

Member Bulletin



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BC Chapter Website

The BC Chapter webpage is www.iap2bc.ca Visit it often to see what's new and to view the updated **Calendar of Events**.

Contact Us

We'd love to hear from you,
Catherine Rockandel, President
Craig Amundsen, Member Services Co-ordinator
Drew Ferrari, Secretary
Sarah McKinney, Treasurer
Vincent Gonsalves, Program Development Co-ordinator
Lisa Moilanen, Partnership Development Coordinator
Carolina Quintana-Kohut, Training Coordinator

President's Message

Catherine Rockandel - President, BC Chapter

2013 has arrived and looking back it has been a busy year for your executive! We enjoyed a very successful Spring Symposium, hosted the Enbridge coffee chat, and a social with Vince Verlaan, HB Lanarc-Golder. Vince led a dynamic and thought provoking conversation on "Sustainability, Social Learning and Public Participation" to a jam-packed room! We have been meeting with IAP2 Canada to discuss the new Chapter charter agreement still under consideration and the implications for BC Chapter. In addition we have promoted and supported extensive training for members, launched the new IAP2 BC website, and addressed a number of governance issues involving banking. We also welcomed two new directors, created three new committees and building relationships to partner with groups like C2D2, SFU, and CPRS to provide socials and training regionally throughout BC.

In September I also had the pleasure of attending the IAP2 North American Conference in Halifax. It was wonderful to connect with some of our BC members at the conference, as well as meet IAP2 International members from Australia, Italy, and France. On Sunday before the conference started I attended the IAP2 Canada Chapter Liaison Meetings. It was great to put faces to the names in the emerging chapters: Prairies, St Lawrence, and Great Lakes and reconnect with colleagues from the Wild Rose Alberta chapter. A round table discussion provided an update of the status of chapter activities. In Canada, the BC and Wild Rose chapters are offering the most extensive social and training activities for the membership. I had the opportunity to reiterate key concerns of the BC Executive in relation to the Charter Chapter agreement. Wild Rose certainly shares some of our concerns, however because they are incorporated their relationship will be grandfathered into the agreement. The emerging chapters suggested that the administrative burden of incorporation would make it difficult for them to grow. IAP2 BC executive have considered incorporation, however, IAP2 Canada has suggested that they will address all of BC's concerns in the agreement. Once an updated draft of this agreement is ready we will be distributing it to our members for input.

President's Message (Cont.)

On November 22nd IAP2 BC held its AGM. We shared stories, experiences and laughter while updating members on the activities of the past year. The Member Services Coordinator reported that membership has exceeded 170 people, a strong increase from approximately 110 from January 2012.

Your BC Executive is looking forward to strategic planning in January and offering an exciting line up of social events and training in 2013. We wish you and your family a very happy new year.

Calendar of Events

Please forward this bulletin and event invitations to your network.

BC Chapter Spring Seminar Details coming soon!

Contact Vincent Gonsalves, Events Co-ordinator Vincent.Gonsalves@translink.ca

TRAINING COURSES – Contact IAP2 BC Partners Below

IAP2 Training: March

March 11-15, 2013 Vancouver

The Canadian Trainers Collective (CTC) Build knowledge and skills for designing, implementing and facilitating effective public and stakeholder engagement. Registration is limited. Visit our website for full training and registration information or contact: cdntrainerscollective@shaw.ca

IAP2 Training: May

Delany and Associates

May 27-31, 2013 Vancouver

Dialogue Partners

For more information contact Lynn at Dialogue Partners:

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Expanded Board for BC Chapter

At the November 22nd IAP2 BC Chapter Annual General Meeting we recognized the efforts of Caryl Harper after her departure as Partnership Development Coordinator. Her work on the Partnership Development Planning Framework is very much appreciated and when the document is complete it will be posted on the BC Chapter website for members to view.

In reviewing the boards progress since the 2012 AGM the board realized we had an abundance of work ahead of us and the need to draw on other resources such as an increased board size and the use of committees to allow non board members to get involved and enhance the opportunities for chapter members. The board welcomes the assistance of Lisa

Moilanen as the new Partnership Development Co-ordinator.

Training has been recognized as a key component that needed strength on the board and as such we welcome Carolina Quintana-Kohut as the Training Coordinator.

We also developed 3 committees to assist the board in its work; Member Services (dealing with BC Chapter Social Media, special thanks to Dave Biggs for setting up the IAP2 BC LinkedIn page), Program Development Committee (supporting Chapter Social Events and the Spring Symposium) and the Partnership Development . Committee responsible for building relationships that add value to our members and raise the profile of IAP2 BC. We look forward to a productive year!

New Website for BC Chapter!

The BC Chapter has launched its website to help better support and serve our local membership; www.iap2bc.ca. In addition to event listings, a Facebook link, and partnership section (among others), the site will host a Chapter library. This section will be the home for interesting ideas you'd like to share, books, articles, tools, materials and website links submitted by members.

Start thinking about (and flagging) articles, books, links and resources that are relevant, interesting and will help evolve the practice and our dialogue. Also consider submitting them for inclusion in this bulletin. Please send to [Craig Amundsen](mailto:Craig.Amundsen)