



Great Lakes Chapter

2018 - 2019 Annual Report

June 5, 2019

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 2018-2019

This past year has been a great one where we have seen significant engagement effort at the national, provincial and local level. As practitioners one of our key roles is to help raise the bar on the quality of public engagement. Networking with our colleagues to share experiences and best practices helps us to do that.

Our 2018 AGM in June found us exploring the engagement that occurred for the TTC Leslie Street Barns Streetcar maintenance facility. One of the key take-aways from this event is that maintaining close contact with stakeholders for the duration of long planning processes can yield understanding, tolerance and creativity by all parties involved. Our survey of Great Lakes Chapter members identified networking, collaboration, information sharing and professional development as the key areas they would like the Chapter to focus on. In keeping with this stated desire, we held two very successful P2 Drinks events over the year in November 2018 and April 2019. These networking events gave our members and friends a chance to meet fellow practitioners and to share their P2 practice stories. It was a pleasure to participate in both events and hear the great P2 work our members are doing in their communities. We have been scheduling our P2 Drinks events to coincide with the IAP2 training courses held in Toronto to encourage those taking the training who may not be IAP2 members to join us.

The Great Lakes Executive team has been fantastic this year! We have worked collaboratively to host events, issues newsletters, and conduct a survey. I would like to extend a sincere THANK-YOU to all the executive members for spending their valuable time helping to promote P2 and our Chapter.

Looking ahead to 2019-2020

One of the questions in our survey was aimed at understanding what type of information our Chapter members are interested in exploring more about. Best P2 practices and P2 evaluation were highly ranked by survey respondents and give our Chapter executive some guidance for events over the coming year. In addition, we will continue to work to expand our membership and the geographic reach of our Chapter events.

The Chapter executive team is looking forward to our continued success over the next year.



Karla Kolli, IAP2 Great Lakes
Chapter President 2017-2019

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Karla Kolli". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name and last name clearly distinguishable.

Karla Kolli, MCIP, RPP
President, 2017-2019, Great Lakes Chapter, IAP2 Canada

The 2018-2019 Great Lakes Chapter Executive Team

President: Karla Kolli

Vice President: Tracey Ehl

Secretary: Jodi Ball

Treasurer: Katrina Kroeze

Members-at-Large: Carrie-Lynn Ognibene, Dana Gardner, Michelle Dwyer, Joanne Cordell

Welcome to the 2019-2020 Great Lakes Chapter Executive Team

Katrina Kroeze, Karla Kolli, Jodi Ball, Dana Gardner, Joanne Cordell, Tracey Ehl.

Additional interest in the executive has been expressed and will be confirmed. Executive roles (i.e. president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, members-at-large) will be determined at a call following the June 5, 2019 Annual General Meeting.

Membership

In 2018-2019, our membership grew from 74 in June 2018 to 98 active members including 27 group members in May 2019.

Some of the cities and towns we have in our membership pool include: Barrie, Brampton, Burlington, Cambridge, Chatham, Guelph, Hamilton, Kingston, Kitchener, Markham, Mississauga, Newmarket, Oakville, Oshawa, Peterborough, St. Catharines, Thunder Bay, Toronto, Whitby, Waterloo, Windsor and Woodstock. Welcome, all.

2018-2019 Successes

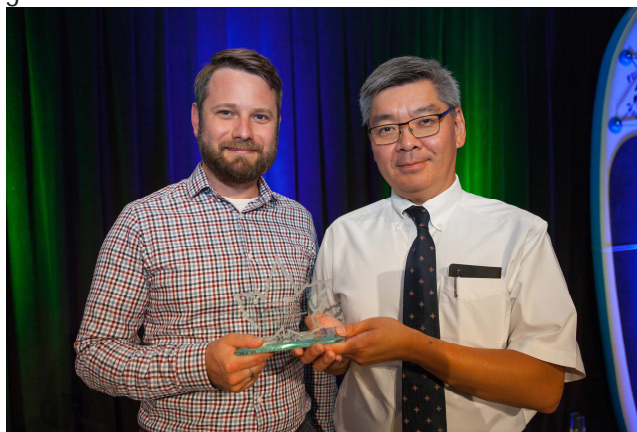
- Leslie Street Barns Tour & Discussion - For the 2018 Annual General Meeting in June 2018, the chapter visited the Leslie Barns, a new state-of-the-art Toronto Transit Commission facility near Lake Ontario. The design process for that facility generated a lot of public interest and engagement, which was led by TTC staff and Strasman Architects Inc.

The facility is built to Toronto Green Development standards, and it features a stormwater management pond, new trees, a green roof and enhanced streetscaping outside and a paint booth, maintenance, testing and control centre inside. The TTC worked closely with local residents to design a facility that integrates with the existing community and serves the purposes of the TTC.



- IAP2 Awards – Congratulations go out to our Great Lakes Chapter members who won IAP2 awards this year.

- Sonja and Paul of CivicPlan for winning a 2018 IAP2 Core Values Award for their “ForWard One”, a participatory budgeting project in Hamilton.
- Region of Waterloo assisted by the Dillon Consulting team for winning a 2018 Visual Engagement Award for the Region of Waterloo Biosolids Master Plan.



- P2 Drinks November 2018 – This networking event was held immediately following one of the days of the IAP2 Foundations for Public Participation Training held in Toronto. About 25 people joined us for cocktails and munchies. While the theme for the event was consultation as it relates to all levels of government on both sides of the border, the discussion was varied and lively.
- P2 Drinks April 2019 – In our social media focused world we are seeing more and more reporting things like web hits and social media likes, etc. The focus of this networking event was about these “vanity metrics” and quality vs quantity in engagement. Also held following the IAP2 training in Toronto, about 17 people joined us for this event. In advance of the event, Michelle Dwyer and Katrina Kroeze from the Great Lakes Chapter Executive attended the Training to discuss the IAP2 Canada and the local chapter, the value and benefits of members, and recent experiences in our professional roles.
- Great Lakes Member Survey - We conducted a survey of our members to identify what they would like to see more of from their Chapter. The survey is a helpful tool for the Chapter Executive team to plan and host events and learning opportunities geared towards you. Key items we heard from our members....
 - Members are looking for:
 - Information sharing
 - Social and networking events
 - Professional development and collaboration with like-minded organizations
 - Top Topics of interest:
 - Best practices
 - Evaluating P2 initiatives
 - Indigenous engagement
- Great Lakes Chapter Newsletters – Four newsletters were sent out this year. The newsletters are a way to keep connected to our members and to invite them to events and activities. The newsletters are sent to our active membership as well as a list of “Great Lakes Chapter Friends”.
 - November 2018 newsletter – Invited participation at the November P2 Drinks, invited and the member survey, congratulated our Great Lakes members who won IAP2 awards

- January 2019 newsletter – Reminded people to take the survey, invited members to join the IAP2 Great Lakes Chapter linkedin group, and reminded members of the IAP2 training being held in April/May in Toronto
- Spring 2019 newsletter – Invited participation at the April P2 Drinks, reported on the survey, included a “save the date” for the Annual General Meeting and invited members to participate as part of the Chapter Executive team. The newsletter also included information on
- May 2019 newsletter – This newsletter included the formal invite to the AGM and encouraged people to join the Chapter Executive team. The newsletter also included information on Toronto Committees and training happening in the fall.
- IAP2 Great Lakes Chapter linkedin group – We have 57 members on our linkedin group. The linkedin forum is an opportunity for our chapter members to be more active online sharing best practices.

Financial Position

Thank you to our treasurer, Jodi Ball, for such great work in 2018-2019. Please see the attached Treasurer's report.

Contact Us

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Karla Kolli, Chapter President, 2017-2019

Final Annual Report adopted: June 5, 2019 at the Chapter's Annual General Meeting.

Attachment: Treasurer's Report