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2004 MPPI AGM PRESIDENT'S REPORT

I would like to begin my report by thanking each member of Council for his or her valued contribution over the past year: Peter Mah; Donovan Toews; Wendy Raths; John Neill; Dwayne Rewniak; Bill Budd; Ian Wight; Chris Leach; and our student representatives, Ayoka Anderson and Rachel Phillipe. Your hard work is very much appreciated. Each of you has played an important role and has stepped up to the plate to accept key responsibilities on Council.

Over the past winter, I represented MPPI on a number of ongoing committees with other design professionals. These include the City of Winnipeg's working group for downtown design review and the Steering Committee for the international design competition, City Crossing, as well as the Faculty of Architecture's Endowment Fund Committee.

In March, we helped to sponsor the Manitoba Planning Conference. I can tell you that it is an amazing experience to sit down with more than 300 people, most of whom are not planners, to discuss planning issues. At that event, our Institute was again invited by Manitoba Intergovernmental Affairs to participate in the Manitoba Planning Excellence Awards and, once again, Doug Kalcsics ably represented us on the jury.

This year, two of our members had opportunity to represent us on delegations to China. Peter Mah was a member of the CIP delegation that made an initial visit to a number of Chinese cities last fall – and many of you were able to share his experience through the slide show he presented last winter. As well, Donovan Toews was chosen after an open call for expressions of interest, to join Dave Witty and other design professional to attend a collaborative conference exploring the Three Gorges Project resettlement program.

We also continued to expand our partnership with the University and our commitment to students. This year we provided awards to two students to offset the costs of attending the annual CAPS Conference to present their papers. In addition, because this year's conference was held in Saskatoon, we partnered with the University to assist with the travel expenses for a large delegation of students. Standing committees continue to develop new ways to support students and develop the student/professional relationship.

I would be remiss if I did not mention our outgoing council members. We will miss Peter Mah's hard work and enthusiasm, Wendy Rath's dedication and attention to detail and Bill Budd's – well, we'll just miss Bill – he's a unique guy. Our loss is definitely New Brunswick's gain. I must also thank Chris Leach for all of his help over the last two years. Chris is leaving Council this year to carry on in his capacity as President-elect for CIP. His contribution has been enormous.

Lastly, I would like to express my gratitude for having been given the opportunity to serve as your President. It has been both challenging and rewarding two years. I'm looking forward to serving as the National Councillor for the next two years.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda McFadyen, MCIP
President

MPPI MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE 2003-04 ANNUAL REPORT

Committee Chair: Dwayne Rewniak

Committee Members: Chris Leach, Paul McNeil, Dave Jopling

The Membership Committee is responsible for reviewing all membership applications, including verifying application information submitted by candidates, reviewing Log Books and Portfolios, and administering written examinations and oral interviews for candidates for Full Membership.

In considering applications for membership, the Committee follows the requirements set forth in the Canadian Institute of Planners' (CIP) membership guidelines contained in *Schedule "A" of CIP By-law No. 1* and the *CIP Membership Manual*. In addition, the Committee responds to membership inquiries from members and prospective members and participates in an annual review of CIP membership guidelines and procedures with the national membership committee and membership committee representatives from all provincial affiliates.

During the 2003-04 year, a total of 22 student membership applications, 2 public associate membership applications, 4 provisional membership applications, 1 full member application, 1 transfer in application and 7 transfer out applications were processed:

Student Memberships

Jessica Boot (October 6, 2003)
Helen Gao (October 6, 2003)
Meagan Henke (October 6, 2003)
Christa Jacobucci (October 6, 2003)
Amy Jordan (October 6, 2003)
Erin McCleery (October 6, 2003)
Jayson Sechele (October 6, 2003)
Cheryl Selig (October 6, 2003)
Dolu Gonzales-Molina (October 7, 2003)
Rachel Philippe (October 7, 2003)
Tom Young (October 7, 2003)
Julio Rivas (October 17, 2003)
Leanne Anderson (October 24, 2003)
Donald Nip (October 24, 2003)
Allison Lazaruk (November 28, 2003)
James Platt (November 28, 2003)
Gary Christopher (January 22, 2004)
Jennifer Jenkins (January 22, 2004)
Om Joshi (January 22, 2004)
Khalid Mohammed (January 22, 2004)
Karen Sadler (February 20, 2004)

Jennifer Ferguson (April 21, 2004)

Public Associates

Andrew Robertson (December 10, 2003)

Samantha Andre (December 16, 2003)

Provisional Memberships

Kerri-Lyn Hanson (November 3, 2003)

Kristy LeBaron (January 22, 2004)

Lisa Hardess (August 17, 2004)

Ravi Singh (September 8, 2004)

Full Memberships

Veronica Hicks (June 29, 2004)

Membership Transfers IN

Martin Grady (Provisional Member, transferred from AACIP, February 16, 2004)

Membership Transfers OUT

Chris Hewitt (Provisional Member, transferred to AACIP, February 16, 2004)

Yisen Li (Student Member, transferred to OPPI, February 16, 2004)

Brandon Powell (Full Member, transferred to AACIP, April 16, 2004)

Eric Shaw (Provisional Member, transferred to OPPI, July 30, 2004)

Martin Sandhurst (Full Member, transferred to PIBC, August 20, 2004)

Bill Budd (Full Member, transferred to API, August 23, 2004)

Heather MacKnight (Full Member, transferred to PIBC, September 3, 2004)

Respectfully Submitted,

Dwayne Rewniak, MCIP
Chair

MEMBER SERVICES ANNUAL REPORT 2003-2004

Committee Members:

Donovan Toews (Chair)

Glen Doney

Greg Kaletzke

Jason Granger

John Niell

Lloyd Talbot

Myra Cruz Arado

Peter Mah

Susan Mulligan

The Member Services Committee spent an active year pursuing four major Action Items:

Action Item 1 - MPPI Website/MPPI Bulletin: The MPPI website upgrade initiated in the previous term was completed this term, with the focus of efforts on implementing the online Consultant's Directory, which is up and running. The website recorded x hits. Graduate Student Profiles were also posted. Current efforts are directed at finding a new webmaster (with Myra Cruz Arado's pending retirement from the position) and beginning to accommodate emerging CPL programming on the website. The MPPI (email) Bulletin was issued on an as needed basis with steady activity throughout the year. Using the MPPI Bulletin to direct members to web site postings seemed to work well throughout.

Action Item 2 – MPPI/MALA Golf Tournament: This first annual 'Making the Link' Golf Tournament was successfully carried out in June with over 50 participants at the tournament/dinner held at the Player's Golf Course in Winnipeg. Feedback was positive. Two \$800 student awards were raised for a landscape architecture and a planning graduate student – to be awarded to the Best Thesis/Practicum project in each Department. It is hoped this will become an annual function and award as another means of linking the University with MPPI and MALA. Although MALA's participation was low, there were scheduling conflicts that will be avoided next year.

Action Item 3 – MPPI Grad Recognition Program: The committee developed a three stage graduate student recognition program with an aim to encourage student involvement in the affiliate and recognizing their significant accomplishment. The program includes: A letter of congratulations to each graduating student; the posting of student profiles on the web and in a more extensive poster version at the AGM; and the award of the 'Making the Link' Best MDP award as noted above. The award this year will be presented at an event following the 2004 AGM.

Action Item 4 – MPPI AGM Event: The 2004 AGM is scheduled for September 30 at Green Gates Restaurant. A Panel Forum is planned on the topic 'The Push and Pull of Winnipeg's Growth: Shaping Our City and Region'. The event is also linked with Chautauqua 2004, an event organized by the UofM focussing on public consultation. The keynote speaker was unconfirmed at the time of writing.

Submitted by:

Donovan Toews

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT FOR 2004

Introductory Note:

Committee membership has remained strong, but has changed substantially over the course of the reporting year. Bill Budd stepped down from his position as committee chair for his move to a new job in New Brunswick in Spring 2004. Kristy LeBaron accepted the challenge to replace Bill as chair, and will retain this position until she is cast out through membership revolt.

Veronica Hicks, Ian Wight, Grant Melnychuk, Martin Frigo and Michelle Richards have continued their membership and their great work for the committee. New members include Mark Broderick, Roger Lam and Meagan Henke (new student rep) and we said goodbye to Rachele Phillips (former student rep).

Committee Objectives: *To promote Continuing Professional Development/Learning opportunities for members of MPPI, facilitate a Mentorship Program between practitioners and students of planning and facilitate stronger ties with faculty and students at the UofM Department of City Planning.* This year's committee has endeavoured to realize its objectives in the following ways:

Continuous Professional Learning (CPL)

Activities under this heading have largely related to the development of a mandatory CPL program for MPPI, in accordance with the guidelines developed by CIP. The Committee has developed an information package on what an MPPI CPL program might include (using the PIBC model as a guide), and will be used as reference material when the committee undertakes initial membership consultation on CPL in the fall (post AGM).

Chris Leach will give a short presentation on CPL at the AGM, after which, the information packages will be distributed. Initial consultation consists of interviews with a 20% sample of the membership.

The committee has organized a CPL opportunity as a kick-off to the AGM with a Seminar on public consultation with Wendy Sarkissian, a leading practitioner in Australia. The Seminar will be the first of many events organized by the committee in support of earning CPL learning units (Seminar is worth 2).

The Committee has also prepared a CPL Reading list (suggested readings) that is now available on the MPPI website. Plans for a dedicated CPL section on the website are being discussed.

Mentorship Program

The purpose of the program is to encourage MPPI members to share their professional experience with eager and upcoming planners and to discuss the planning profession on an informal basis. At the end of 2003, a Mentorship Guidebook and other related forms became available to members and students on the MPPI website. In February 2004, the committee hosted its annual Mentorship Wine & Cheese event in promotion of the program, which was a great success at the Forks. The committee hopes to tie the Mentorship Program into CPL activities in the near future.

Facilitate Stronger Ties with Faculty & Students in the Department of City Planning

2004 MPPI Student Case-in-Point Excellence Awards

The Committee will continue with a second year of delivering this student award at the AGM. The Committee is involved with the jury that makes the selections for the winner and runners up of this competition for excellence in student/practitioner research that contributes to 'taking the pulse' of professional planning practice.

Plans for 2005

The Committee's main objective will be to continue to develop the CPL program for MPPI, with a target date of January 1st, 2006 for roll-out. Responsibilities will alter slightly to place more emphasis on program and activity development, and less on delivery. Delivery functions will be taken over by an Events Committee, with strong ties between all committees.

Kristy LeBaron, Chair
AA&PD Committee (or CPL Committee).