

### Going electronic

Following a conference meeting of the APS National Executive held on September 12, 2012, APS has formally taken the route of electronic voting for its upcoming consultation with participating members. The forthcoming election to be held in mid-October will serve to elect our Secretary General as well as to submit our financial statements for approval. For the financial aspect of the vote, the same two questions will be on the ballot as they appear every year: the approval of the financial statements prepared by our external auditors as well as the nomination of the chartered accountant firm responsible for next year's statements.

APS will be proposing the same option adopted now for the third year, consisting in a complete audit of our financial situation. The statements will be posted on our Web site so that voting members can have easy access to the figures before casting their votes. The procedure replaces the postal system used in the past. On top of potential gains in participation, the electronic solution will be less costly to operate. Postal consultations require disbursements for stamps, paper, printing and handling that are no longer required when switching to the electronic mode.

The main feature in the selection of this new way of doing things is the advent of a specialised, independent firm to conduct the voting. The firm will handle all aspects of the voting thus insuring a complete, independent professional service. APS will be supplying the list of eligible voters and the company will organise the rest. APS will be made aware of the results for our Annual General Assembly on November 4 in Gatineau. In the meantime voting members will receive their electronics ballots for October 15 with instructions to access the company's voting site and will also receive reminders throughout the period to be concluded on November 2, 2012.

### Elected officers.

The call for candidacies to the various positions at the National Executive was closed on September 4, 2012 at midnight. Four incumbents were officially elected by acclamation. Congratulations to the newly elected:

- Mario Poudrier as National President will fulfill a two-year mandate. Mario will head our next collective agreement team.
- Hervé Lamarre as National Treasurer. Hervé will complete the longest mandate in APS history as he was elected at the very first election in 1995.

- The two Regional Directors were also up for re-election: Donald LeBlanc for the Eastern Region and Michael Ho for the Western Region. Donald from Moncton, N.B. will continue to represent the members from the Maritimes while Michael from Vancouver will be covering representation for the Region to the West of the Ontario border.

For the Secretary General position two candidates will be present on the voting ballots; Emilio D’Orazio the incumbent, from Toronto and Yves Ledoux from Montreal. Yves sits presently on the Local Montreal Board while Emilio accessed the Secretary General’s position after sitting for many years on the Local Toronto Executive. Both are solid APS representatives and they will be bidding for the second highest position in our Association.

We will keep you posted as we head close to our election deadlines.