Harbors and Navigation Committee
Quality Partnership Initiative

Setting 2014 Goals

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Presentation Goals

- Review where we have been,
- Understand where we are presently and
- Set the course for the future, 2014+
H&N Committee Description

- Monitor, collect, discuss and disseminate information pertaining to navigational charting, planning, design, construction, maintenance and environmental and regulatory considerations of harbors and waterways, dredging and harbor works regulations, water quality standards and regulations, dredged material fill and disposal measures, and other matters directly or indirectly related to the development and maintenance of channels and harbors. The committee will explore latest projects and technologies related to charting, dredging, beneficial use and the sustainable management of dredged materials.
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• Dredging – maintenance and channel improvement
• Environmental issues regarding dredging
• Contaminants
• Permit processes
• Overdepth dredging
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Evolution of Environmental Issues

• **Ports focus:**
• **Stormwater Runoff**
• **Air Quality issues – sox, nox, non-attainment locations**
• **Ships Ballast Water**
• **Ship hull cleaning**
Committee Responsibilities

Navigation Channel
- Corps of Engineers
- Dredging
- Nav Studies
- Regulatory permits
- Other Fed Agencies
  - NOAA
  - Coast Guard
  - MARAD

Nav Environmental
- Dredging
- Sediment Issues
- WQC/CZC

Environmental
- Air Quality
- Stormwater runoff
- Ships
Status Briefings or Discussions and Action?

• The Committee charter focuses on receiving presentations and getting updates on key topics.
• What are the actions from these meetings?
• Are participants satisfied with the current approach?
• Feedback from some Port members was they quit attending because it was meet, listen, discuss and go home. Then repeat again in a subsequent meeting.
H&N Topics for your consideration

- Dredged Material Management Plans – determine remaining capacity and address limited capacity so maintenance dredging can continue
- Environmental issues with dredging: Water Quality Certification and Coastal Zone Consistency
- Environmental windows for dredging
- Beneficial uses of dredged material and the Federal Standard
- Dredging contracts, schedules, cost, equipment availability
- Partnering w/Corps and dredging contractors
H&N Issues for your consideration

- PORTS program, NOAA
- WRDA implementation
- Corps funding
- HMT
- New Starts – Studies and Construction
- Channel condition surveys
- Contributed funds
- Economic benefits of fully maintained channels
- OTHERS?
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- More action oriented
- Policies and best practices
- Identification of issues and specific proposals for action
- Grouping – Authorities, Communication and Collaboration and Product Delivery
- Forming action teams
- Proceeding with efforts to resolve specific issues
Next Steps

• *Committee decision: Is there a need to revise the current charter?*

• *Identify H&N topics to address in 2014*

• *Feedback to Committee Chairman Bob Harris*
MOA’s signed in 2004
Quality Partnership Initiative, QPI

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AAPA Staff Support to H&N/QPI

- **Jim Walker is AAPA Staff Liaison to H&N/QPI**
- **Role is to assist Committee chairperson to facilitate meetings**
- **Principal focus in 2013 was on WRDA passage**
- **QPI leaders understood QPI success would require additional support, hiring specialists occasionally, and help with meeting facilitation and report preparations**
- **Fund raiser conducted in 2007-08, raising just over $100,000**
- **These funds, along with additional support from Maryland Ports Authority, met support needs through 2013.**
QPI - Funding

• **Supplemental support needed to maintain momentum on QPI issue resolution**
  • Action team and leadership team meetings
  • Reporting/Communication coordination
  • Meeting facilitation, QPI report update

• **Alternatives**
  • Conduct fund raiser to maintain/increase current momentum (raise Dues?)
  • Work with existing AAPA staff support to assist QPI as workload permits
  • No action: Port and Corps volunteers make progress as workload permits – likely loss of momentum.

• **Fund raiser proposed goals**
  • Goal is $100,000, which should last 2-3 years
QPI - Participation

• Issues focused on Corps Planning Studies and need to address policy and legislation to expedite study completions

• Supplemental support needed – past alternatives considered:
  • Fund through annual dues increase
  • Special funding by those ports interested in supporting
  • Pursue with existing staff

• Chose fundraiser for supplemental support

• Corporate Members

• Role of Sustaining members
QPI - Present

• 2013 QPI Recommendations Implementation
• Increased communication:
  • conducting Webinars
  • within H&N/QPI
  • with Port Directors and Senior Leaders
  • reporting in AAPA’s monthly newsletter
• QPI Action Team Coordination
• AAPA staff dedicated to WRDA legislation, relying on contractor support to help w/QPI progress
• QPI has its plan, H&N needs to identify its issues and actions
QPI Webinars

- Contributed Funds (Aug 2013)
- Cost Estimates and Section 902(b) Project Authorization Cost Increases (Oct 2013)
- SMART Planning implementation update (Jan 2014)

Proposed webinars include:
- Corps Budget Development
- Corps Work Plan Development
- USACE Infrastructure Strategy, UIS
- Corps Alternative Funding
QPI Webinars

Proposed webinars include:

• Advancing Studies from Feasibility to PED, updating project economics
• Lessons Learned from Completed Nav Studies
• DDNPCX- explanation of Dashboard – Study Status
• HarborSym for Ports
• Initial Reconnaissance: Congressional Resolutions and the Section 216 alternative
• WRDA implementation efforts
QPI - Future

- *Continue QPI Webinars*
- *Participate in WRDA 2014 implementation*
- *QPI funding has been depleted*
- *Return to 2007 decision point*
  - Fund through annual dues increase
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H&N/QPI Meetings

• The agenda for our semi-annual face to face meetings is generally Corps updates from Navigation, Planning and Regulatory; QPI initiative updates from the Action Team leaders; and a specialty topic – this meeting is DMMP’s.

• Should we schedule a QPI-only meeting?
  • Last one was Jan 2012 in Bradenton, FL
  • Likely in DC w/ASA(CW) Darcy, MG Peabody and senior leaders from the Corps HQ
How you can help?

• **Recruit others to participate**
• **If you like it tell other port members, if you don’t like it tell Bob and me**
• **If the QPI fundraiser is recommended, please discuss/explain to your Port Director**