

# PUB NEWS

## APWA KC Metro Chapter Newsletter



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## President's Perspective

By Shawn Graff

I received notification on June 23 that the Kansas City Metro Chapter was awarded the 2020 Presidential Award of Chapter Excellence (PACE) for the 24th consecutive year, the most of any other chapter. The award recognizes chapters that make positive impacts to membership, profession and community. The Kansas City Metro Chapter has always been a very active chapter with engaged members that plan and organize social gatherings, training and focus groups. A big THANK YOU to Becky Bonebrake, Reid Catt and Dan Brown for their efforts to complete the submittal and to our committee's chairs and members, we could not have done it without you.



I wish I could write about all of the events that have taken place and those to come, but our world has changed a little bit this year. The restrictions placed on in person events continue to make large meetings a challenge. I will be meeting with committee chairs in the coming weeks to exchange ideas of some things we can do as a chapter either in person or virtual. If you have ideas please reach out to the Executive Committee or any committee member.

Congratulations to Kansas City Chapter members that were appointed to national committees for the coming year.

- John Cooper – Utilities and Public Rights-of-Way Committee
- Mark Stinson – Fleet Management Committee and Certification Council
- Kati Horner Gonzalez – Young Professionals Committee
- Alysen Abel – Small Cities/Rural Communities Committee
- Nick Voss – Public Works Projects of the Year Committee
- Kimberly Pemberton – Public Works Projects of the Year Committee
- Gary Strack – Engineering and Technology Committee and AASHTO Cooperative Automated Transportation Coalition Peer Exchange & Outreach Working Group
- Bill Stogsdill – Leadership and Management Committee

Have a fun and safe summer.

## Delegate Details

By Bill Stogsdill

The more things change the more they stay the same. We are still battling the effects of COVID-19 and inventing new ways to do our work daily. I would like to applaud each and every one of you. We are writing our response plans in pencil and adapting about as well as can be expected.

### Conferences – PWX and North American Snow Conference

Due to the cancellation of both the 2020 North American Snow Conference and PWX, APWA staff has been creating and rolling-out virtual content scheduled to have been presented at both live events.

- An online live event—APWA Winter Operations Summit—was held May 27-29, 2020. Four sessions were offered each day, providing over 175 participants the



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By Bill Stogsdill

opportunity to learn about a full range of winter maintenance-related topics. [Visit https://winterops.apwa.net](https://winterops.apwa.net) for full details, and use the hashtag #APWAWinterOps.

- The next project, PWX@home, is slated to begin in August and provide education throughout each month through July 2021. It will be a virtual education experience highlighting content in twelve key focus areas of public works and provided via varied modes and formats. More information will be announced in July when registration opens.

PWX@home looks like a unique experience and will allow some members that aren't able to regularly travel to PWX experience some of the great education programs.

### Emerging Leaders Academy

Emerging Leaders Class XIII will present their class project as part of the PWX@home, Spotlight on Leadership and Management program on Tuesday, December 8, 2020, in place of the class's traditional presentation at PWX. The project focuses on empowering and supporting emerging leaders within your organization.

Applications for the 2020-2021 Emerging Leaders Class XIV are currently available. All applications are due no later than Friday, August 7, 2020. Please visit [www.apwa.net/emergingleaders](http://www.apwa.net/emergingleaders) for information about the program or to apply. Questions about the application process can be directed to [ela@apwa.net](mailto:ela@apwa.net). Becky and I are both past graduates and would be happy to answer any questions as well.

### Click, Listen & Learn- Free Training for Members

Upcoming Click, Listen & Learn webinar:

- Free Emergency Management Training for PW Professionals on July 30, 2020, presented by the Emergency Management Committee.

A recording of the May Click, Listen & Learn program "Illegal Dumping: Fund it, Report it, Clean it" is now available for viewing in the Members' Library. For more information on APWA Click, Listen & Learn programs, please contact [education@apwa.net](mailto:education@apwa.net).

### COVID-19 Resources

APWA National is still closely following the spread of coronavirus and its effects on our communities. Because many of us are on the front lines and in many cases are first responders, it is important for all of us to have the resources and information to respond. National has compiled a list of resources here:

[https://www.apwa.net/MyApwa/Apwa\\_Public/Coronavirus\\_and\\_the\\_Public\\_Works\\_Community.aspx](https://www.apwa.net/MyApwa/Apwa_Public/Coronavirus_and_the_Public_Works_Community.aspx)

And please, check out the discussion board to see what others are doing:

[APWA Public Works COVID-19 Discussion Board](#)

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Becky or myself.

Stay Safe!!

## Upcoming Events

### Public Works Institute Re-Scheduled

Due to the COVID-19 virus restrictions on gatherings and social distancing requirements and in the interest of keeping our members and attendees as safe as possible, the April 7-9 Public Works Institute Module "Public Works Supervision Basic Essentials" was postponed. This module has been re-scheduled for October 6-8 in Leawood. All who registered for the originally scheduled dates will remain registered for the re-scheduled date unless Larry Frevert is notified. Details regarding the re-scheduled Public Works Institute may be viewed at: <http://kcmetro.apwa.net/EventDetails/21327>

At this time, no additional registrations are being accepted but if that changes (only if previously registered persons cancel their registration) there is a waiting list that will be honored.

### Connected KC 2050 Regional Transportation Joint APWA/WTS Chapter Meeting

**July 29, 2020 11:30 AM**

Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) recently released their Connected KC long-range plan for the transportation systems in the Kansas City Metro area. The technical program will start with a brief presentation by Ron Achelpohl about the Connected KC plan. Following the presentation, there will be a panel discussion with three large communities within the KC Metro area, discussing the long-range plan and its impact to their community. We looking forward to seeing you on-line at this virtual event!



Panelists include:

- Patty Hilderbrand (KCMO)
- Mary Jaeger (Olathe)
- Melissa Sieben (Unified Government/KCK)

Click here for more information and to register: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/moving-the-metro-connected-kc-tickets-110397953250>

## Chapter Leadership

### APWA 2020 COMMITTEE CHAIRS

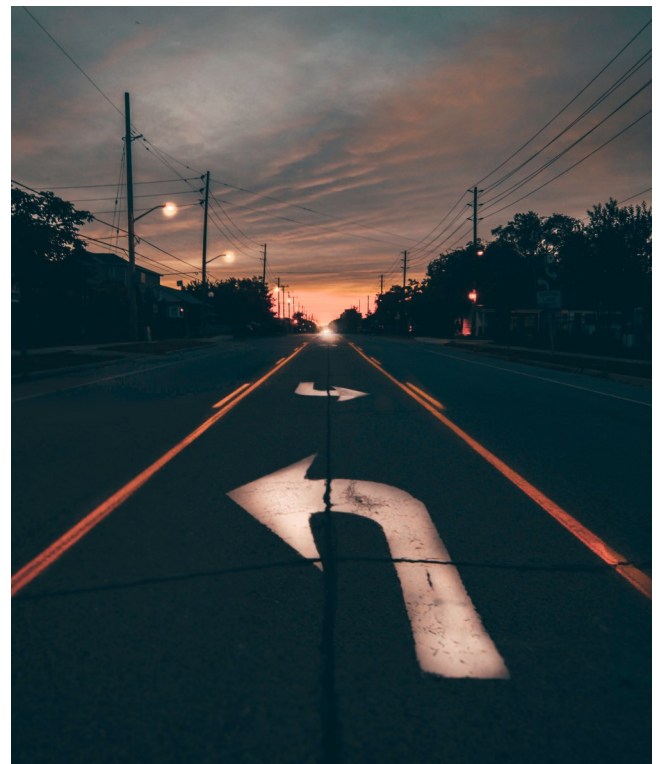
Audit & Budget - Alysen Abel  
 Awards - Reid Catt & Becky Bonebrake  
 By-Laws - Jason Meyers  
 Chapter Meetings - Thomas Renfro  
 Communications and Publicity - Allison Bruner  
 Community Service - Jack Renfro  
 Diversity and Inclusion - Zach Hardy  
 Education & Training - Josh Hartman & Zach Matteo  
 Emergency Management & Homeland Security (PET) - Rob Cole  
 Engineering & Technology - Michael Haake  
 Facilities & Grounds - Kristian Krc  
 Fleet Services - Mark Stinson & Brian Dowling  
 Golf Tournament - Tawn Nugent  
 Governmental Affairs - Trey Whitaker  
 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  
 Myron Calkins Symposium - Jason Meyers  
 National Public Works Week - Heather Bray  
 Snow & Equipment Training Expo - Paul Dunn  
 Standards & Specifications - Dena Mezger & Michael Anderson  
 Student Chapter - Aaron Castro & Lewis Muriithi  
 Sustainable Infrastructure - JC Alonzo  
 Transportation - Linda Rottinghaus  
 Utility & Public Right-of-Way - Jeffrey Mains & Brent Berry  
 Water Resources Management - Andrew Smith  
 Webmaster - Tiffany Cartwright  
 Young Professionals - Leslie Donnelly

### Appointments, Liaisons, Coordinators, and Task Forces

ACEC-APWA Liaison - Howard Lubliner  
 Asset Management Task Force - Steve Roth & Chris Harker  
 Calendar/Events Coordinator - Dan Brown  
 MCIB/KCMMB - Todd LaTorella  
 Public Works Institute - Larry Frevert  
 Solid Waste Management - Lisa McDaniel

### KC APWA 2020 OFFICERS

President - Shawn Graff  
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 Treasurer - Ben Will  
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 Director (1<sup>st</sup> Year) - Tawn Nugent  
 Director (1<sup>st</sup> Year) - Trey Whitaker  
 Director-At-Large - Bill Billings  
 Delegate - Bill Stogsdill  
 Alternate Delegate - Becky Bonebrake



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

## New Members

**William Chance**, City of Leawood

**Andrew Radcliff**, City of Leawood

**Matt Rowe**, Kaw Valley Engineering

**Andrew Smith**, City of Leawood

**Logan Stites**, City of Leawood

**Mike Wettstein**, Central Power Systems & Services

**Jonathan Wiles**, Unified Government

**Dustin Zenger**, City of Edwardsville



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The Pub News staff welcomes announcements, news articles, photos and suggestions. A new issue will be published in September. The deadline for the next issue will be Friday, September 11, 2020. Deadlines will be strictly enforced. Electronic formats are preferred, but not required. Send your stories to Allison Bruner via email at [abruner@trekkdesigngroup.com](mailto:abruner@trekkdesigngroup.com).

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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.

This policy was approved by the Executive Committee on November 19, 2008.

