EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE 2012 SPRING MEETING SUMMARY
Wednesday & Thursday, March 21-22, 2012
APWA Headquarters & White House Old Executive Building, Washington, DC

Participants:  Chris Walsh, Chair                Dave Bergner, Member
                Jeff May, Member                  Kürt Blomquist, Member
                Mike Sutherland, Member          Harry Weed, Member
                Cora Jackson-Fossett, Board Liaison Laura Berkey-Ames, Staff
                Teresa Hon, Staff

Guests:        Matt Cowles, Director of Government Affairs, NEMA
                Matthew Behnke, FEMA Intergovernmental Affairs
                Mark Silveira, Executive Officer, FEMA Grant Programs Directorate
                Luis Rodriguez, Chief, Engineering Mgmt. Branch, Federal Insurance and Mitigation Administration (FIMA)
                Joe Cecil, Insurance Examiner, Risk Insurance Division, FIMA
                David C. Thomas, Industry and Public Relations, National Flood Insurance Program, FIMA
                Howard Stronach, Branch Chief, Regulations and Policy Branch, Public Assistance Division, FEMA Recovery Directorate
                Brian Kamoie, Sr. Director of Preparedness Policy, White House
                David Bibo, Director of Preparedness Policy, White House
                Peter King, APWA Executive Director
                Jim Fahey, APWA Director of Government and Public Affairs

1. Chairperson Chris Walsh called the meeting to order at 8:15am
   a. Members introduced themselves
   b. The summary of the February 8 meeting summary was accepted as submitted
   c. There were no additional items suggested for the agenda

2. Director at Large Report – Cora Jackson-Fossett provided an extensive report which included the following:
   • This month’s membership numbers reflected a .6% decrease over last month but it is still a 1% increase over last year. There are 353 new members from the Never Been a Member campaign which is 7.4% less than last year.
   • APWA is currently collecting the chapter liaison appointment forms for chapter contacts in specific areas (Teresa Hon is following up with last year’s emergency management contacts).
   • The Donald C Stone Center has experienced great success with the following applicant numbers: 36 supervisor; 38 manager; 21 public works executives and 169 leadership fellows. The deadline for the current application period is April 17.
   • Snow conference registration numbers are up with exhibit sales up 30% over last year.
   • The Emergency Management Peer Resource Directory is now available through either the Member Resources (members only section) or the Emergency Management Committee web pages.
   • We are in the midst of the appointment process for next year. President-Elect Elizabeth Treadway will be in the Kansas City office April 11 to begin making her appointments.
   • Several Board positions are open this year. The National Nominating Committee is being formed.
   • The 75th anniversary of the Golden Gate Bridge is this year. APWA has been participating in plans for a special program scheduled for June. “Public Works for Public Learning” is a two-day event which will be held in San Francisco. It will recognize the anniversary but also highlight the importance of math, science and engineering in public works projects. Several articles have appeared in the Reporter which provides additional information.
   • The APWA Board of Directors established a goal of a 3% increase in memberships. In spite of the economy we are standing at about a 1.1% or 1.2% increase to date. At their recent meeting, the board approved a staff
proposal for an enhanced membership benefit program. The new program would eliminate separate fees for Click, Listen and Learn (CLL) programs and some publications. APWA held focus group meetings with chapters to provide more information. Effective July, future CLL and many past programs will be free to members. Some of our e-publications will also be available free.

Next week APWA will announce to the general membership. The new program will include a $15 increase in dues. To date we have received two negative responses but numerous positive comments. Jeff May indicated that this is good news for small towns like his own. Peter and staff feel that long-term it will be a positive change.

- Congress registrations opened yesterday (March 20). We are hoping for 1500 full registrants this year and will be undertaking some special promotions to encourage local/West Coast exhibitors. In 2013 Congress will be in Chicago, Illinois, then Toronto, Canada in 2014, followed by Phoenix, Arizona in 2015. Staff is working to establish memos of understanding with chapters to outline responsibilities of national and the chapter so that details are clear. There will be extra efforts expended at the Anaheim Congress to begin preparing attendees for the additional work necessary to cross into Canada. We recognize there will be extra issues for exhibitors in transporting equipment and materials. The last time Congress was in Canada was 1988.

- Peter asked members if there were issues they’d like to raise or discuss with him at that time. Speaking on behalf of committee members, Chris Walsh indicated that we have been discretely pushing to include public works as a first responder. Public works controls the critical infrastructure but the system doesn’t recognize that. She asked Peter if he felt being diplomatic and modest was the correct method or were we shooting ourselves by being polite. There was discussion of the issues and where APWA can/should target our efforts. Several valid observations were noted:
  - Perhaps our role as a first responder is a perception we should work to change in the next generation (Generation Y)
  - We should develop a strategy to establish on-going communication with the media and public so that public works is first in the minds of the public (as opposed to police and fire being the focus when reporting on response)
  - Talking points developed for elected officials and the community could be helpful in changing mind-sets
  - We should reinforce that we’re asset managers and reference the value of the assets we manage as it relates to a community’s total assets

3. Legislative Update – Laura Berkey-Ames provided a written legislative update and focused on select items for her oral presentation.

Interoperable Communications: Laura reminded the Committee that on February 22, President Obama signed into law legislation designed to strengthen emergency communications capabilities and interoperability nationwide. Provisions within the payroll tax cut extension, the Temporary Payroll Tax Cut Continuation Act of 2012, establish a new Nationwide Public Safety Broadband Network by allocating the 700 MHz D Block spectrum to the public safety and first responder communities. It is believed that implementation and thus, national build out of the Nationwide Public Safety Broadband Network will take a considerable amount of time. Laura will continue to track the implementation process as things move forward.

FEMA Reauthorization: Laura reported that the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee passed a $1 billion, three-year reauthorization of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) by voice vote March 8. Sponsored by House Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management Subcommittee Chairman Jeff Denham (R-CA), the FEMA Reauthorization Act of 2012 (H.R. 2903) would extend FEMA programs through 2014 and streamline how states and localities receive supplies and equipment from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). It would also shorten FEMA’s appeals process for assistance and require FEMA to ensure its cycle for State Hazard Mitigation plans is consistent with local planning cycles. The bill reauthorizes both the Dam Safety Program and Emergency Management Assistance Compact grants, makes permanent FEMA’s debris removal pilot program and establishes the Integrated Public Alert Warning System (IPAWS). IPAWS would modernize the current public alert warning systems by adapting the distribution and content of communications to specific geographic locations and/or individuals—including those with disabilities or limited English proficiency.

Cyber Security: Laura reported to the Committee that on February 14, Senator Joseph Lieberman (I-CT), Chairman of the Senate Homeland Security Committee, introduced the Cyber Security Act of 2012 (S. 2105). Title I of S. 2105 is of particular importance to APWA, as it deals with protecting critical infrastructure. Provisions in the bill would direct the Secretary of Homeland Security in consultation with owners and operators of critical infrastructure, the Critical Infrastructure Partnership Advisory Council, and other federal agencies and private sector entities to conduct top-level assessment of cyber security risks, and implement cyber response and restoration plans—thus expanding the
regulatory role of the Department of Homeland Security. Senator Lieberman’s bill has been met with support from Senate Democrats.

Senate Republicans—McCain, Hutchison, Chambliss, etc. released their version of cyber security legislation in February as well. Under the GOP bill, businesses and the federal government could share threat information through existing National Security Agency cyber centers—rather than expanding the role of DHS.

Laura is continuing to monitor both bills as they move forward. Moreover, Laura will be working with other associations (NEMA, National League of Cities, etc.) to schedule meetings with Congressional staff, agency personnel and stakeholders to discuss cyber security and critical infrastructure.

**Homeland Security Presidential Policy Directive 8 (PPD-8):** Laura reminded the Committee that the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is seeking comment on four working drafts of the National Planning Frameworks and the Recovery Federal Interagency Operational Plan, which are part of Homeland Security Presidential Policy Directive 8 (HSPPD-8). Laura requested that the Committee send comments to her no later than Friday, March 30. Laura will compile all comments and submit them on behalf of APWA.

Released March 5, the National Frameworks, focusing on prevention, protection, mitigation, response and recovery, clearly define key preparedness roles and responsibilities for the entire community. As each of these products is made final, federal interagency operational plans will be developed to provide guidance across the federal government to successfully implement the Frameworks. The National Frameworks are the next step toward implementation of HSPPD-8. In September 2011, FEMA released the National Preparedness Goal and the National Disaster Recovery Framework. The National Preparedness Goal outlines the vision for preparedness—that it is a shared nationwide responsibility—and identifies core capabilities and capability targets necessary to achieve across five mission areas: prevention, protection, mitigation, response and recovery. The National Disaster Recovery Framework is a guide that provides recovery support to disaster-impacted States, Tribes, Territorial and local jurisdictions. The Obama Administration released HSPPD-8 on March 30, 2011, replacing Homeland Security Presidential Directive-8 and Homeland Security Presidential Directive-8 Annex I, released under the Bush Administration. APWA was one of 24 national stakeholders that worked closely with the White House’s National Security Staff on developing the policy directive by way of providing comments on national preparedness, interagency coordination, response capabilities, and State and local resilience to natural and man-made emergencies.

4. Subcommittee Reports – Chris asked if it would be possible to prepare a master list of subcommittee projects. Teresa will prepare the document and work with committee liaisons and subcommittee chairs to schedule the next round of calls.
   a. Mitigation Subcommittee – Mike indicated that the subcommittee held their most recent call on January 30. There are a number of outstanding issues they are addressing. The subcommittee developed a new position statement to secure federal funding for purchase of equipment and training. They have also requested information from police and fire regarding any employee care programs they may have. To date there has been no response. They will also be following up with the APWA membership to identify agencies which already have a program in place (Teresa send infoNOW request for information). Chris Walsh promised to share information from her agency and suggested Brian Usher as another source. Another item the subcommittee is working to address is Urban Search and Rescue (USR), specifically training for public works professionals on Unit 5 of the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Program. Mike is getting his staff trained and mentioned a possible contact for development of a training program for public works. Mike will follow-up with Todd Mann, who currently teaches the 300 and 400 courses.
   b. Prevention Subcommittee – Dave indicated that the February meeting was postponed. They are working to address Think Tank recommendation #11 by establishing a process to work with chapters in setting up partnerships in each state with EMA’s and FEMA for information and training exchanges. They have developed draft letters to IAEM and chapter contacts. This subcommittee has also established a group of volunteers to work on an update to the Writing Your Emergency/Disaster Plan publication.
   c. Preparedness & Planning Subcommittee – Kürt indicated that the subcommittee will be meeting in the next couple of weeks to identify the next project for the subcommittee, now that the Peer Resource Directory has been launched.
   d. Response Subcommittee – Harry deferred to Laura for a complete report. The last conference call occurred on January 31, 2011. The subcommittee had guest speakers, Bruce Slagoski, Beloit, WI Department of Public Works and Randi Millsap, General Counsel, Department of Military Affairs, to discuss the mutual aid program in Wisconsin. The subcommittee’s current initiative is to develop an online mutual aid toolkit for APWA members,
e. Recovery Subcommittee – Jeff and Teresa indicated that the committee will be focusing on updating and identifying resource materials for the APWA website. They reviewed their assigned position statements and are now working to address a standard methodology and format for condition assessment valuation. The next call is scheduled for March 30 and subcommittee chair Gary Schneider is eager to proceed.

5. External Working Group Reports

a. Stafford Act Coalition – Laura for Larry Z - The Coalition last met on February 23 and spoke with Dan Matthews, Republican Staff Director of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management. Dan specifically discussed the FEMA Reauthorization bill (HR 2903)—which is outlined in detail in the Legislative Update.

b. HSPD-8: National Preparedness Goal, Target Capabilities, Universal Task List, NIMS & NPR, NAC Update – Teresa Scott had nothing new to report other than the fact that nominations were open for several NAC positions. APWA sent a letter of support/endorsement for Chris Walsh’s nomination. Teresa Hon will check with her to see if some of these items are now complete and can be removed from the monthly report.

c. Credentialing: DHS Committee – Diane Linderman indicated that there has been no movement from FEMA to address the updated resource teams. Mike provided information on the Colorado pilot programs for credentialing but budget shortfalls are creating problems for them. They have applied for a grant. Wisconsin is also experiencing issues with credentialing. New Hampshire does their own internally.

d. SAFECOM – Laura provided detailed minutes from Phil Mann’s last meeting to the full committee. During Phil’s SAFECOM meeting, discussion topics included: homeland security/emergency management grants for FY 2013, build out of the Nationwide Public Safety Broadband Network and Next Gen 911 technology.

f. Homeland Security Consortium – Laura Berkey-Ames/Chris Walsh - The National Homeland Security Consortium’s semi-annual meeting with take place on May 2-3 in Washington, DC. Currently, the Consortium is in the process of updating their white paper, Protecting Americans in the 21st Century: Imperatives for the Homeland. It is anticipated that President Obama and the Republican nominee will approach the NHSC during the 2012 presidential campaign. During the 2008 presidential campaign, both the Obama and McCain camps reached out to the Consortium for their position on homeland security/emergency management issues. NHSC representative Christine Walsh provided comments on behalf of APWA.

g. IRWG sub group on PW – Chris/Kürt will check to see if the work of this group is complete.

h. Criticality Industry stakeholder workshop – Curt Edwards shared information on the next meeting scheduled for April 23-24 in Arlington, Virginia. Curt will be unable to attend. It was recommended that we reach out to subcommittee member Peter Drenan to see if he would be available to attend.

i. The Infrastructure Security Partnership – Kürt indicated this is complete and should be removed from future agendas.

j. All Hazards Incident Management Team Association – Mike indicated there is nothing recent to report. Their regions match the FEMA regions.

k. Emergency Service Sector Working Groups and Summit – There are a number of ESS Working Groups on which public works/APWA is represented. We will try to develop a more complete list. The following update of known projects was provided:

- Emergency Services Self Assessment Tool (ESSAT) – Chris – working on developing scenarios for training exercises
- Summit Planning Group – Kürt and Phil Mann – they are working on planning a conference and want public works participation
- ESS Cyber – Chris
- ESS Medical Countermeasures – Chris currently serves on this group but feels it might be more appropriate for a Mitigation or Prevention Subcommittee member to serve (Mike or Jeff?)
- CSCS Working Group (Cyber)
- Cyber Risk Assessment – Kürt and Chris

l. NEMA-EMAC Advisory Group – Larry Zensinger usually attends these meetings but is unavailable for the May 22-24, 2012 EMAC Mutual Aid Workshop in Des Moines, Iowa. APWA has been scheduled as part of a panel discussion on our efforts to address mutual aid. Jeff May agreed to attend and represent APWA. Chris will provide a copy of a PowerPoint she’s used previously.

m. Transportation Research Board (TRB) – Dave Bergner indicated that a consultant has been selected to author a Debris Management Handbook for State and Local DOTs.
6. Discussion of committee member involvement with external groups – the current list of APWA/public works representation on external working groups and consortiums was briefly reviewed and discussed. Members were directed to forward a list of their activities to Teresa and Laura so that we can update the list and perhaps redistribute responsibilities. Members should also provide 2-3 sentences describing the group and expected outcomes.

7. Members discussed the current position statements and suggestions which had been offered.
   a. Public Works and Statewide Mutual Aid – Advocacy (Response) OK as is
   b. Flood Map Modernization Program – Advocacy (Mitigation) – The map modernization project is now complete but the statement addresses risk maps so a title change would be appropriate. (will check with GAC staff to see if it needs to go through the approval process)
   c. Public Works and National Preparedness – Advocacy (Preparedness) no changes
   d. Public Works and the Stafford Act – Advocacy (on hold due to pending legislation but will leave on the APWA website)
   e. Public Works and Interoperable Communications – Advocacy (on hold due to pending legislation, recommend we pull from web site).
   f. Public Works and Cyber Security – Advocacy (Prevention) no changes
   g. Improving Local Agencies' Emergency Service Capabilities – Guidance (Mitigation & Recovery) – Changes recommended by Jim Maxwell and Chris Walsh were discussed by the full committee and approved.
   h. Public Works Professionals as Emergency Responders – Guidance (all subcommittees) – members will review the suggestions from Larry Zensinger and determine which items should be integrated into the statement (and/or add their own). Recommendations should be submitted to Teresa by April 12 so that she can compile and distribute for discussion during the April conference call meeting.
   i. The Role of Public Works During a Pandemic – Guidance (Prevention) OK as is
   j. Public Works and Federal Homeland Security/Emergency Management Grants – this is the new advocacy statement developed by the Mitigation Subcommittee and approved by the EM Committee. In light of NEMA’s proposed changes to the grant structure, it was recommended that the statement be updated to include the term “multi-disciplinary” and address the topic from a build out perspective.

8. Brainstorm topics for Reporter issue, Click, Listen & Learn, and live events (Snow, Congress, and Sustainability)
   - January edition of the Reporter (due November 15)
   - Click, Listen & Learn Program (January, 2013)
   - 2013 North American Snow Conference, Charlotte, NC (April 7-10)
   - Sustainability in Public Works Conference (June 2013)

Members suggested topics which will be reviewed and categorized during the April meeting. The name next to the topic refers to the individual who brought the idea forward.
   a. Whole communities (Chris)
   b. Colorado credentialing: Why it is important, the pros and cons (Mike)
   c. Promoting ourselves (see Zensinger’s comments for the position statement) – Cora can locate authors for us
   d. Using ICS forms in public works (Chris) Brian Amundson
   e. Mutual Aid (Jeff from EMAC program)
   f. Ask committee nominees if they have suggestions for articles
   g. Basics/intro to emergency management – for new members (Jeff)
   h. NC Chapter Program on EM (Cameron Patterson)
   i. Why should they care? (Kürt)
   j. Flooding/tornado: what to know to prepare for the events in areas where these weather-related issues are uncommon
   k. Organizational chart for snow storm – includes four categories which shows crew leaders and supervisors a visual of ICS (Mike)
   l. NHSC White Paper
   m. Report on all the working groups and what they’re doing to represent public works (and end results of the working groups)
   n. Mitigation is sustainability
   o. Highway incidents and how public works plays a role
   p. Public Assistance
   q. Special events traffic management. Cora provided two California examples – Michael Jackson’s funeral and awards shows
   r. NIMS Compliance Assistance Support Tool (NIMSCAST) (Bergner)
s. Article for chapter newsletters
t. Contact IAEM for an article
u. Contact NEMA for an article
v. Four EMI independent study programs
w. Harry Weed will send Teresa his PowerPoint presentation on the value of public works so that it can be distributed to all members.

It was requested that Teresa obtain the summary of the completed evaluations from the Snow Conference (EM-related programs) so that the committee can review and determine topics to propose next year. Additionally, it was recommended that APWA invite FEMA representatives to exhibit at the Snow Conference and Congress.

9. Meet with Matt Cowles, Director of Government Affairs with the National Emergency Management Association (APWA office) – The Committee wanted to speak with NEMA about their homeland security/emergency management grants proposal which was sent to FEMA Administrator Craig Fugate, Congress and White House on January 3, 2012.

According to Mr. Cowles, the NEMA Grant Proposal was not intended to be legislative language or grant guidance, but rather one focusing on principles and values with a suggested concept for reorganization providing grantees increased flexibility and more comprehensive accountability to Congress. Under the proposal, states would be awarded three allocations from DHS: Emergency Management Performance Grants, a new homeland security cadre grant, and a project-based investment and innovation grant.

After providing the Committee with extensive background on the proposal and fielding various questions, the Committee determined that they would like APWA to work closely with NEMA as they lobby Congress and the Administration on issues pertaining to homeland security/emergency management grants. The Committee also recognized that the political landscape is changing—as is the current grant structure (especially given the DHS/FEMA FY 2013 budget request)—and would like to get a head start on making sure that public works has a place in this debate and any new grant structure that is established. Mr. Cowles referenced the 57 NEMA state directors. The committee feels it is important that we encourage our chapter representatives to develop a professional relationship with these directors.

Moreover, the Committee has asked Laura and Mr. Cowles to work together on finding a way to incorporate a “public works as first responders” presentation at NEMA’s next annual meeting.

Laura and Mr. Cowles plan to meet in April to further discuss both the issue of grants and NEMA’s next annual meeting.

10. Meet with FEMA personnel (APWA offices) – Matthew Behnke, FEMA Intergovernmental Affairs; Mark Silveira, Executive Officer, Grant Programs Directorate; Luis Rodriguez, Chief, Engineering Mgmt. Branch, Federal Insurance and Mitigation Administration; Joe Cecil, Insurance Examiner, Risk Insurance Division, FIMA, joined the Emergency Management Committee; David C. Thomas, Industry and Public Relations, National Flood Insurance Program, FIMA; and Howard Stronach, Branch Chief, Regulations and Policy Branch, Public Assistance Division, FEMA Recovery Directorate

The Committee addressed the following issues with FEMA personnel.
- The Committee reviewed the FEMA-APWA Memorandum of Understanding, and how APWA and FEMA can continue to foster a closer working relationship. The current MOU expired on July 26, 2010. Laura will be working with Matthew Behnke to draft a new MOU. It is anticipated that a new MOU will be presented to the FEMA Administrator by the end of the year.
- Due to our nation’s current economic climate, budgetary shortfalls are forcing public works agencies to make do with less. The Emergency Management Committee discussed what FEMA is continuing to do to foster strong federal-state-local partnerships in an effort to direct funds as quickly as possible to those in need. According to FEMA, the current grant guidance has been released and grant applications are due in April. States will still distribute funds and determine the projects and portions received. If a locality receives a grant, these funds can be used to either purchase new or refurbish current equipment, sending a strong message regarding maintenance and sustainability of current assets. This application cycle is emphasizing whole community vs. silos.
- In the future, grant awards will be tied to the results of each state’s Threat Hazard Identification Risk Assessment (THIRA). Emergency Management Committee members stressed the importance of multi-jurisdictional
representation on the team undertaking the analysis or the results won’t be comprehensive enough. The National Preparedness Directorate will have draft THIRA guidance.

- With the National Flood Insurance Program’s short-term extension set to expire at the end of May, the Emergency Management Committee asked FEMA to discuss their perspective of NFIP reform/reauthorization. Because flood maps are of great importance to public works personnel, the Committee discussed where the Flood Map Modernization Program is in updating flood maps—especially given the tight economic times. According to FEMA personnel, the Flood Map Modernization Program has been completed—with 92% of flood maps updated. Currently, FEMA is working on the Risk Map program which helps to keep flood maps current, digitalizes them and enhances the hazard assessment tools—which will improve the ability of public works departments’ optimum performance by reducing risk through more effective emergency planning. Communities have six months to adopt the maps and implement in their ordinances. FIMA is still working through their backlogs.
- When new maps are released, a notice is posted to local newspapers. Every community has a map repository to which FEMA sends the preliminary maps. Communities have a 90-day period during which they can appeal the base flood evaluations. Appeals must contain technical or scientific data in order for it to be overturned.
- A problem which remains is the levee systems and the ability to determine viability (meet current regulatory requirements). A levee certification process is underway. The comment period for review of the draft documents recently closed. A projected date for the new procedures is late 2012 or early 2013.
- The Committee shared comments from APWA members regarding the difficulties encountered in collecting documentation and completing forms for reimbursement through the public assistance program. Mr. Stronick indicated that they are making changes to the funding process. Two examples he provided were making last year’s pilot program permanent and incentivizing planning. He indicated that there will be an opportunity to comment on the PPD8 frameworks when they are published in the Federal Register. Mr. Stronick indicated a willingness to work with APWA on webinars on selected topics. Staff will maintain contact with him as topics are identified.

11. Review of 2011-12 Work Plan/@ A Glance and identification of items for 2012-13 – Members went through the current work plan line by line updating progress, identifying items which have yet to be addressed and making determinations for 2012-13.

12. Review of Progress on Think Tank Recommendations – Members reviewed each of the recommendations and provided updates on committee, subcommittee and staff efforts to address the recommendations. Of the 14 recommendations, six are complete or no further action can be taken by the committee or subcommittee, two will be on-going, and completion dates have been reviewed or revised for the remaining six items.

13. Meet with White House Resilience Directorate personnel (Old Executive Office Building at State Place) –Brian Kamoie, Sr. Director of Preparedness Policy and David Bibo, Director of Preparedness Policy welcomed Emergency Management Committee members. The Committee spent a little over an hour at the White House, and candidly conveyed their experiences as public works directors and emphasized the vital role public works serves on the state and local level.

Mr. Kamoie and Mr. Bibo were very receptive to the Committee’s remarks on public works and national preparedness. Throughout their conversation, a variety of subjects were discussed, namely the importance of APWA submitting comments on PPD-8’s newly released drafts of the National Frameworks, the Administration’s intent to re-write Homeland Security Presidential Directive 7 (which pertains to critical infrastructure protection) and what the Obama Administration has done to address medical countermeasures.

The Committee ended their meeting at the White House by affirming their dedication to serving the Administration in its effort to better protect and thus create a more resilient nation as the White House continues to review and revise current national preparedness policies.

14. Development of draft 2012-13 Work Plan – While reviewing the 2011-12 plan, members identified new items for the next fiscal year:
- Outreach to members re public works role in emergency response
- Encourage APWA members to testify at state level
- Begin planning emergency management technical track for the DCS
- Study other certification programs currently available to emergency managers and identify gaps for public works which can be addressed through new APWA programs
- Work with the public assistance staff to identify topics for web-based training feature FEMA staff
15. Congress 2012 sessions – informational
   a. The speaker/coordinator for one of the committee “guaranteed” sessions had to withdraw. Members discussed potential topics to replace this one. Chris Walsh mentioned a Medical Countermeasures pilot program currently underway. The program involves survey of members/employees to determine which disciplines would still come to work in the event of a pandemic. Chris volunteered to contact the speaker. Dave Bergner mentioned that CalTrans has a major trauma post-event debriefing program. He volunteered to contact Larry Orcutt. Members agreed that a two person panel composed of these individuals would be appropriate and directed Chris and Dave to follow-up with the potential speakers.
   b. Panel discussion on successful preparedness initiatives (includes selection, training, equipping and organizing personnel) Monday, Aug 27 – suggested by Dave Bergner (Warren Leek, Director of Maricopa County Emergency Management and Sudi Shoja, agreed to serve on the panel).
   c. Panel Discussion: Working with Others/Building Credibility as First Responders (examples: fusion center to integrate different water groups – teach our counterparts of how to begin conversations and work with others, presenting ourselves as public works and how we come across) Tuesday, August 28 – suggested by Robert Canterbury, TX (Tony Peña, State EM Coordinator Region 3, Texas Department of Public Safety, agreed to be a panelist), Tony Boller or Brandon Bond – Cora will check and see if she can identify the correct person

16. Schedule for monthly InfoNOW Community Postings (e-mail addressed to emergency@infonow.apwa.net)
   April – Harry   May – Jeff   June – Kürt

17. The next conference call meeting is scheduled for April 20th at 8:00am Pacific/9:00am Mountain/10:00am Central/11:00am Eastern

18. Adjourn