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President's Perspective

By Alysen Abel

There have been several proud moments in Public Works lately.

Just a few months ago, we celebrated National Public Works Week with an awards ceremony honoring top professionals and projects in Public Works from the KC Metro Chapter. Several of those local award winners will also be honored at the National APWA Conference (PWX), held in Charlotte at the end of August. Congratulations to Tony Hofmann for being named one of the National Top Ten Leaders of the Year and Leslie Donnelly for being named the Myron Calkins Young Leader.



On June 4th, the KC Metro Chapter hosted their annual Membership BBQ Competition at Knights of Columbus Park in Shawnee. There were 13 teams competing in the various BBQ categories, with a wide variety of consulting firms and municipalities represented. Awards were given to the top ranked teams in each of the categories, as well as overall competition winners. Thanks to everyone who made this event possible.

Kansas City will be well represented at PWX this year with national committee members, presenters, exhibitors, and volunteers to support the annual conference. I have had the pleasure of serving on the Small Cities / Rural Communities committee for the past 5 years. Serving on a national committee will provide you with a broader knowledge base and expanded network connections. There are numerous national committees looking for volunteers. If anyone is interested in getting more involved, either locally or nationally, contact me for more information.

With back-to-back disasters in June, the City of Leawood Public Works Department proudly represented Public Works as First Responders. The City of Leawood was one of the primary areas hit with the tornado event that occurred in the early hours of June 8th. Crews were dispatched to assist with the debris removal. After long days of debris removal, Public Works was dispatched on June 10th to assist with another emergency, this one included the rescue of a contractor from a trench collapse. Paul Dunn and Phillip Wilson quickly responded to the call from the Fire Department, arriving onsite with their Vactor truck. After two hours, they were able to successfully remove the 66-year old man from the trench. A few days later, Paul and Phillip continued their dedicated service to the community by working extra hours at the resident drop-off event that following weekend. That is true dedication!

The KC Metro Chapter APWA Executive Committee presented Paul and Phillip with a Certificate of Recognition at the Leawood City Council meeting, with their families present. There is not enough recognition of Public Works' role as a First Responder. Public Works employees are the first to arrive on the scene to clear the roadways for first responders, the last to leave to remove the last of the debris to make the roadways safe for the community, and the hardest workers during the event serving as a useful resource. If you know of a Public Works Hero that should be recognized for their contribution, forward information to the Executive Board.

The annual Snow Plow & Equipment Expo Competition will be held on October 5th thru 7th, with the APWA Chapter Dinner held on Friday, October 7th at the Awards Ceremony. For more information about upcoming chapter events, visit our website at www.kcmetro.apwa.net.

Delegate Details

By Becky Bonebrake

I hope everyone is off to a good summer, enjoying the sun and planning some much needed vacation time! Public Works staff have represented our region well over the last month with response to storms and tornados in June. THANK YOU all for your hard work, long hours and everything you do for your communities!

The KC Metro Chapter Executive Committee has started a new initiative to recognize agencies and their staff for first response efforts. **WE NEED YOU TO HELP US!** We want to hear from agencies when their staff answer the call! Recently the chapter president and our regional director recognized Paul Dunn and Phillip Wilson for their participation in an emergency rescue of a trench collapse in Leawood. The recognition made the news!



<https://fox4kc.com/news/leawood-honors-employees-who-helped-in-trench-rescue/>

This is important to publicize Public Works as First Responders! Keep up the good work and showing up every day!



PWX 2022 Charlotte, NC

Registration is open for the 2022 PWX. The event is scheduled August 28-31 in Charlotte, NC. PWX is always a great place to get hours of training and networking with thousands of Public Works colleagues. Event Details can be found here: <https://www.apwa.net/PWX/Home/PWX/Home.aspx>

Upcoming Events

- July 28 - APWA Government Affairs webinar
- July 14 – How Many Ways Can You Count a Bike (Click, Listen, & Learn)
- August 4 – Adapting Permitting Services in a Virtual World
- September 20-22 – Winter Maintenance Supervisor Certificate Webinar (Use Code WMS20 for 20% off at check out)
- September 27 & 29 and October 4 & 6 -Public Fleet Management Certificate Webinar
- November 1 & 2 – Winter Maintenance Operator Certificate

Other

August 19 – deadline for 2023 Snow Conference Call for Presentations

VISTA Equipment Training - APWA has teamed up with VISTA Training, Inc. to offer valuable instructor kits, e-learning courses, and online videos for equipment operators. APWA members enjoy a 10% discount.

If you have any other APWA questions or comments please contact Bill Stogsdill or myself and if we are not able to answer the question we will find the right people that can.

City of Leawood Recognition

On June 21, 2022, representatives from the Kansas City Metro Chapter APWA Executive Committee attended the Leawood City Council meeting. During the council meeting, KC Metro Chapter President Alysén Abel and Region VI National Director (and former Leawood Public Works Director) Joe Johnson presented Paul Dunn and Phillip Wilson with Certificates of Appreciation for their heroism and assistance in the trench collapse rescue on June 10, 2022.

Leawood Fire Chief Colin Fitzgerald and Leawood Public Works Director David Ley provided an overview of the incident. Current and former City of Leawood employees were present to recognize their co-workers for their bravery. Family members of Paul and Phillip were also present.



Phillip Wilson and Paul Dunn with the Leawood City Council



Phillip Wilson and his son, Michael



Paul Dunn and son Andrew, wife Amy, sister-in-law Katie and Brother Kurt



Phillip Wilson and Paul Dunn



Phillip Wilson and Paul Dunn with KC Metro Executive Committee Members (Joe Johnson, Bill Billings, Alysén Abel and John Cooper)

Call for Volunteers

New Committee Alert (Administrative & Contract Support Committee)

Administrative Professionals, Contract Specialists and other office employees help to support Public Works every day. It is their hard work and attention to detail that helps provide the resources Public Works employees need. There has been interest in starting a new committee in the KC Metro Chapter APWA.

Look for more information on this exciting new committee. Programs may include panel discussions, roundtable discussions and technical programs focused on providing tools for the Administrative & Contract Support Committee. We want input for those who work directly in these support services to provide feedback, so that the chapter can provide meaningful programs and resources.

Contact Sally Wachtel at sally.wachtel@opkansas.org or Kristen Love at klove@leawood.org if you are interested in assisting with this committee. We are looking for all kinds of assistance from committee members, program ideas or general feedback about the committee. Look for more information about a Meet & Greet in upcoming APWA eBlast emails.



Past Events

17th Annual APWA BBQ Challenge

The 2022 APWA was a huge success! The event was held at the Shawnee Knights of Columbus shelter on June 3rd! The winners are listed below:

Sausage Category: GBA BBQ Team

Chicken Category: GBA BBQ Team

Ribs Category: Burns and McRibs

Pork Category: Blazing Cattles BBQ (Walter P Moore)

OVERALL WINNER: Blazing Categories BBQ (Walter P Moore)



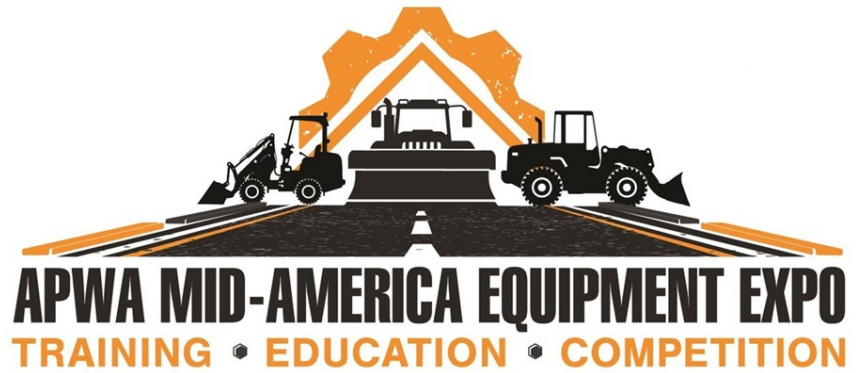
Upcoming Events

Mid-America Equipment Expo Save the Date

October 5-7, 2022

Exhibitors showcase the latest public works products, services, and technology. \$150 registration fee includes courses, lunch and ROADeO competition.

More details and registration information coming soon. Contact Paul Dunn with any questions at (913)696-7706 or pauld@leawood.org.



Mid-America Equipment Expo BBQ Lunch Save the Date

Friday October 7, 2022

- 8:00 — 11:00 Vendor Competitions and Networking (airport location)
- 11:15 — 12:15 Lunch (Hampton Inn)
- 12:15 — 1:00 Awards (Hampton Inn)

More details and registration information coming soon. Contact Paul Dunn with any questions at (913)696-7706 or pauld@leawood.org.

Upcoming Events

Public Works Institute Module III.5 Public Works Management Fundamentals

October 18-20, 2022

Planning has begun for an October 2022 presentation of the third module in the four module Public Works Institute program. Registration will be available September 1 on the chapter website.

In the meantime, if you have any questions about the Public Works Institute program or the planned module, contact Public Works Institute Director Larry Frevert at lwfrevert@gmail.com



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**SAVE THE DATE
APWA KC METRO ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT
TOPGOLF OVERLAND PARK
12-5 PM**



Chapter Leadership

APWA 2022 COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Audit & Budget - Bryan Blizzard
 Awards - Nathan Hladky & Becky Bonebrake
 By-Laws - Kyle Dieckmann
 Chapter Meetings - Thomas Renfro
 Communications and Publicity - Allison Bruner
 Community Service - Jack Renfro
 Diversity and Inclusion - Sheila Shockey
 Education & Training - Zach Matteo & Blake Moris
 Emergency Management - Trey Whitaker & Alysen Abel
 Engineering & Technology - Michael Haake
 Facilities & Grounds - Dan Brown
 Fleet Services - Mark Stinson & Josh Wood
 Golf Tournament - Taylor Smith & Tawn Nugent
 Governmental Affairs - Trey Whitaker & Kati Horner
 Historical - Ernie Longoria
 Holiday Party - Brandon Kuehl
 K-12 Student Outreach - David Smalling
 Leadership & Management - Ted Semadeni
 Membership - Scott Cogan
 Membership BBQ & Steak Fry - Brian Ladd
 MidAmX - Patty Hilderbrand
 MO-KAN Street Superintendents - Bill Billings
 Myron D. Calkins Scholarship - Phil Herrman & Erik Troy
 Myron Calkins Symposium - Shawn Graff
 National Public Works Week - Sabrina Parker and Nicole Woods
 Snow & Equipment Training Expo - Paul Dunn & Jody Malone
 Standards & Specifications - Michael Anderson & Mark Montgomery
 Student Chapter - Levi Cole & Lewis Muriithi
 Sustainable Infrastructure - Carla Anderson
 Transportation - Linda Rottinghaus
 Utility & Public Right-of-Way - Jeffrey Mains & Brent Berry
 Water Resources Management - Andrew Smith
 Webmaster - Tiffany Cartwright & Allison Dobie
 Young Professionals - Leslie Donnelly

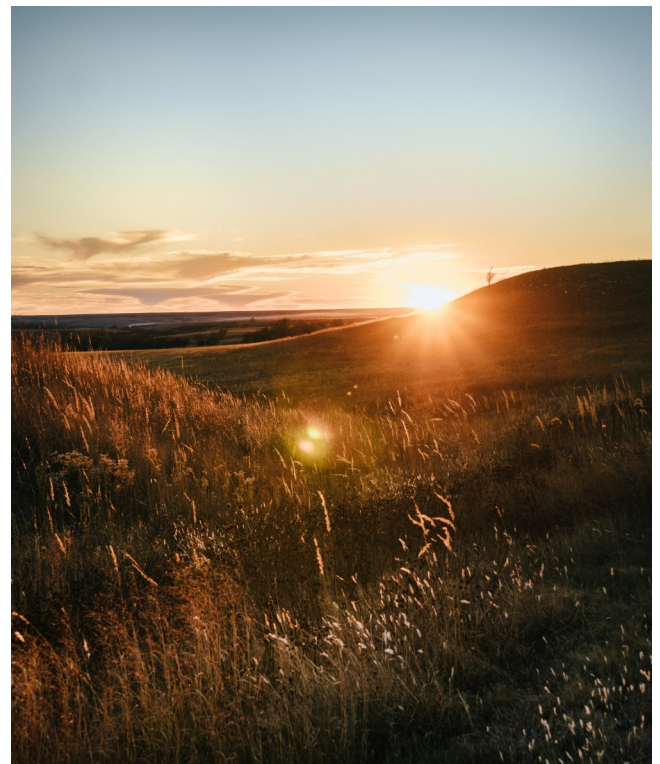
For contact information, visit: <http://kcmetro.apwa.net>

Appointments, Liaisons, Coordinators, and Task Forces

Asset Management Task Force - Brandon Grover
 Calendar/Events Coordinator - Alysen Abel
 MCIB/KCMMB - Todd LaTorella
 Public Works Institute - Larry Frevert
 Solid Waste Management - **Vacant**

KC APWA 2022 OFFICERS

President - Alysen Abel
 Vice President - Ben Will
 Secretary - Nick Arena
 Treasurer - Tawn Nugent
 Past President - Kyle Dieckmann
 Director (2nd Year) - Patty Hilderbrand
 Director (2nd Year) - John Cooper
 Director (1st Year) - Mark Stinson
 Director (1st Year) - Phil Herrman
 Director-At-Large - Bill Billings
 Delegate - Bill Stogsdill
 Alternate Delegate - Becky Bonebrake



New Members

Mark Bachamp, Olsson

Trey Bebee, BHC

Jeff Edson, Olsson

David Jones, Dubois Consultants

Riley McMullin, City of Shawnee

Andrew O'Connor, City of Overland Park

Jonathan Quirk, City of Leawood

Terry Smith, City of Leavenworth

Greg Stiles, Scotwood Industries

Nathan Wagner, BHC

Bailey Waters, City of Kansas City

Joe White, BHC

Earl Wilkinson, City of Leavenworth

Kenda Zerbe, City of Leawood



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- Approval of these items may be granted by the Chapter President, the Newsletter Editor and the Website Committee. When requested, announcements from other organizations may be posted on the Chapter's website under "News" if the Newsletter/Communications Committee is provided electronic announcements in a format that can be posted without modification or editing.
- The Newsletter/Communications Committee may use the chapter's electronic mailing list for announcements to KC Metro Chapter members when the topic is related to an APWA activity or event. However, an announcement will not be sent before the Chapter event has been posted on the KC Metro Chapter website.

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