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A News Update for Members of Wild Rose IAP2

March 2006

Signature Event — A great success!



Message from the President — *Deborah Eastlick*

By all accounts the 2006 Wild Rose Signature Event was a great success.

We welcomed over 70 participants and 22 presenters from across Canada and around the world to Calgary from Feb 1-3, 2006.

In the past year the Wild Rose Board has been actively seeking partnerships with related communities of practice in an effort to broaden the scope and our understanding of public participation in all its facets.

The participation of the Alberta Association of the Canadian Institute of Planners, the Community Development practitioners of Calgary, as well as the aboriginal and academic communities, as both presenters and participants, significantly enriched the program and the conversations. Wild Rose will continue dialogue with these communities of practice and to them all we

extend an enthusiastic invitation to future IAP2 training and events.

This highly participatory event had two overarching questions. Thursday's keynotes and breakouts sought to answer the question, "Who are we now?"

It was a rare and wonderful opportunity to expand our horizons, perspectives, and practice through interaction with colleagues and presenters from near and far, and from many sectors and communities of practice. Thursday's speaker presentations, where available, are posted on the website (see page 2).

On Friday, the question moved to, "Who might we become together?" Deborah Eastlick and Lonny Gabinet, WR President and Past President shared the exciting progress made on the WR Centennial Project which has morphed into the Engagement and Par-

ticipation Network. They then invited the delegates to participate in the Wild Rose Café. Great conversations ensued and the Wild Rose Board gathered much thoughtful input. (See more on page 2).

Our special treat came at the closing keynote with an address from our new IAP2 President, Beatrice Briggs. Bea is a founding partner of the International Institute for Facilitation and Consensus headquartered in Mexico and active around the world. As a citizen, activist and entrepreneur, Bea has been deeply involved in the world of not-for-profit, non-governmental and community-based groups, as well as into the national and international networks of change-oriented public and private sector agencies and businesses.

She closed the event with inspiration and a challenge to us all to be more global in our perspective and in our work.

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Wild Rose Chapter— Annual General Meeting

Edmonton

April 25, 6-9 p.m.

- Venue to be announced.
- Watch website—

www.iap2wildrosechapter.org

Call for Nominations: The following positions will be open and elections will take place at the AGM. Interested people should contact Lonny Gabinet 403-278-7965:

- Treasurer
- 2 Directors (note: one of these has an incumbent)
- Vice President (note: there is an incumbent)



Training in Edmonton

Planning for Effective Public Participation

April 24 and 25

Techniques for Effective Public Participation

April 26 and 27

- Full Course descriptions at www.iap2wildrosechapter.org
- Registration at www.iap2.org

Bits and Pieces



- ▣ As you know by now, substantial work has been done by Deborah Eastlick and Lonny Gabinet on the **Engagement and Participation Network (EPN)**. An FAQ has been developed and posted on the Wild Rose chapter web site. **Why is that important?** Well, we are at a decision point right now. Do we proceed or not? We need you to review the FAQ's and then . . .

- ▣ **Tell us what you think . . .**

A **Member Needs Assessment Survey** has been posted on our new web site at: www.iap2wildrosechapter.org and we **want your opinions**. Give us your opinion on membership services. Tell us what we're doing well and where improvements can be made. Give us your opinion on the EPN. Do we proceed . . . or not? The survey results will be used as the foundation for developing a new three year strategic plan for Wild Rose. Do your bit and complete the survey.

IAP2 2006 Annual Conference

Decision Montreal
November 12 - 15, 2006

*"It's why you do public participation...
many voices make better decisions..."*

Public participation for practitioners will form a key part of the Montreal IAP2 Conference, but we're bringing a fresh, new perspective to events.

- we're involving those who **MAKE** the decisions
- those who are **AFFECTED** by them,
- and bringing them together with **PRACTITIONERS**
- ✓ Participate in large and small group learnings, perspectives, and shared experiences
- ✓ Expand the experience by exploring the realities of decision makers and their unique perspectives
- ✓ Understand the impacts by hearing the views of civic leaders and community activists

Session Proposal submissions are due March 31, 2006

More information online at: www.iap2.org



Check it out

Wild Rose Chapter has just launched our very own web site!

Have a look. And mark it as a favorite. New items will be posted regularly. This is where you can keep current on what is going on in your chapter.

www.iap2wildrosechapter.org