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APWA KC Metro Chapter Newsletter



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President's Perspective

By Kyle Dieckmann

Happy summer and a late Happy Independence Day. I hope that this issue of the Pub News finds you well into your summer activities and maybe vacations. We've had a few hot days and a few rainy days but we couldn't have asked for much better weather on the 4th of July. The year is moving quickly as it always does, but many of us are glad to be able to gather again and see faces that we have not seen in a while. I am sure many of you are looking forward to APWA PWX, which will be here before you know it. Be looking out for an invitation to the chapter dinner on August 31 at PWX which is always a fun occasion. I'd like to highlight a few notable items related the chapter.



- National Public Works Week Event – The chapter held a great event to celebrate National Public Works Week on May 20. This was the first time for many of us to see each other since the onset of the pandemic. A crowd of roughly 130 people got together in honor of our profession. The chapter presented awards for projects and personal recognition. Special thanks to Sabrina Parker, Nicole Woods and the entire NPWW committee for organizing this great event.
- Community Service Activities – In June, the Community Service Committee held an event to build a shed for Johnson County Developmental Services. They are putting the finishing touches on the shed and will provide a full report when it is complete. I've attached a picture of the work in progress.



- MO-KAN Public Works Association – The MO-KAN group has started monthly meetings to meet and collaborate. The group has been planning training, discussing the chapter Roadeo, and talking about the collective challenges being faced. At the meeting I attended, the group talked about filling vacancies and discussed challenges with obtaining equipment due to supply issues.
- National Appointments – Several individuals from the chapter were appointed to APWA National Committees
 - Becky Bonebrake – Reappointed to Asset Management Committee
 - Kimberly Pemberton – Public Works Projects of the Year Committee
 - John Cooper – Reappointed to Utilities and Public Right-of-Way Committee
 - Alysen Abel – Reappointed to Small Cities Rural / Communities Committee also appointed to Awards Committee

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- [APWA Presidential Award of Chapter Excellence \(PACE\)](#) – I was notified on June 28 that the KC Metro Chapter received the PACE award. We received the award in recognition of the chapter's impact on APWA's membership, professional development, the advancement of public works, and for what we accomplished during the pandemic. Thanks to Becky Bonebrake, Reid Catt and all that worked on the application.
- [Upcoming events](#) – please check the [chapter calendar](#) for upcoming events including a presentation on educational and training opportunities offered through APWA presented by our Education and Training Committee on July 29.

I am very excited that we are able to start having our traditional events again. Planning for the holiday party is underway and the Public Works Institute is scheduled for October. Our Executive Committee is also meeting in person this month for the first time since last February. Please don't hesitate to reach out if you have questions or want to get involved.

Delegate Details

By Becky Bonebrake

Can you feel that summer sun!? I feel like some things are starting to feel back to normal. I hope this change of pace has put a little boost in your step! Another thing to be excited for is an in-person PWX in St. Louis! Registration is open and half of the hotels have met their capacity for bookings! If you are planning on attending PWX, you will want to get your room booked soon. A chapter dinner at PWX is also in the works. I am excited to share some face time with all of you August 29 to September 1!

At the national level, they have continued to keep activities going. The Emerging Leaders Academy is accepting applications with a due date of July 9. There have been a few education opportunities in July that have passed by the time of this publication but one more is available on July 29 on What is a Smart City?

Be watching for more events coming up such as YP Events, Public Works Institute and chapter monthly meetings.



Upcoming Events

July Chapter Luncheon: Education and Training — July 29, 2021

11:30 — 12:00 Registration & Networking

12:00 — 1:00 Lunch & Program

The Education and Training Committee will be hosting a program on Thursday, July 29. The program will feature Deanne Cross, Education Manager from APWA National. Her presentation will showcase all of the education and training opportunities offered through APWA National. Also during the program, Zach Matteo and Blake Moris from the Education and Training Committee will highlight their plans for the Education & Training committee to host quarterly programs, both virtually and in-person. Attendees will be encouraged to share their ideas for programs as well. This presentation will be held in-person in Training Rooms 1A and 1B at the Burns & McDonnell 9450 Ward Parkway North Building. PDHs will be provided.

Click here for more information and to register: <http://kcmetro.apwa.net/EventDetails?id=26434>

APWA KC Metro Chapter Annual Golf Tournament — October 7, 2021





**APWA KC Metro
Golf Tournament**

SAVE THE DATE

**Thursday, October 7
Hillcrest Golf Club**


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Upcoming Events

Kansas City Metro Chapter Dinner at PWX in St. Louis — Tuesday August, 31

6:00 — 7:00 PM Happy hour with appetizers

7:00 — 9:00 PM Dinner

RSVP Deadline: noon Monday, August 16

Cost: \$50 per person

Location: Schlafly's Tap Room 2100 Locust Street St. Louis, MO

Dinner Menu: Mixed Green Salad; Prime Rib, Mashed Potatoes and Broccoli, and Dessert

Dietary Restrictions: If you have any dietary requests, please email Alysen Abel prior to the registration deadline on 8/16.

There will be opportunities for companies to sponsor the Happy Hour celebration during the PWX Chapter Dinner. The more sponsorships we receive, the longer the happy hour will be. Our goal is to get five company sponsors to host happy hour for the entire event. Company sponsorships are available for \$500. Recognition will be given to our company sponsors during the event. If your company is interested in sponsoring, please contact Alysen Abel at aabel@parkvillemo.gov.

Click here for more information and to register: <http://kcmetro.apwa.net/EventDetails?id=26469>



Upcoming Events

Public Works Institute Re-Scheduled Public Works Basic Supervision Essentials

October 5-7, 2021



Presentation of Public Works Institute Module I, Public Works Basic Supervision Essentials, has been re-scheduled for October 5-7, 2021, at the "View" (Grandview) Community Center, 13500 Byars Road, Grandview, MO 64030. This is the Public Works Institute (PWI) originally scheduled for April 2020 but twice delayed due to the Covid 19 Pandemic precautions. All registrants for the originally scheduled April 2020 PWI have been contacted and are expected to attend. A limited number of additional registrants may possibly be added and a "stand-by" list of communities wanting to register additional personnel has been developed. Anyone else wanting to be added to this "stand-by" list should contact Larry Frevert at the phone number or e-mail shown below. Although it is not necessary for attendees to begin with Module I, there is progression to the modules, and this is the ideal time to begin the Public Works Institute training series.

The agenda for this training will include:

- Laws Impacting Public Works
- Supervising Others
- Public Works and Supervision Ethics
- Disciplinary Action
- Understanding Generational Differences
- Business Communications
- Conflict Resolution
- Time Management
- Negotiation Skills
- Supervising Your Team
- Crew Scheduling
- Public Works Operations

Registration fee for this event is \$250 each, which includes three days of training, a workbook containing a copy of all presentations, three continental breakfasts, three hot lunches, beverages/snacks and an attendance certificate. All originally paid registrations are honored.

Details regarding this event are on-line at <http://kcmetro.apwa.net/EventDetails?id=26216>. No additional registrations will be taken on-line and can only be made through Larry contacting a representative of the "stand-by" list. An agenda for the three day event and driving directions to the "View" can also be found via this link.

Questions can be directed to Larry Frevert, PWI Director, at lwfrevert@gmail.com or 816.582.9236.

Chapter Leadership

APWA 2021 COMMITTEE CHAIRS

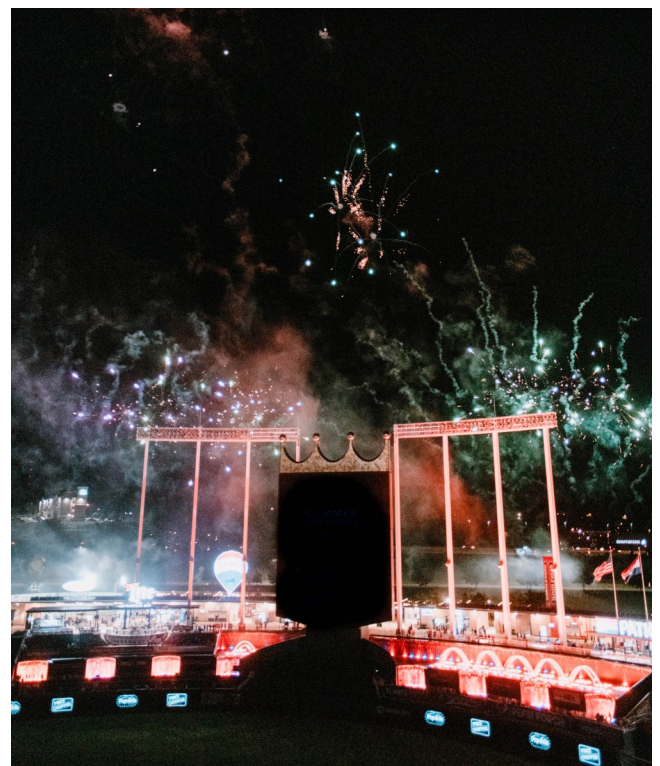
Audit & Budget - Bryan Blizzard
 Awards - Reid Catt & Becky Bonebrake
 By-Laws - Shawn Graff
 Chapter Meetings - Thomas Renfro
 Communications and Publicity - Allison Bruner
 Community Service - Jack Renfro
 Diversity and Inclusion - Zach Hardy
 Education & Training - Zach Matteo & Blake Moris
 Emergency Management & Homeland Security (PET) -
 Rob Cole
 Engineering & Technology - Michael Haake
 Facilities & Grounds - Dan Brown
 Fleet Services - Mark Stinson & **Co-Chair Vacant**
 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 & Erik Troy
 Myron Calkins Symposium - Shawn Graff
 National Public Works Week - Sabrina Parker and Nicole
 Woods
 Snow & Equipment Training Expo - Paul Dunn
 Standards & Specifications - Michael Anderson & Mark
 Montgomery
 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 - Vacant
 Calendar/Events Coordinator - Kyle Dieckmann
 MCIB/KCMMB - Todd LaTorella
 Public Works Institute - Larry Frevert
 Solid Waste Management - Lisa McDaniel

KC APWA 2021 OFFICERS

President - Kyle Dieckmann
 Vice President - Alysén Abel
 Secretary - Nick Arena
 Treasurer - Ben Will
 Past President - Shawn Graff
 Director (2nd Year) - Trey Whitaker
 Director (2nd Year) - Tawn Nugent
 Director (1st Year) - Patty Hilderbrand
 Director (1st Year) - John Cooper
 Director-At-Large - Bill Billings
 Delegate - Bill Stogsdill
 Alternate Delegate - Becky Bonebrake



New Members

Thomas Bartosiewicz, Site Consulting Engineers

Chad Charest, HG Consult

Michael Harrington, Walter P Moore

Tim MacNerland, City of Liberty

Cody Wilbers, City of Shawnee

Fred Woods, City of Independence



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- 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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