



Great Lakes Chapter

2017-18 Annual Report

June 12, 2017

Message from the Chapter President

The Great Lakes Chapter of IAP2 is made up of people who are talented and passionate about engagement. It is a privilege to work with our team.

Looking back on 2017-18

Over the last year we had a focus on networking and learning. We started at the Annual General Meeting in June 2017 with a guest speaker and panel about stories. Stories are an engaging way to share information and **Aaron Bell**, an Ojibway Storyteller shared his interesting story with us helping us gain insight into Indigenous Communities. This was followed by stories from **Jason Diceman** on his work developing Feedback Frames, **Michelle Dwyer** on her work in communication and engagement at the City of Burlington, **Jessica Dyck** on her work as a Community Outreach Officer in Malawi, and **Patricia Scott-Jeoffroy** on her youth engagement work with the organization Parent Action on Drugs.



Karla Kolli, IAP2 Great Lakes
Chapter President 2017-2018

We also invited members to participate in an online book club through LinkedIn and two P2 networking events.

Looking ahead to 2018-19

Our challenges for 2018-19 continue to relate to serving our broad geography and bringing a variety of interesting opportunities for discussion and networking to our members. With 4 events this year including 2 meetings in Burlington (the AGM and one of the P2 drinks) and an online activity, we met this challenge in 2017 and need to continue this trend over this next year.

With the creative minds we have on the Chapter Executive, I look forward to the exciting activities we will plan for this new year.

Karla Kolli, MCIP, RPP
President, 2017-2018, Great Lakes Chapter, IAP2 Canada

The 2016-2017 Great Lakes Chapter Executive Team

President: Karla Kolli

Vice President: Michelle Dwyer

Past President: Donna Kell

Secretary: Jodi Ball

Treasurer: Chris Gurski

Members-at-Large: Carrie-Lynn Ognibene, Tracey Ehl (communications), Tracy Manalakakis (membership), Kyal Butler

Welcome to the 2018-19 Great Lakes Chapter Executive Team (Executive roles will be determined at a call following the June 12, 2018 Annual General Meeting.)

Karla Kolli, Tracey Ehl, Jodi Ball, Katrina Kroeze, Carrie-Lynn Ognibene, Dana Gardner, Michelle Dwyer, Joanne Cordell

Membership

In 2017-18, our membership grew to 74 members. Some of the cities and towns we have in our membership pool include: Toronto, Burlington, Mississauga, Smithville, Pickering, Kitchener, Woodstock, Niagara, Peterborough, Newmarket, Hamilton, Guelph, Kingston and Huntsville. Welcome, all.

Successes

In 2017-18, we successfully hosted the following events:

- Stories of Engagement – at our 2017 Annual General Meeting we heard from a number of speakers on their stories of engagement. Aaron Bell, started us off. Aaron is an accomplished storyteller, author, dancer and educator. He tells deeply personal, engaging and humorous stories about his life, the history and experiences of First Nations of Southern Ontario. Following Aaron we heard from our Engaging Stories panel who participants interacted with to explore P2. The panel included – Jason Dicemen and Michelle Dwyer - Feedback Frames; Jessica Dyck – Circle Engagement technique; and Patricia Scott-Jeoffroy – Youth Engagement. Twenty one people attended this event.
- The IAP2 Great Lakes Book Club – Tracey Ehl spearheaded the effort to select a book using our newsletter and LinkedIn Group. Of the three opportunities the book selected was *The Truth About Stories: A Native Narrative*, a non-fiction book by Thomas King. A small but mighty group read the book together chapter by chapter sharing thoughts on the LinkedIn page. Tracey did an excellent job pulling specific quotes from the book and sharing her thoughts for consideration and discussion with others.
- P2 Drinks: P2 and Fake News – Based on feedback from members we tried a couple of events focused mostly on informal networking. The first was held November 21, 2017 in Toronto. Around 15 Members enjoyed the night, sharing tips on dealing with fake news including the importance of using social media correctly as well as the beneficial role that Community Advisory Committees can play in delivering vital information.
- P2 Drinks: the tools we use – On February 22, 2018, seven of us got together in Burlington to share information on tools we have been using in our P2 work including: Feedback Frames, Online Town Hall, RetroViews and Mentimeter.

Financial Position

Thank you to our treasurer, Chris Gurski, for such great work in 2017-18. Please see the attached Treasurer's report.

Contact Us

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Karla Kolli, Chapter President, 2017-2018

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Attachment Treasurer's Report