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## Fwd: IAP2 Canada Newsletter: So much happening - learn more!

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### January Newsletter

#### Message from the president

January 2015

When you're faced with a difficult decision to make in your work or personal life, what kind of a decision-maker are you? Do you prefer to follow your intuition or are you more of an information gatherer, seeking out all possible knowledge through experts, articles, friends and family? Do you make a pro/con list focusing on the consequences of your decision or is your focus on addressing current needs and opportunities that led to the decision in the first place?



**Anne Harding,**  
IAP2 Canada President

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#### 2015 IAP2 North American Conference: The Countdown is On!

The [web page](#) is now live for the 2015 IAP2  
North American Conference September 9th

through 11th in Portland, Oregon. We're getting excited about another great gathering of P2 professionals – the largest of its kind in North America, in the “birthplace of IAP2”.

Two well-known and inspirational keynote speakers are confirmed: **Denis Hays**, Time Magazine “Hero of the Planet” and chair of the International Earth Day Network, and **Andrew DeVigal**, Chair of Innovative Journalism and Civic Engagement at the University of Oregon.



**Register** for the Conference by May 1 and you can get the Super-Early-Bird Conference rates. The Conference Hotel, the Hilton DoubleTree, is offering a Conference rate (starting at \$149/night) **until Aug. 12** (or until the blocked rooms are sold out).

**“Call for Proposals”**- consider being a presenter, you have until March 6 to submit your proposal (applicants will be notified in April whether they're been accepted).

Come and join us we're looking forward to welcoming you to Portland in September!

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## IAP2 Webinars Go Global!

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Ordinarily, our monthly Learning Webinars are held at 2pm Eastern time on the second Tuesday of the month, but for February and April, the starting times will be different. On Tuesday, Feb. 10 – **“Cultural Transformations”**. Our presenters will be two more winners of Core Values Awards last fall in Winnipeg.

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## Eyes on The Prize(S)

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In the past year, did you work on or hear about a prime piece of P2 practice? Nominations will open in April for the IAP2 Canada **Core Values Awards**, recognizing the best in the business. There are a number of categories, which means there are a number of different ways in which a project could qualify

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## Tips From The Trainers

*In each newsletter, a Canadian P2 trainer shares an insight or tip for better P2 practice. This month, we welcome **Richard Delaney of Delaney and Associates**.*

Richard spent 15 years as a senior manager in the Federal Government in the areas of land management, environmental assessment and eventually public consultation before founding Delaney + Associates in 1996. He has a background in forestry and post grad in public policy and administration. He is a Certified Professional Facilitator who has conducted well over 250 engagements in his career to date. His strength sectors are health, municipal government and natural resources. Aside from the IAP2 courses he delivers a 2-day Facilitating Engagement course and a 1-day Engagement Bootcamp.

#### **The Tip: Demonstrating engagement values**

A real challenge to engagement can be getting participants to your engagements. Aside from promoting this means demonstrating you will genuinely listen. Is this possible for the uninitiated?

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## **Meet the Members**

*(In each newsletter, we'll present a profile of some of our members. If you have any suggestions for members you would like to hear more about, please contact us at [info@iap2canada.ca](mailto:info@iap2canada.ca))*

### **Tracey Ehl, Ehl Harrison Consulting**

This month, we meet **Tracey Ehl** of Ehl Harrison Consulting and immediate past-president of the IAP2 Canada Great Lakes Chapter.



#### **How long have you been in P2, and where have you worked?**

been in P2, and where have you worked? I've been in P2 since 1992, and have worked for public and not-for-profit sector before starting a small consultancy practice. I work with municipalities and not-for-profits, in environmental and infrastructure-related projects like transit, storm water management, waste management and some in the energy field.

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## **Chapter news**

- Socials in **Vancouver, Victoria** and **Winnipeg!**
- **Schmoozin' in Toronto!**

- **Volunteers needed for Wild Rose!**
- **Milestone date for the emerging Atlantic Chapter!**
- **Training in Yukon/North!**
- **Bilingual AGM for St Lawrence/St-Laurent!**

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**Read All About It!**

## Shop Talk

- Tiffany Skomro passed along a piece from Democracy Spot that gives us an idea of the benefits and value of the work we do.

### *The Benefits of Citizen Engagement*

- Our Australian colleague, Max Hardy, has written a thoughtful and encouraging piece on the IAP2 Spectrum – the cornerstone of our practice. It's a great discussion starter, and we've started a conversation on our LinkedIn Group, so come and join us!

### *Reflections on the IAP2 Spectrum*

If you come across any articles, papers, books or other publications that would be of interest to your fellow P2 practitioners, please send it to us at [info@iap2canada.ca](mailto:info@iap2canada.ca)

## #EngageWithUs

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You probably know already, that IAP2 Canada is on Twitter – [@iap2cdn](https://twitter.com/iap2cdn) – so are you following us? We'll follow you back, and you can share your insights and articles you find interesting; all the while helping to spread the word about Public Engagement.

As well, whom do you follow? Let us know some of your favourites on Twitter and we'll follow them, too, if we're not already.

Mainly, we use the hashtag

**#publicparticipation**, and as certain events come up – like the North American Conference this September in Portland – we'll let you know the other hashtags to look for.

## Did You Know ...?

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... that the "Members Only" section on our website – [www.iap2canada.ca](http://www.iap2canada.ca) – contains valuable information of interest to P2 practitioners? You'll find **job postings**, **volunteer opportunities** and **requests for proposals**. Under "P2 Resources", you'll find the recordings of our monthly **Learning Webinars** over the past year. The Webinar page also has collateral material used or referred to by our presenters: links to videos, scholarly papers, brochures, etc.

## Jobs, Jobs, Jobs

The City of Toronto is looking for two **Public Consultation Coordinators**.

The City of Vancouver has an opening for an on-call **Program Director, Public Engagement**.

For more information on those positions, visit the “Members Only” section of the IAP2 Canada website and look for “Job Opportunities”.

IAP2 Canada publishes job notices of interest to P2 practitioners, free of charge. If you or your company has an opening, please contact us at [info@iap2canada.ca](mailto:info@iap2canada.ca). Send us some basic information, the closing date for applications and a link to your website where people can get full details and apply.



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