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President's Perspective

By Shawn Graff

I am glad to see winter in the rearview mirror. The Kansas City area was spared from a large snowstorm this year but it seemed like crews were out nearly every weekend battling snow, ice and freezing fog. I want to express my gratitude again to the many snowplow drivers and support staff that work around the clock to keep our streets clear and safe.

Spring is one of my favorite times of year. The grass is starting to green up, the trees are budding out, and it is nice to have some daylight after work. I enjoy being able to spend more time outdoors working in the yard or enjoying some free time fishing. Spring also means the beginning of severe weather; as first responders, Public Works is called upon during these times to be prepared and ready to respond at a moment's notice to clear streets, repair infrastructure and help rebuild our communities. Now is a good time to review your emergency management policies and procedures with your employees. In case you did not know, the Kansas City Metro Chapter has an active Emergency Management Committee. If you are interested in learning more or would like to be a part of the committee, you can contact the Emergency Management Committee Chair Rob Cole, at rwcole@olathekansas.org.



The Executive Committee is watching the COVID-19 issue closely and will be making some decisions about upcoming meetings and events. The current advice is to limit large gatherings for the next few weeks.

The February Chapter Luncheon was well attended and featured Mark Stinson, Fleet Manager for the City of Lee's Summit. Mark highlighted the work that is being done on the National Fleet Services Committee, including the new Public Fleet Management Certificate and mechanics rodeo.

The Public Fleet Management Certificate Program Workshop that was scheduled for March 20, 2020 has been postponed. Keep an eye on the Chapter's website for a new date: <http://kcmetro.apwa.net/>

Public Works Institute Module I is scheduled for April 7-9, 2020 at the Grandview Community Center. Public Works Institute continues to be in high demand, and the class filled up within a few days. There are just over seventy Public Works Professionals enrolled in the class.

Registration is open for the 2020 Mid America Expo (MidAmX). The MidAmX is scheduled for May 20-22, 2020 at the Overland Park Convention Center. To register go to the MidAmX website at <http://midamx.apwa.net> or follow the link at the bottom of the Chapter's homepage. There will also be opportunities to volunteer coming soon.

The KC Metro Chapter is monitoring the public health situation closely and will notify members and exhibitors of changes to the schedule for the Public Works Institute and MidAmX.

Finally, I want to congratulate Bill Billings, Public Works Superintendent at the City of Leawood, Kansas. Bill was selected to serve as the Chair of the National Equipment Rodeo Task Force. This is a one-year appointment designed to help chapters develop a successful equipment rodeo. Bill brings extensive experience successfully planning and organizing equipment rodeos for the Chapter and the 2018 PWX. Congratulations Bill!

Delegate Details

By Becky Bonebrake

I had the pleasure of attending the Combined Winter Meeting at Nationals with the Council of Chapters and the National Technical Committees on February 20-22! This meeting provides a collaboration time for the Council of Chapters to discuss items at the National level and share information between the chapters. It is a great opportunity to network and learn about what is working for other chapters.

National President Bill Spearman and Executive Director Scott Grayson gave state of the organization highlights which was followed with a speed collaboration session. The idea of the speed collaboration was to integrate the members of the technical committee and the Council of Chapters and talk about what each group was working on. The members that participated really enjoyed the time to hear about the different tasks that each group is working on and how they can help each other.



Something I learned from the combined winter meeting was that APWA offers DIY WorkShop Kits. These kits provide all the materials you need to host a face-to-face education program for the chapter or your agency. Once a kit is purchased the chapter or agency has unlimited access to the materials and can hold the program as many times as they wish. Kits currently available are:

- DIY-Ethics for Public Works Professionals
- DIY-Public Works Math 101: Calculating Concrete and Asphalt

Kits that will be available in winter of 2020 include:

- DIY-Ethics for Public Works Supervisors
- DIY- Habits of Dysfunctional Leaders

On February 11 the UMKC Student Chapter Committee hosted a Resume Writing and Interview Prep Workshop. We had a great turnout, with 20 students and 10 professionals attending. Each student was provided one on one time with several professionals getting feedback on their resumes, doing mock interviews and asking questions. In addition, a presentation was provided on the do's and don'ts of resume writing. The students were excited for the opportunity and left with meaningful feedback. One student landed an internship from the event!



At the February 26 luncheon we had 23 in attendance to learn about the new fleet management certification. Our very own Mark Stinson is on the national committee and will be leading the pilot program for the first certifications in fleet management. The Public Fleet Management Certificate Program Workshop that was scheduled for March 20, 2020 has been postponed. Keep an eye on the Chapter's website for updates on rescheduling: <http://kcmetro.apwa.net/>

Delegate Details

By Becky Bonebrake

Public Works Institute, Module I – Public Works Basic Supervision Essentials, organized by Larry Frevert, is scheduled for April 7-9, 2020. This event is a great experience and fills up quickly. The registration is already full but if you are interested in the program please reach out to Bill Stogsdill (bstogsdill@fairwaykansas.org) or myself (becky.bonebrake@opkansas.org) for more details. As a recent graduate of the institute, it is worth the time to complete all four modules and you don't have to start from the first one! The KC Metro Chapter is monitoring the public health situation closely and will notify registrants of changes to the schedule.

The March 25 joint luncheon with ASCE regarding the Tomahawk Creek Wastewater Treatment Facility has been postponed. Keep an eye on the Chapter's website for more information regarding upcoming events: <http://kcmetro.apwa.net/>

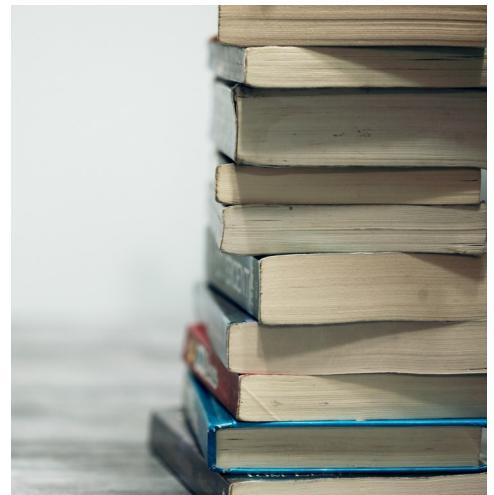
Applications for ELA Class IX (2020-2021) will be available early April and Nationals is currently accepting nominations for technical committees.

I am excited for the opportunity to serve as the KC Metro Chapter's Alternate Delegate and look forward to assisting in any way that I can and meeting new faces along the way! If you have any other APWA questions please contact Bill Stogsdill or myself and if we are not able to answer the question we will find the right people that can.

Call for Myron D. Calkins Scholarship Applications

Applications for the APWA MDC Scholarship are due Friday April 10, 2020. The scholarship award is up to \$2,000 per student, per year. Applicants interested in this scholarship must meet the following criteria:

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/>.



More information about the scholarship is available on the KC Metro website: <http://kcmetro.apwa.net/PageDetails/665>

If you have any questions please contact Phil Herrman, scholarship committee chair, at kcmetroapwascholarship@gmail.com

2020 Chapter Awards

At the start of each year, APWA Nationals calls for nominations for Project of the Year and 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.

Top Ten Public Works Leader of the Year

Sherri McIntyre — City of Kansas City, MO



Young Leader of the Year

Becky Bonebrake — City of Overland Park, KS

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

Project Name: Westwood 2019 Street & Storm Sewer Rehabilitation

Managing Agency: City of Westwood, Kansas

Primary Contractor: Kansas Heavy Construction

Primary Consultant: Uhl Engineering

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

Project Name: Public Works/Utilities Maintenance Facility

Managing Agency: City of Peculiar Public Works/Utilities

Primary Contractor: Allison & Alexander

Primary Consultant: Bartlett & West

Public Works Project of the Year for Small Cities/Rural Communities – Disaster or Emergency Construction/Repair Projects under \$5 million

Project Name: English Landing Park Low Water Crossing

Managing Agency: City of Parkville, Missouri

Primary Contractor: Wiedenmann, Inc.

Primary Consultant: CDM Smith

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

Project Name: Sheridan Drive Bridge
 Managing Agency: City of Fairway, Kansas
 Primary Contractor: Kansas Heavy Construction, LLC
 Primary Consultant: Cook, Flatt & Strobel Engineers, PA



Public Works Project of the Year – Transportation Projects under \$5-\$25 million

Project Name: North Oak Trafficway Design-Build
 Managing Agency: City of Kansas City, Missouri
 Primary Contractor: Radmacher Brothers Excavating
 Primary Consultant: TREKK Design Group LLC



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

Project Name: Hawk Ridge Park Improvements
 Managing Agency: City of Raymore, Missouri
 Primary Contractor: B. Dean Construction LLC
 Primary Consultant: Confluence

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

Project Name: Indian Creek (139th & Brookwood) Stormwater Improvements
 Managing Agency: City of Olathe, Kansas
 Primary Contractor: Pyramid Contractors, Inc.
 Primary Consultant: HNTB Corporation

Public Works Project of the Year – Historical Restoration/Preservation Projects under \$5 million

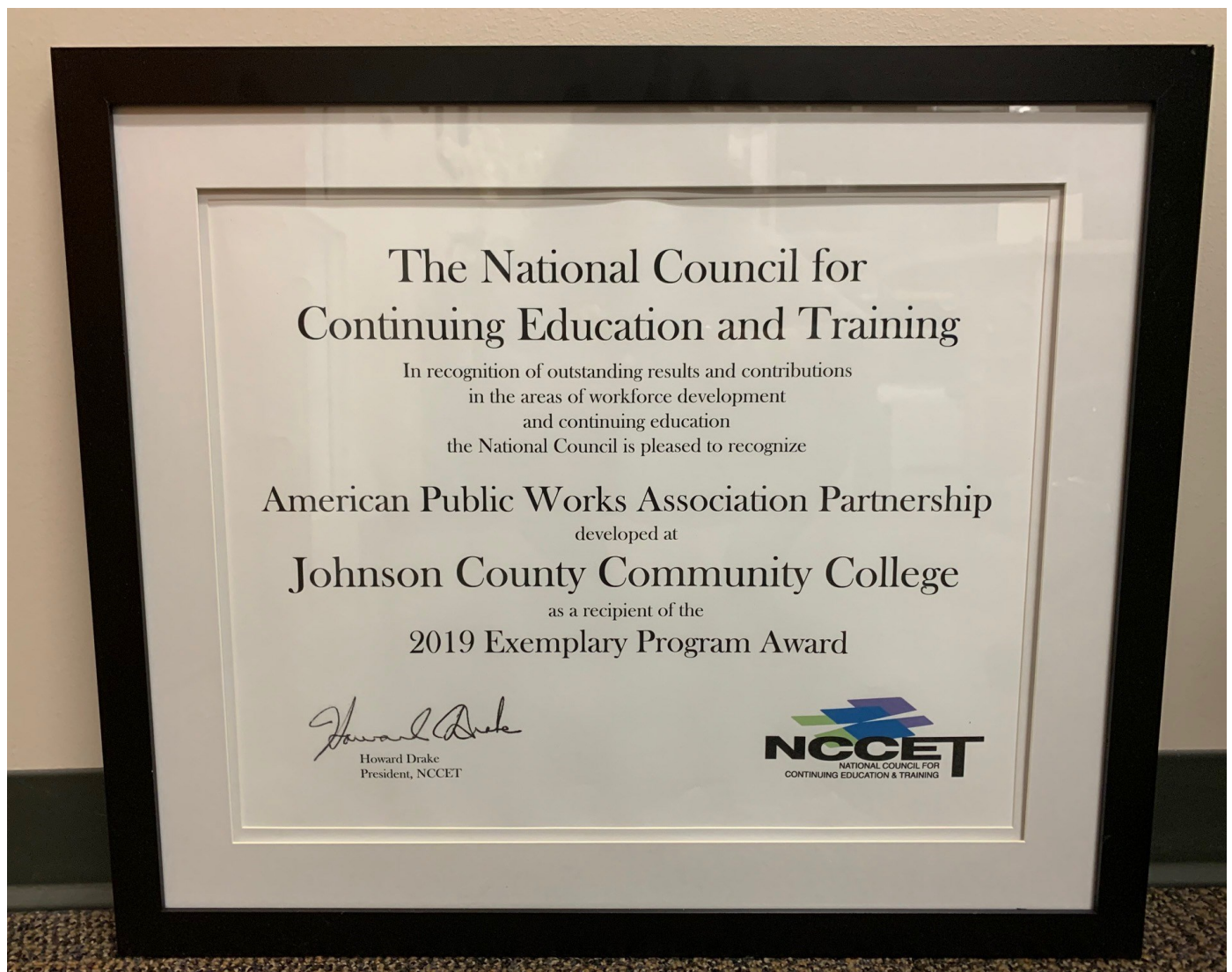
Project Name: The Delbert J. Haff Fountain Renovation
 Managing Agency: City of Kansas City Missouri Parks and Recreation Department
 Primary Contractor: JE Dunn Construction
 Primary Consultant: Walter P. Moore and Associates, Inc.



2019 Exemplary Program Award

National Council for Continuing Education & Training (NCCET) membership includes experts in the fields of continuing education, workforce education and contract training. NCCET is a leading organization in the development of innovative programming and professional development. NCCET strives to identify and honor professionals through their annual National Exemplary Awards Program.

In 2019, the partnership with Johnson County Community College (JCCC) and APWA Mid-American Region was honored with an Exemplary Award (from NCCET) for the work they have done together regarding the 2-day training conference and big equipment expo. JCCC has assisted with the conference for the last two years, handling registration and coordinating the training offered during the event. Other educational institutions, who are members of NCCET, were encouraged to seek out the APWA chapter near their location to replicate such a partnership.



Be a Witness for Your Chapter's History

by Connie Hartline

The Kansas City Metro Chapter has asked me to update its history book, *Service in the Heartland*, which I wrote in 2002. If you don't have a copy of the original hardbound book, you might have been given a PDF of it on a CD. The initial source of information for that project was a pallet of boxes stacked high and filled with minutes of past meetings, programs from various events, pictures, reports and other memorabilia of the chapter's first 37 years. All of this had been lovingly squirreled away by the late Ken Cardwell. He, along with a committee of nine other chapter past-presidents, and I coughed and sneezed our way through thousands of pages of dusty documents to lay a foundation on which to build that first book.

Fortunately, much of the information, from 2002 to 2020, the new project will cover exists in digital form, and as APWA's Editor of Publications during most of that time, I have some firsthand knowledge of the chapter. I also have the indispensable assistance of the history taskforce, which is comprised of Ernie Longoria, Don Cleveland, Mac Andrew and Dena Mezger. **But each of you can provide eyewitness testimony as well—and I need you to share it with me.**

If you have pictures, insider knowledge of chapter events over the last 18 years, or personal stories of how the chapter has affected the Kansas City Metro area or your public works career, please let me know. If there's someone you think I should interview, please let me know.

The first book took a "just the facts" point of view to tell the chapter's story. With your help, we can give this next chunk of history personality by casting the story through the eyes of the members. If you have something to share in that regard, please let me know. My email address is chartline47@gmail.com. I look forward to hearing from you as soon as possible.

Connie Hartline

APWA Editor of Publications (Retired)



Recent Events

Student Chapter Hosted Two Popular February Events on UMKC Campus

The UMKC Student Chapter hosted two events on the UMKC campus this past February. The first was a Resume Writing and Interview Prep Workshop. The student leadership team (Anthony Shuler, Matt Urton, Travis Addison, Joel Almloff, and Trevor Asher) planned and hosted this event, attended by about 20 of their classmates and 10 professionals. The professionals represented several companies such as HNTB, City of Overland Park, TREKK Design Group, GBA, Burns & McDonnell, Olsson, and GLMV Architecture. The students were able to have one-on-one conversations with professionals who reviewed their resumes, offered feedback, and asked them interview-style questions. Additionally, the students were able to hear a presentation on the “Do’s and Don’ts of Resume Writing” provided by Katie Whitney, an HR Representative from HNTB.



The second event was a Trivia Night again hosted by the student leadership team. The chapter invited students for a fun night of trivia, prizes, and free food. The chapter catered in Chipotle and gave out door prizes throughout the night and also gave away \$25 gift cards to each member of the winning trivia team. 20 students in total attended the event many of whom were not current APWA student members and the student chapter was able to recruit two additional student members during the event. Congratulations to team “Honorable Mention” on their razor-thin win!



Recent Events

APWA February Luncheon

Mark Stinson presented to the KC Metro APWA Chapter as part of February's monthly chapter meeting. Mark is the Fleet Manager for the City of Lee's Summit, and is a Certified Public Fleet Professional. He discussed the new Fleet Management Certificate, that he has been working on in coordination with many other professionals. This certificate will be made available this year. The certification is geared towards fleet support staff and managers to improve the quality of fleets that benefit our communities. He also discussed the Mechanics Rodeo, which is held annually as a way for mechanics to show off and improve their skills at managing and maintaining their fleets. The Rodeo consists of two parts – a hands on session with stations that test the mechanics' ability to diagnose and fix problems with trucks and other equipment, and a paper test. Mark is excited about how the Mechanics Rodeo has improved over the years, and is looking forward to seeing it continue to grow and become more popular.



Upcoming Events

Public Works Institute: Public Works Basic Supervision Essentials April 7-9, 2020



Presentation of Public Works Institute Module I, Public Works Basic Supervision Essentials, has been scheduled for April 7-9, 2020 at the "View" (Grandview) Community Center, 13500 Byars Road, Grandview, MO 64030. 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.

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

The registration fee for this event will be \$250, 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/21327> (until maximum registration is reached), where a complete training agenda and driving directions to the "View" can be found.

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

REGISTER BY TUESDAY, MARCH 31

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 - Jonathan Tronson
 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

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 Director-At-Large - Bill Billings
 Delegate - Bill Stogsdill
 Alternate Delegate - Becky Bonebrake



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

New Members

Melissa Chanto Lukert, TranSystems

Matt Cross, Kaw Valley Engineering

Trent Dansel, Olsson

Brian Davalos, University of Missouri Kansas City

Aaron Deere, City of Gardner

Alexander Dowell, University of Missouri Kansas City

Jeff Falk, DOB Group

Randy Fine, City of Merriam

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Ben Yoder, City of Belton

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- Outside agencies, educational institutions, and not-for-profit organizations may utilize the Chapter's website for dissemination of approved items that are considered beneficial to our membership.
- 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.