values Awards (visit the IAP2 website after April 6 for details)
- Tues. April 14** Monthly Webinar – "**Creating a Framework for Citizen Engagement**"
- Tues. April 21** Special Webinar – "**Core Values Awards** "
- Tues. April 28** IAP2 BC Networking Event: "Thinking Beyond the Open House: Public
5 – 7 pm Participation is More than Coffee and Doughnuts" with guest speaker
Victoria Mayor Lisa Helps (location TBD)
- Tues. April 28** **IAP2 Canada AGM**
- Tues. May 12** Monthly Webinar – "**Evaluating Your P2 Process**"
- Wed. May 27 –** **IAP2 Wild Rose Networking Event and AGM**
Thurs. May 28
- Wed. May 27 –** **IAP2 Skills Symposium**, Humphrey School of Public Affairs, Minneapolis,
Sun. May 31 MN.
- Sept. 9 – 11** **2015 IAP2 North American Conference**
Portland, OR
- Oct. 14-16** **2015 IAP2 Australasian Conference,**
Perth, WA



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