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President's Perspective

By Dan Brown

Mother Nature is certainly not making friends with any of us, especially our area Public Works Departments. THANK YOU to all of the public works field crews who have worked around the clock for several days this winter to keep our streets cleared and safe for all of us! Our February Executive Committee Meeting had to be postponed a week due to a snow storm and the fact that several of our members had more important duties that morning. The rescheduled meeting was the morning we had "black ice" on the roadways. Thankfully a majority of our members made it to the meeting safely and we were able to conduct business.



I have several items I want to update you on and a few announcements:

New Executive Committee Member – Unfortunately, Cory Clark had to resign his position as Secretary of the Executive Committee due to his recent change in employment and the resulting impact to his schedule. I want to thank Cory for the four years he served on the Executive Committee and his contributions to our Chapter during that time. I know he's still planning to participate in many APWA related activities in the future when his schedule allows. With Cory's resignation, our Executive Committee needed to appoint a replacement. Luckily our search wasn't too difficult. I'm excited to announce that Alysen Abel, City of Parkville Public Works Director, has accepted our invitation to rejoin the Executive Committee (she just rotated off at the end of the year) and serve as Secretary. Welcome back Alysen!

February Chapter Luncheon – We had a full house at our February Chapter Luncheon hosted by the City of Lee's Summit. Andy Bailey from the National Weather Service (NWS) gave a great presentation on how public works agencies can benefit from the NWS's expertise and service. A big **thank you** to Dena Mezger and the City of Lee's Summit Public Works Department for hosting!

Chapter Leaders Training – Several of our chapter leaders attended the Chapter Leaders Training workshop facilitated by APWA National staff on January 31st and February 1st at the Westin Crown Center. This year's theme was "It Starts Here!" and included many great sessions on a variety of topics including membership retention, chapter finance and membership tools & resources. Those who attended were Becky Bonebrake, Allison Bruner, Scott Cogan, Nick Arena, Joe Johnson, Bill Stogsdill and myself. We even had a couple of members from our Chapter lead training sessions. Thank you Bill Billings and Kati Horner Gonzalez.

Buddy System – At our February Executive Committee Meeting we decided to implement what we're calling the "Buddy System" (unless/until we come up with another name). Executive Committee members and Scott Cogan, our Membership Committee Chair, have each been assigned a different month. Each person will reach out to all new members who joined our Chapter in their assigned month and schedule a lunch meeting to connect. Our hope is that this will not only make our new members feel welcome, but will also give them easier access to a person they can reach out to with questions as they get connected with our Chapter.

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March Chapter Luncheon – Our March Chapter Luncheon, a joint meeting with KCITE, was held at The View Community Center in Grandview. We had over 90 in attendance for a great presentation by Burns & McDonnell and KDOT staff on the Traffic Management Plan utilized for the reconstruction of the Lewis & Clark Viaduct. Thank you KCITE!

Public Works Institute, Module III – Public Works Management Fundamentals – Larry Frevert, along with many of our area public works leaders, will hold the next session of the Public Works Institute (PWI) on April 23rd, 24th and 25th at the Lee's Summit Police Training Center. This continues to be one of the premier educational opportunities our Chapter offers.

Our Chapter has many great things happening. Thank you all for your continued involvement and efforts to make the KC Metro Chapter outstanding!

Delegate Details

By Bill Stogsdill

I would like to start this article by thanking our Regional Director, Chuck Williams. Chuck has reached his term limit as Director and will be rotating off the Board at PWX. Chuck has served APWA for many years in several capacities in two different chapters. Chuck has been a mentor and a great friend during my Public Works journey. Thanks Chuck for all that you do.

Our biennial Chapter Leaders Training dubbed "It Starts Here!" was held in conjunction with the annual Council of Chapters and National Board winter meeting January 31st – February 1st. The workshop is where chapter leaders come together to learn about APWA, network with counterparts from all over North America, and learn techniques and tips for recruiting, retaining, motivating and engaging members. The two-day session allows chapter leaders to immerse themselves in all aspects of APWA, which will help make volunteer work more productive. National President Dave Lawry and Executive Director Scott Grayson welcomed everyone and gave a state of the organization highlights. Kansas City didn't disappoint by putting its best weather foot forward with single digit highs, below zero lows and snow.

The Leadership Training held sessions on Education and Credentialing, Technical Committees, Finance Headlines, Top Trending Technologies, Hosting a Successful Rodeo, Member Retention and more.

The Council of Chapters didn't meet as a whole this year but instead focused on the current Task Forces and Focus Groups:

- Accreditation Outreach & Recognition Focus Group
- Advocacy Ambassadors Task Force
- APWA Website Focus Group
- Chapter Awards Manual Task Force
- Chapter Satisfaction Survey Task Force
- Exploring Leadership Education Focus Group
- K-12 Student Outreach Task Force
- National & Chapter Collegiate Scholarships Task Force



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The highlight for me has always been the Regional Breakout session. Its where all of the Chapters of each region sit down and share what's working, what's not, what national can help us with, and what's on the horizon from National.

Despite the bad weather, I am always proud of our city and how we represent as a community and as APWA.

UPCOMING AND CURRENT CONTENT AVAILABLE FROM APWA:

Click, Listen & Learn - Upcoming Click, Listen & Learn webinars:

- "Surviving the Chinese Sword," on March 14, 2019 presented by the Solid Waste Management Committee.
- "How to Deal with the MIRE . . . What is Required by 2026," on March 28, 2019 presented by the Transportation Committee.
- "Managing Change and Improvement," on April 11, 2019 with Technology Tools presented by the Leadership & Management Committee.
- "Circular City: Creating a Sustainable Circular Plan," on April 25, 2019 presented by the Center for Sustainability (C4S).
- "Small Cell - A Municipal Perspective," on May 23, 2019 presented by the UPROW Committee.
- "Suspicious Activity Reporting (SAR) – The Importance of 'If you See Something, Say Something' in Public Works," on August 15, 2019 presented by the Emergency Management Committee.

APWA eLearning Portal - Courses Currently Available

(for a fee) through the APWA Online Store:

- Construction Inspection 201: Project Management
- Ethics for Public Works Professionals
- Ethics for Public Works Supervisors
- Public Works Math 101: Calculating Concrete and Asphalt
- The Habits of Highly Dysfunctional Leaders



Also, The Leadership and Management Committee is establishing an ELA Subcommittee to make recommendations to the committee regarding eligibility requirements and the program moving forward. Subcommittee members will also be responsible for reviewing applications and selecting class participants. The committee hopes to have the subcommittee in place by March 14, 2019. Applications for ELA Class XIII (2019-2020) will be available early April.

And if you have any other APWA questions please contact Joe Johnson or myself and if we are not able to answer the question we will find the right people that can.

APWA Chapter Awards

At the start of each year, APWA Nationals calls for nominations for Project of the Year awards and as well as outstanding leadership awards from the previous year. The KC Metro chapter of APWA recognizes these awards at the Chapter level and submits the winners to Nationals for their consideration. Here are the following people and projects which have been selected for recognition at the Chapter level. If you have a chance, please congratulate the Chapter winners and wish them good luck as they are consideration for award at the National level.

Public Works Project of the Year for Small Cities/Rural Communities – Transportation Projects under \$5 million

Project Name: School Road Project – Phase 3
 Managing Agency: MoDOT and City of Peculiar
 Primary Contractor: Amino Brothers Company, Inc.
 Primary Consultant: Cook, Flatt & Strobel Engineers

Public Works Project of the Year – Transportation Projects from \$5 million to \$25 million

Project Name: US-50 @ MO-291S
 Interchange (Divergababout)
 Managing Agency: MoDOT
 Primary Contractor: Radmacher Brothers
 Excavating Company, Inc.
 Primary Consultant: GBA



Public Works Project of the Year – Environmental Projects under \$5 million

Project Name: 89th Ter. & Outlook Dr. to Reeds Rd Stormwater Improvements
 Managing Agency: City of Overland Park, KS
 Primary Contractor: VF Anderson Builders
 Primary Consultant: HNTB Corporation

Kansas City Metro Chapter Nominees for: Myron Calkins Young Leader of the Year

Kati Horner-Gonzalez
 City of Independence, MO

Top Ten Public Works Leader of the Year

Sherri McIntyre
 City of Kansas City, MO

MDC Scholarship Application

Applications for the APWA MDC Scholarship are due Friday, April 12, 2019. The scholarship award is up to \$2,000 per student, per year. Applicants interested in this scholarship must be:

1. Enrolled in a graduate or undergraduate education or trade school program that relates to public works at a qualified educational institution; and
2. Enrolled in a minimum of three (3) credit hours per semester or working towards completion of an accredited program for the duration of the scholarship; or
3. Applying to complete a certification program through APWA (or other agencies upon approval), including but not limited to the following: Certified Stormwater Manager (CSM), Certified Public Fleet Professional (CPFP), and Certified Public Infrastructure Inspector (CPII). More information can be found online at <http://www.apwa.net/certification/>.

The scholarship application is available for download on the KC Metro website [here](#)

If you have any questions please contact Phil Herrman or Erik Troy, scholarship committee chairs, at kcmetro-apwascholarship@gmail.com



Special \$99 Young Professionals New Member Registration

For a limited time, APWA is offering a special rate for new members who qualify as Young Professionals. This offer is available from March 18 - April 30, 2019. This \$99 rate is for TWO years of membership.

Anyone 35 years of age and younger who has never been a member of APWA is eligible.

For more information and to see [here](#).



Local Politics

Local Representation on Congress House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee



Representative Sharice Davids (KS-03) has been named to the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee. Davids is the only Member from the Kansas delegation on this important committee.

As a White House Fellow, Davids worked in the Department of Transportation under then-Secretary Anthony Foxx and gained valuable experience in transportation policy. She also has experience working in economic and community development—including bringing infrastructure to communities that lacked it.

“It’s a privilege to represent Kansas on the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee,” Davids said. “This committee has jurisdiction over areas that touch every aspect of our lives - especially so in the Kansas City Metro area with its strategic position in our country’s heartland as a major transportation hub. I look forward to working in a bipartisan way to advocate for much needed economic development and investment in our roadways, airport, railways, transit network, and local water infrastructure.”



U.S. Representative Sam Graves, (MO-06), was elected by members of the House Republican Conference to lead the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee as Ranking Minority Leader.

“I am honored to be chosen by my colleagues to lead this important Committee at such a critical time for our nation’s infrastructure,” said Graves. “Infrastructure seems to be at the forefront of everyone’s to-do-list and I believe my experience as a professional pilot and legislator coupled with my policy depth and conservative values will serve the conference well as we begin discussions on an infrastructure bill.

“Addressing our crumbling infrastructure has long been a bipartisan issue, and I am intent on working with all my colleagues, the Senate, and President Trump to craft an infrastructure proposal that includes finding a long-term funding solution for the Highway Trust Fund. Infrastructure drives every aspect of our economy and at the end of the day, this effort will save people’s lives, time and money.” Representative Sam

The House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure has jurisdiction over all modes of transportation and other aspects of our national infrastructure.

Upcoming Events

Public Works Institute April 23-25, 2019: Public Works Management Fundamentals

Presentation of Public Works Institute Module III, Public Works Management Fundamentals, has been scheduled for April 23-25, 2019 at the Lee's Summit Police Training Center, 10 NE Tudor Road, Lee's Summit, MO 64086.

The agenda for this training will include:

- Organizational Theory
- Media Relations
- Risk Management
- Ethical Dilemmas
- A City Attorneys' Panel Discussion
- Sustainability
- Presentation Skills
- Team Development
- Customer Service
- Inclusion Through ADA (New)
- Public Works Operations
 - Construction
 - Engineering and Technology
 - Water, Waste and Storm Water



Registration fee for this event will be \$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.

Registration is on-line at <http://kcmetro.apwa.net/EventDetails/17718> where a complete training agenda and driving directions to the Police Training Center can be found. Registration is limited to the first 80 people to sign up during the March 1-29 time period.

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

REGISTRATION CLOSSES FRIDAY, MARCH 29

Upcoming Events — SAVE THE DATE

National Public Works Week Luncheon May 22, 2019

The View at Briarcliff
4000 North Mulberry Drive
Kansas City, MO 64116

Please mark your calendars for the annual KC Metro Chapter Luncheon to celebrate National Public Works Week and to recognize this year's APWA KC Metro Chapter Awards.



APWA BBQ Competition — June 7, 2019

Knights of Columbus Park
19699 Shawnee Mission Parkway
Shawnee, KS 66218

This is a friendly contest, and is intended to be a fun event to generate interest in APWA and encourage membership. With this goal in mind, contestants do not need to have any experience with BBQ competitions. Teams will cook and be judged on sausage, chicken, ribs, and pork. A BBQ supper smoked by the teams will be open to APWA members, potential members and guests at 6 pm. More information including entry forms can be found on the APWA website.



Chapter Leadership

APWA 2019 COMMITTEE CHAIRS

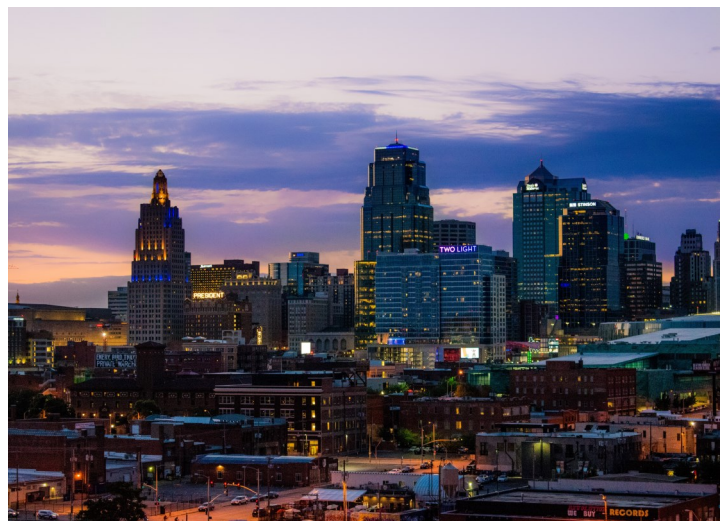
Audit & Budget - Alysen Abel
 Awards - JD Retinger
 By-Laws - Jason Meyers
 Chapter Meetings - Joe Burgett
 Communications and Publicity - Allison Bruner
 Community Service - Jack Renfro
 Diversity - Abdul Yahaya
 Education & Training - Josh Hartman & Zach Matteo
 Emergency Management & Homeland Security (PET) -
 Scott Ward
 Engineering & Technology - Michael Haake
 Facilities & Grounds - Kristian Krc
 Fleet Services - Mark Stinson
 Golf Tournament - Tawn Nugent
 Governmental Affairs - Joab Ortiz
 Historical - Ernie Longoria
 Holiday Party - Brandon Kuehl
 K-12 Student Outreach - David Smalling
 Leadership & Management - **Vacant Position**
 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 - Trey Whitaker
 Standards & Specifications - Dena Mezger
 Student Chapter - Aaron Castro & Tim Cope
 Sustainable Infrastructure - JC Alonzo & Anne Schroer
 Transportation - Jaclyn White and Linda Rottinghaus
 Utility & Public Right-of-Way - Jeffrey Mains
 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 2019 OFFICERS

President - Dan Brown
 Vice President - Shawn Graff
 Secretary - Alysen Abel
 Treasurer - Kyle Dieckmann
 Past President - Jason Meyers
 Director (2nd Year) - Ben Will
 Director (2nd Year) - Becky Bonebrake
 Director (1st Year) - Heidi Thummel
 Director (1st Year) - Nick Arena
 Director-At-Large - Bill Billings



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

New Members

Randy Alewine, City of Kansas City
Steven Conrick, City of Lee’s Summit
Timothy Degenhardt, Metropolitan Community College
Cindy DeShazo, City of Lee’s Summit
James Edmiston, City of Gladstone
Mark Fauser, City of Merriam
Chad Foster, City of Olathe
Nikia Freiburger, City of Belton
Jon Haley, City of Lee’s Summit
Athena Huynh, City of Kansas City
Ernesto Longoria, City of Shawnee
Dan McGhee, Lamp Rynearson

Dale McKay, ADA Solutions
Rebecca Mitchell, City of Kansas City
Angie Morgan, GLMV Architecture
Jeff Mull, City of Mission
Frankie Reeves, City of Roeland Park
Jayne Riggs, City of Olathe
Zach Sperry, GBA
Doug Thorell, City of Roeland Park
Nick Voss, WSP
Sara Wasinger, City of Lee’s Summit
Jeff Watkins, City of Platte City
Chad Weinand, GLMV Architecture

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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.