

IAP2 Prairies Chapter – 2016 Annual Report



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE AND VISION

Another year has passed and we continue to see ongoing interest and participation amongst all members in the Chapter. I hoped that in 2016 we would continue to grow the community in Saskatchewan, offer learning events in Winnipeg, see Foundations training return to the Prairies and to continue to support northwestern Ontario. I believe that we have achieved these goals and gone further than anticipated.

This year saw ten events across the chapter; from lunch and learns to networking events, we saw Chapter members participating and sharing their knowledge. This is what the Board has tried to do – get our members together and to discuss and learn from one another to strengthen our communal goal of enhancing the field of public participation. We will continue to offer these opportunities as we continue into the new year.

Foundations training was offered here in Winnipeg by Dialogue Partners and the Board assisted where we could to promote attendance. We saw great numbers here in Winnipeg and believe that many of our members gained valuable knowledge from these talented trainers.

I thank the board members who will be leaving us this year as well as those who are continuing their term. Your dedication and hard work has been greatly appreciated and you have supported the strengthening of this Chapter. As we move into 2017, we will see for the first time a Board majority in Saskatchewan while still representing all three provinces. I welcome the new board members and their enthusiasm to support the Chapter.

Last year our past president, David, gave his goals for 2016.

The past year has been about building our presence outside of Manitoba, and based on the feedback from our membership, we intend on focus on providing increased opportunities for networking, discussion, events, and training throughout the Chapter in 2016. While training will always remain a focus for the Board, including bringing the IAP2 Foundations course back to our area, we want to diversify opportunities for our members to learn from each other outside of

the training environment, whether it be through professional discussion groups, lunch & learns, networking opportunities, outreach, and events held in conjunction with other like-minded professional organizations.

I believe we have achieved these goals and I am proud of our accomplishments this year. For 2017, I hope to continue the growth and support of Saskatchewan and their members, continue to provide opportunities for learning here in Winnipeg and to support northwestern Ontario in any way the board can to strengthen public participation in their region. Tell us what you want your board to be offering, we are here for you.

Trevor Joyal
President, IAP2 Prairies Chapter

COMMUNICATIONS

IAP2 Prairies Chapter reached out to its members and the public in 2016 through the use of social media, email, and by phone.

The Chapter maintained a presence on www.iap2canada.ca, Facebook, Twitter and LinkedIn.

Regular email messages using the Mail Chimp platform also kept members informed.

Connect with us in 2017!

- Facebook: www.facebook.com/IAP2PrairiesChapter
- Twitter: www.twitter.com/IAP2PC
- LinkedIn: IAP2 Prairies Chapter (Group)

MEMBERSHIP AND OUTREACH

The IAP2 Prairies Chapter outreach and networking efforts were successful throughout 2016 which lead to an increased membership throughout Manitoba and Saskatchewan, and broadening into northwestern Ontario!

As of January 2017, our membership has grown to 93 members. The rate of lapsed memberships is decreasing, while new memberships are up. Our goal is to retain exiting members while reaching out to more public engagement practitioners throughout our region.

The hosting of successful meet and greet events and training in Saskatchewan and Manitoba have allowed for increasing membership connections and outreach across the Prairies Chapter. In 2017, we hope to offer more training and networking opportunities, as well as increased awareness of IAP2 in the region.

Based on the increased membership, continued growth in members outside of Manitoba, and with a strong slate of new members on the 2017 Board of Directors, the future looks quite promising for the IAP2 Prairies Chapter!

GOVERNANCE

The International Association for Public Participation (IAP2) is a federation made up of national IAP2 organizations, including IAP2 Canada. The IAP2 Prairies Chapter is a chapter of IAP2 Canada that is made up of members from Saskatchewan, Manitoba and Northwestern Ontario. The Prairies Chapter operates under a formal Chapter Agreement with IAP2 Canada and is bound by the by-laws of IAP2 Canada. Prairies Chapter Board Members also operate within the IAP2 Board Member Code of Conduct, Privacy, and Conflict of Interest Policies.

The Prairies Chapter is currently managed by thirteen elected directors. The Board includes an executive that is made up of the President, Vice-president, Treasurer and Secretary. The Board also has additional committees that include the following – Membership and Outreach, Communication, Training and Governance, and one board member serves as a Chapter Liaison to IAP2 Canada and the other chapters.

IAP2 PRAIRIES CHAPTER - 2016 ELECTIONS

Self-nomination was opened to any interested party from November – December 2016. 6 interested applicants submitted their application to join the IAP2 Prairie's Board. In total there are 3 new Board members and 3 members extending their term. No election was held. New Board members anticipated to be acclaimed at the AGM on January 30, 2016.

FINANCE

The opening balance for the Prairies Chapter Trust Fund in 2016 was \$10,227.62.

Total revenue was \$3,641.91 which included a funding grant from IAP2 Canada of \$2,500.00, as well as gross revenue of \$1,141.91 from several lunch & learn events held in Winnipeg, Regina and Saskatoon.

The total expenses in 2016 were \$2,881.10. The majority of the expenses incurred related to lunch & learn and networking opportunities offered by the Prairies Chapter.

The balance on December 31, 2016 was \$10,988.43, representing a net increase of \$760.81 for 2016.