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Dear Friends,

'Tis the dog-days of summer (and here's the dog to prove it), with not much happening.

(There will now be a pause, while all those who have been getting ready for the [2015 IAP2 North American Conference](#) say, "Did someone say, 'Not much happening'?!")



Well, OK: *aside* from the fact that we and our colleagues with IAP2 USA are preparing to welcome a near-capacity crowd (over 330, as of this writing) to Portland, Oregon, it seems many of you are taking a well-earned breather to get ready for a new season.



If you're not able to make it to the Portland conference, you can follow what's going on via Twitter -- [@iap2cdn](#) or [@iap2usa](#), hashtag [#2015NAConf](#) – and watch for details of the **Core Values Awards** winners, which will be announced at the Gala on Thursday, Sept. 10.

We're also really excited about the plans for next year's North American Conference, which are already in the works ... and we hope to be able to tell you more, soon.

“Meet the Authors” – the IAP2 Monthly Webinar

Is P2 today the same as it was 20 years ago, when IAP2 was in its infancy? Chances are, you'd be hard-pressed to find anyone to say that it is, and even harder-pressed still to find anyone to say it will be the same as it is today, even 20 months from now, let alone that many years. But where is P2 heading? What are citizens like and what do they expect these days? Tina Nabatchi and Matt Leighninger have just brought out a book, [Public Participation for 21st Century Democracy](#), and they shared some of their insights in our August webinar.

In the book, Tina and Matt argue that current P2 infrastructure is out-dated, weak and inefficient; still based on what they call the “Three Minutes at the Microphone” model, ([read more](#))

IAP2 MEMBER PROFILE



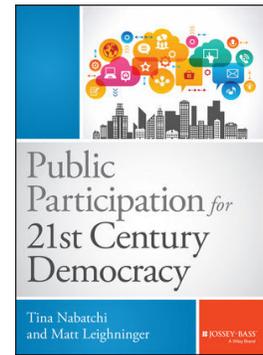
Chris Gurski

Public Participation Coordinator – Golder Associates, Ltd.

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

I got into P2 three-and-a-half years ago, when I first started my job at Golder. They hired me straight out of my undergrad at the University of Toronto. ([Read](#)

[more](#))



Chapter News – Wild Rose

May 2015 Signature Event

When a small group of us were asked to lead the planning of the 2015 Wild Rose Signature Event we eagerly stepped up to the challenge. Although the group was seasoned in our varied areas of practice, it quickly became clear that most of us did not have extensive experience planning a conference.

([Read more](#))

INTERESTING LINKS



“**Blueberry Soup**” is a documentary on the re-working of Iceland’s constitution; an effort that turned from basic consultation into what’s described as the “healing of a nation”. The doc is now being taken on tour as an example for other citizen groups, and you can learn more about it through a Kickstarter crowdfunding program: <https://www.kickstarter.com/projects/blueberrysoup/blueberry-soups-voyage-to-europe/posts/1300640>

The City of Edmonton continues to break new ground in citizen involvement, with its Civic Education programming at City Hall. Check out how [City Hall High](#) is bringing learning alive.

And the **Centre for Public Involvement** – a partnership of the City of Edmonton and the University of Alberta – has brought out [a new report on strengthening engagement](#) with a focus on thinking about and examining civic infrastructure and best practices. The report was done for the City of Edmonton Council Initiative on Public Engagement but provides examples and ideas useful for all practitioners.

COMING UP ...

[The IAP2 North American Conference](#), Portland OR, Sept 9-11.

[IAP2 October Webinar](#), “Getting Engaged / Staying Engaged”, online, Oct. 13 2pm Eastern

[IAP2 Australasia Conference](#) – including presentation of the IAP2 Federation Core Values Awards – Perth, Western Australia, Oct. 14-16.

We hope you have a great rest-of-the-summer, and look forward to more exciting discussions and opportunities in the fall!

All the best,

IAP2 Canada

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