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Fwd: IAP2 June 2015 Newsletter

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[View email in browser](#)**June Newsletter****President's Message – Bruce Gilbert****June 2015**

In 2003 I quit my job as the leader of a well-known provincial environmental conservation non-profit, and moved my family to Halifax to undertake doctoral studies. I left behind great pay, high-profile community sector commitments, my soccer team, close friends and family members. It was heart-breaking to leave - especially for my children. But I had to do it. I was restless. As odd as this may sound, this restlessness was all about P2. Specifically, after 20+ years in the P2 trenches, I decided that I needed to firm up my theoretical and scholarly understanding of the field I was firmly planted in.



Bruce Gilbert,
IAP2 Canada President

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Certification Pilot Project Up and Running – Apply Today!

It's here! After two years of development, IAP2 USA is proud to present the pilot professional certification program. Be one of the first IAP2 Members to apply for this brand new certification program for P2 professionals, and help us fine tune the certification process.

In September 2015, IAP2 USA will conduct a pilot for the new professional certification program. This pilot is available to IAP2 Canada members, as well. The assessment process was developed by a task force of IAP2 members from USA, Canada, and Southern Africa in consultation with our membership.

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IAP2 Federation Model Review

IAP2 Canada and IAP2 USA are reaching out to their members to take part in the **IAP2**

Federation Model Review – Refinement of Roles, Responsibilities and Funding Model.

When the IAP2 Federation of Affiliates model was established in 2011, members agreed to a 10-year implementation timeline. As we approach the 5-year point in our new governance model, it is time for a review to determine if any adjustments are needed to ensure organizational sustainability.

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Inspecting the Spectrum

Is “Inform” a legitimate level of public participation? That’s one of the livelier discussions going on right now in our forum on the **IAP2 Spectrum**. On behalf of the IAP2 Federation, IAP2 Canada is coordinating a review of this foundation of our profession, to ensure that it still meet the needs of the public engagement environment now and into the future.

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IAP2 MEMBER PROFILE / PROFIL D’UN MEMBRE DE L’AIP2: Hugo Mimeo

Conseiller – Participation publique, Hydro-Québec, Montréal / Senior Advisor – Public participation, Hydro-Québec, Montréal

Quelle est votre expérience de travail dans le domaine de la participation publique à ce jour?

Je suis dans le domaine de la participation publique depuis maintenant 17 ans. Je travaille

pour Hydro-Québec depuis la fin de ma maîtrise en Aménagement du territoire et développement régional. D'abord, à titre de conseiller relations avec le milieu, j'ai mené plusieurs consultations publiques dans différents types de projets (lignes de transport d'électricité, poste de transformation, réfection de centrales hydroélectriques).



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Joint Decision-Making, Talkin' Tech & The Centre Of The Youth-Iverse

Portland, Oregon, prides itself on being weird, but it ain't seen nothin' yet! The 2015 IAP2 North American Conference is looming, our annual Engagement Party with stimulating sessions, networking opportunities and the chance to honour the Best of the Best in the Biz at the Core Values Awards Gala!

The State of Oregon is one of the first states to legalize recreational marijuana, and you can bet people had a range of very strongly-held views on that. How did regulators wade through the public consultations that brought out 4,000 participants? Rob Partridge, chair of the State Liquor Control Commission and one of the twelve most influential people in America on marijuana policy, and Jeanne Lawson of JLA Public Involvement, will present "Highly Involved: P2 for Legal Marijuana", and discuss how they dealt with high-turnout meetings, people formerly in the black market and a tight time-frame.



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You, the Jury – The IAP2 July Webinar

Bringing together people affected by a decision is one thing: having them understand the decision to be made, when the factors can be very technical and complicated, is quite another. One solution that's gaining traction is the Citizens' Jury. It's already been used with impressive effect in Edmonton, with the Centre for Public Involvement holding such a process to decide whether to adopt internet voting.

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Open Mike: Ask the Experts! – The IAP2 June Webinar

We tried something new for our June learning webinar: assembling a diverse panel of P2 experts to respond live to questions about practices and techniques. Eight IAP2 members – four from Canada and four from the US – with a wide range of interests and specialties, took part in the panel.

Samples from that webinar

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