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Status: **Project Manager:**

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Purpose: Founded in 1885, with its headquarters in Brussels, Belgium, the International Navigation Association (PIANC) works to advance the sustainable development of maritime and inland navigation infrastructure through the international exchange and publication of expert technical information on port and waterway development. PIANC USA was organized in 1902 with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers serving as the Secretariat. Membership is comprised of engineers, scientists, economists, planners, dredgers, port operators, regulators, and marina and vessel owners. PIANC USA is chaired by the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works) and the President is the USACE Deputy Commanding General for Civil and Emergency Operations.

Objective: Ensure that all items of PIANC business are completed effectively and in a timely manner. These include: Commissioner elections and appointments; selection of U.S. representatives on Technical Working Groups; convening of quarterly Commissioner teleconferences and semi annual Commissioner meetings; convening of a PIANC Annual meeting in Fall of 2010, in conjunction with the American Society of Civil Engineers' (ASCE) Coasts, Oceans, Ports and Rivers Institute (COPRI) Congress; organization and execution, in partnership with ASCE's Ports and Harbors Committee, the PORTS 2010 Conference in April 2010 in Jacksonville, FL. ; planning for Smart Rivers 2011 which will be held in New Orleans in the fall of 2011, attending and facilitating other Commissioners' (especially the DCG CEO and the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works) participation in the Annual General Assembly and quadrennial International Congress in May 2010 in Liverpool, United Kingdom; representing the U.S. at Council meetings in October 2009 and February 2010. Attend and participate in Latin American activities including meetings of the Organization of American States Interamerican Committee on Ports (dates and places needed) and the PIANC Hemispheric 125th Anniversary Event in April 2010 in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

Benefits: PIANC is highly regarded for its tradition of producing top-ranked technical reports which provide globally accepted solutions for navigation professionals. Technical Working Groups are comprised of experts from member countries who gather, analyze, and consolidate state-of-the-practice solutions from each country. The resulting reports are published and distributed to each PIANC member, and available on the website. Members gain international recognition through working group participation.

PIANC provides opportunities to connect with USACE navigation infrastructure leaders

and a domestic and international community of technical professionals. Members meet to exchange information, build business contacts, and develop professional relationships.

PIANC organizes conferences, seminars, and workshops to disseminate the latest engineering, scientific, and economic advancements in the field of inland and maritime navigation and ports. Technical professionals from around the world gather to network, present and publish papers, and gain knowledge at PIANC World Congresses, PIANC USA Annual Meetings and technical specialty conferences such as Smart Rivers and Ports (co-sponsored with the American Society of Civil Engineers).

PIANC provides opportunities for training and development of Young Professionals as well. The goal is to provide value to students and professionals in the early years of their career.

Progress: Technical Seminar "Navigating the Environment" was held in New Orleans October 28, 2009. Commissioners' Meeting was held October 29. Council Meeting was attended October 23, 2009. Commissioner election was held and new Western VP was elected in December. December issue of electronic newsletter was issued.

Products:

Related Links:

- [PIANC USA](#) (*project web site*)

Partners:

- American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE)
- Organization of American States