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President's Perspective

By Dan Brown

As I'm writing this, it's raining outside for what feels like the 20th day in a row. I know the rain has caused several construction delays around the metro area, but hopefully things will dry out soon and everything will get back on schedule (once we're all done mowing our lawns!).

There's a lot of KC Metro Chapter news to share from the past couple of months:



Congratulations Kati Horner Gonzalez – Kati, City Engineer for the City of Independence, was selected as one of APWA's Myron Calkins Young Leader of the Year winners for 2019. Congratulations Kati and way to represent the KC Metro Chapter! She will receive her award at APWA's annual Awards Recognition Ceremony held in conjunction with the PWX in Seattle, Washington in September. On a personal note, I met Kati when she was a student at UMKC and I was the Chair of the Student Chapter Committee, so it's very cool to see a former APWA Student Chapter member add this to her list of career accomplishments.

National Committee Appointments – Our Chapter is fortunate to have a history of members involved at the national committee level. Becky Bonebrake from the City of Overland Park was recently appointed to the National Asset Management Committee, joining others from our Chapter who are involved at the National level. The National Committee appointments are being announced as I write this, so fingers are crossed that additional members of our Chapter get the opportunity to serve at the National level

Strategic Planning Update – One of my initiatives for this year was to update our current Strategic Plan for the Chapter. We have begun the process by starting to form a Strategic Plan Leadership Team. Once that group is formed and we have a meeting to organize our efforts, we'll have a meeting with a much larger group. If you're on the Executive Committee or the Chair of a Committee, stay tuned.....your input will be needed!

Annual Partnership – Shawn Graff, our Chapter Vice-President, emailed some information on our Chapter's Annual Partnership program. If someone from your company or organization did not receive that information, please email Shawn at Shawn.Graff@cityofls.net. There is still an opportunity to become a Chapter Partner and be involved with many of our upcoming events!

PW Peers – Our PW Peers program (formerly known as the "Buddy System") is underway. I described the program in our last Pub News, but to refresh your memory, Executive Committee members and Scott Cogan, our Membership Committee Chair, have each been assigned a different month in 2019. Each person will reach out to all new members who joined our Chapter in their assigned month and schedule a lunch meeting to connect. I had the privilege of having lunch recently with eight of the new members from January. I had a great time getting to know those that I didn't already know and learning why each of them joined and how they want to get involved. I received an email from one of the attendees afterwards and wanted to share a few of the sentences - "I appreciated having that meeting. I have been in several other groups over the years and haven't had that experience as a new member. I thought it was very helpful and a great idea." I'm anxious to see how this is received as we move on throughout the rest of the year.

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PW Peers Lunch with new members from January



Larry Frevert being presented with a gift from City of Overland Park staff on final day of PWI Module III

Public Works Institute – Larry Frevert, along with many of the KC Metro Chapter area leaders, conducted Module III of the Public Works Institute – Public Works Management Fundamentals April 23rd through the 25th at the Lee's Summit Police Training Center. This was the third largest session of PWI to-date. Based on the short amount of time I was there, it looked like everything went off without a hitch, as usual. Thank you Larry Frevert for your continued leadership in making PWI a very prestigious program for our Chapter!

National Public Works Week Luncheon – We're going up north this year for the National Public Works Week Luncheon. I hope to see you all on May 22nd at The View at Briarcliff.

15th Annual "KC APWA BBQ Challenge" – Registration is open for our annual BBQ Challenge. Even if your company or organization doesn't have a team in the competition, please plan to join us on June 7th for dinner and a great time!

2020 Mid-America Conference & Exhibit Show - Planning is underway for the 2020 MidAmX. Dates and location have yet to be determined, so stay tuned for more information as arrangements are developed.

Our Chapter continues to be busy with 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

We are at the that time in the year where National is handing out National Awards and I want to take the opportunity to recognize Kati Horner Gonzalez, City Engineer for the City Independence as the National Young Leader of the Year, Congratulations Kati.



This month we will celebrate National Public Works Week the week of May 20 through 24. The Chapter will be celebrating NPWW on May 22th at the View at Briarcliff in Kanas City, MO. Mark it on your calendar to be part of the celebration and honor all our National and Local Award Winners. You can go to the Chapter's web site under Upcoming Events and signup.

This month is also the National Election for new Board Members and President Elect. The Chapter's Delegate, Joe Johnson, has been nominated as Region VI Director. Voting opens May 15, so look for the email, it only takes a couple of minutes to make your selection. Please get out there and support Joe!

This year PWX will be in Seattle Washington from September 8 through the 11 and registration is now open. The 2019 PWX will provide over 125 education sessions and hundreds of exhibitors covering nearly 80,000-square feet of exhibit space. For more information, including hotel accommodations and educational sessions go to National's website and click on the link in the scrolling banner. This is a great event to view the latest technology and equipment, take advantage of the many educational opportunities, and network with your peers from around the country and the world. It's not too early to start making plans.

At the National level, the Center for Sustainability hosts quarterly conference call for Chapter Sustainability Liaisons. These are the last 3 conference calls for the year if you are interested.

- Tuesday June 25, 2019 at 4:00 PM ET – Presentation Topic: Chapter Best Practices
- Tuesday September 24, 2019 at 4:00 PM ET – Presentation Topic: Small Cell Technology
- Tuesday December 10, 2019 at 4:00 PM ET – Presentation Topic: TBD

For those that like the Click, Listen & Learn topics, here are the upcoming programs:

- Small Cell - A Municipal Perspective, on May 23, 2019 presented by the UPROW Committee.
- Asset Management Past, Present, and Future - What's next?, on June 27, 2019 presented by the Asset Management 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. (This was previously scheduled on January 24, 2019 but due to government shutdown had to be rescheduled.)

For more information on APWA Click, Listen and Learn programs, contact education@apwa.net.

The Council of Chapters continues to make progress with the many committees working to improve and develop guidelines for Advocacy, Chapter Scholarships, Membership, Mentoring and Leadership. As these committees complete their tasks, the results will be rolled out to the entire membership. If you have topic for the Council of Chapters to consider, please let myself or Joe Johnson know.

Public Works Institute — Public Works Management Fundamentals

By Larry Frevert

From April 23-25, eighty-three public works supervisors, managers, leaders and others aspiring to those types of positions attended Public Works Institute Module III, Public Works Fundamentals

This spring's module was held at the Lee's Summit Police Training Center. Due to the City of Lee's Summit allowing us to use their facility cost-free, the Chapter was able to offer this valuable three-day training for only \$250. Thanks to the City of Lee's Summit for coordinating use of this site and specifically to Public Works Assistant Director Shawn Graff and his extraordinary staff for making the arrangements and for providing us with exceptional hospitality and courtesies.



Front Row, Left to Right: Soncereri Nutz-Independence, Steve Degner-Lenexa, Logan Stites-Leawood James Stites-Olathe, Cris Lawson-Olathe, Becky Bonebrake-Overland Park, Bea Thies-Overland Park, Sally Wachtel-Overland Park, Larry Frevert-Director (with sign gifted from Overland Park Staff), Alicia Turner-Overland Park, Ryan Barta-Olathe, Phil Adlich-Warrensburg, Kent Ragland-UGWYCO/KCK, Joe Shields-Raytown, Mike Winckler-Independence, Dallas Ford-Raytown, Jose Gonzalez-Raytown, Jerry Johnson-Lee's Summit, Craig Sullivan-Olathe, Shane Smith-Belton **Second Row, Left to Right:** Lauren Garwood-Overland Park, Jack Corcoran-Leawood, Phil Wilson-Leawood, Justin Paith-Raymore, Doug Thorell-Roeland Park, Charles Love-Lenexa, Charles Rutledge-Lenexa, William Welsh-Grain Valley, Joe Huggenberger-Shawnee, Lemondray Jones-Kansas City, MO, Eva Coker-Kansas City, MO, Eric Naughton-Shawnee, Don Tyler-Belton **Third Row, Left to Right:** Clara Haenchen-Jefferson City, Mike Pickard-Lee's Summit, Eric Willard-Gardner, Aaron Deer-Gardner, Bob Webb-Raymore, Michael Donahoe-Raymore, Gary Everhart-UGWYCO/KCK, Steve Welch-Raymore, Frankie Reeves-Roeland Park, Brad Wallace-Lenexa, Brent Morton-Mission, John Murphy-Fairway, Brad Elledge-Grain Valley, Michael Coca-Kansas City, MO, Rex Olinger-Belton, **Further Back, Left to Right:** Dan Brown-Chapter President, Chad Mooberry-UGWYCO/KCK, Rick Bird-UGWYCO/KCK, Bruce Taylor-Lee's Summit, Darrell Hallowell-Shawnee, David Shelton-Riverside, Robert Ehlers-Independence, Craig Miller-Leawood, Monte Johnson-Belton, Jim Powell-Belton, Benjamin Brichacek-Grandview, Dustin Lueckenotte-Gardner, Alec Brown-Lenexa, Brian McNichols-Lenexa, David McCannon-Warrensburg, Aaron Johnson-Lenexa, Zack Matteo-Overland Park, Chris Lockey-Kansas City, MO, Jeff Ratzlaff-Olathe, Greg Rollins-Olathe, Timothy Smith-Olathe, Bill McCloskey-Jackson County, Todd Logan-Lenexa, David Phelps-Raytown **Not Pictured:** Michael Alber-Jefferson City, Ryan Banks-Olathe, William Briscoe-Grandview, Derek Gruenloh-Owensville, Keith Haslag, Jefferson City, Edward Jeffery-Riverside, Pete Koenigsfeld-Jefferson City, Art Miller-Overland Park, Timothy Murdock-Overland Park, John Reutter-Jefferson City, Andrew Roddy-UGWYCO/KCK, Ed Savage-Jefferson City, James Vandelicht-Jefferson City

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We are indebted to the talented and dedicated members of the KC Metro Chapter and the region who served as presenters for Module III. They were:

- J.C. Alonzo-Shockey Consulting
- Nick Arena-Lenexa
- Patrick Beane Johnson County Waste Water
- Rob Beilfuss-Olathe
- Kyle Dieckmann-Overland Park
- Todd Foster-MRI
- Larry Frevert-Retired
- Tony Hofmann-Overland Park
- Saskia Jacobse-Kansas City, MO
- Mary Jaeger-Olathe
- Dustin Johnson-Kansas City, MO
- Mike Klender-Kansas City, MO
- Michele Ohmes and Sufra-Michele & Associates
- Jack Messer-Overland Park
- Dena Mezger-Lee's Summit
- Meg Ralph-Overland Park
- Dennis Randolph-Grandview
- Sean Reilly-Overland Park
- Mahesh Sharma-Scott County, IA
- Doug Wesselschmidt-TranSystems
- Chuck Williams-Retired

This PWI was the third best attended we have held with this spring's attendance of 83 exceeded only by the spring 2018 module attendance of 87 and the fall 2018 module attendance of 84. This spring's attendees included fourteen first time attendees and brings us to a total of 249 individuals that have attended at least one of our PWI's. Twenty-one of this spring's attendees completed their fourth module, bringing us to a total of 140 that have completed all four modules. These 21 graduates, along with those completing their fourth module this fall will be recognized at the Chapter's December Holiday Party.

Becky Bonebrake-Overland Park	Chris Lockey-Kansas City, MO	Jeffrey Ratzlaff-Olathe
Benjamin Brichacek-Grandview	Charles Love-Lenexa	David Shelton-Riverside
Lauren Garwood-Overland Park	Dustin Lueckenotte-Gardner	Joe Shields-Raytown
Clara Haenchen-Jefferson City	Zack Matteo-Overland Park	James Stites-Olathe
Aaron Johnson-Lenexa	Brian McNichols-Lenexa	Bea Thies-Overland Park
Monte Johnson-Belton	Chad Mooberry-UGWYCO/KCK	Alicia Turner-Overland Park
Pete Koenigsfeld-Jefferson City	John Murphy-Fairway	Don Tyler-Belton

The twenty-one PWI attendees who completed their fourth module of the training this spring are:

The KC Metro APWA Chapter's Public Works Institute is one of 18 authorized by APWA to provide training in public works supervision, management and leadership consistent with a curriculum focused on 11 core units of instruction presented in 90 hours of class time. The 11 core units are:

Supervisory Techniques and Skills	Fundamentals of Government
Basic Management Skills	Finance
Communications Skills	Resource Management Skills
Leadership Skills	Overview of Public Works Operations
Community Service/Customer Orientation Skills	Creating the Future
Impact of Law on Public Works	

The following are some photos taken during the three days of October 2018 training (All photos can be viewed at <http://kcmetro.apwa.net/PageDetails/18395> (photos courtesy of Bruce Taylor of Lee's Summit)

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On the first morning, Chapter President Dan Brown and Lee’s Summit Public Works Director Dena Mezger welcomed the attendees



The Lee’s Summit Police Training Center was an excellent site for the Spring 2019 Public Works Institute



Small group discussions promote idea sharing and networking



Feedback from small group discussions such as Soncereri Nutz’s comments are important feedback to presenters



Overland Park Public Works Director Tony Hofmann, Communications Manager Sean Reilly and Public Information Officer Meg Ralph discussed municipal media relations



Chapter Treasurer Kyle Dieckman, along with Tony Hofmann, discussed Construction Management



Lenexa’s Municipal Services Director Nick Arena provided a thought provoking discussion on Ethical Dilemmas



Popular speaker Mary Jaeger, Olathe Public Works Director, shared her thoughts and tips on public speaking



Chapter Director and Spring 2019 PWI graduate Becky Bonebrake demonstrated her public speaking skills



Michele Ohmes, assisted by Service Dog Sufra, explained how leaders can use the ADA law to incorporate inclusion in the workplace and on the job



Overland Park staff surprised Larry with the gift of a custom street name sign in appreciation for his work directing the Public Works Institute



Site Hosts are critical to the success of our PWI’s. Larry showed his appreciation to Bruce Taylor, Jerry Johnson and Mike Pickard.

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21 Spring 2019 PWI graduates completed their fourth module and will be recognized at the December Chapter Holiday Party. Photographed with Chapter President Dan Brown and Larry are left to right, John Murphy, Jeffrey Ratzlaff, Aaron Johnson, David Shelton, Chad Mooberry, Brian McNichols, Benjamin Brichacek, Bea Thies, Alicia Turner, Chris Lockey, Joe Shields, Becky Bonebrake, Charles Love, Dustin Lueckenotte, Don Tyler, Lauren Garwood, Zack Matteo, Clara Haenchen, Larry, James Stites, Dan, and Monte Johnson (Not present was Pete Koenigsfeld)

Public Works Institute Module IV– Public Works Leadership Skills will be presented in October 2019 at a location and exact dates to be determined. Registration is planned for the month of September. Watch for details in future issues of the PubNews or on the chapter website: <http://kcmetro.apwa.net/>

Recent Events — APWA Demo Day

On April 27th, Members of APWA gathered to help demo a house that is going to be reconstructed and rented out to tenants with developmental disabilities.

The project included a few hours of tearing down walls, ripping up counter tops, and prying off floor boards. The home is going to become more open concept, and accommodate four new tenants.”



Upcoming Events



National Public Works Week Luncheon May 22, 2019

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

Register now to attend the National Public Works Week (NPWW) Luncheon. Our Celebration of Public Works and all that you do will include a trivia contest, awards and recognitions and more! This will be a lunch you will not want to miss!

In addition to an amazing lunch and awards recognition, we will be hosting a game of trivia. So, be prepared to test your knowledge of the Kansas City region, Public Works and the American Public Works Association and much more! The top winning tables will win a gif card for each person and will have bragging rights for the next year!

Please contact Sabrina Parker with questions by email at SParker2@olatheks.org or phone at 913-971-9116



Cooks for Kids 2019 — May 31, 2019

Longfellow House
2502 Cherry St.
Kansas City, MO 64108

Each year the Kansas City Chapter APWA hosts the Cooks for Kids event around National Public Works Week. Volunteers are needed to help prep, cook and serve food for this event. Come out and meet some awesome APWA members and give back to people in our community that are dealing with some tough issues. Setup typically starts around 2PM, food is served from 4-7PM. Come for a few hours or stay for the entire time.

Contact Jack Renfro for more information at jrenfro@hntb.com

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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 [here](#).



KC Metro Young Professionals 3rd Annual Mini Golf Tournament — June/July 2019

Parkville Mini Golf
7 W 1st St.
Parkville, MO 64152

The 3rd Annual YP APWA Mini Golf Tournament will be held this June/July in Parkville, MO. Stay tuned for more details.



38th Annual APWA Golf Tournament September 25, 2019

St. Andrews Golf Club
11099 W 135th St.
Overland Park, KS 66221

Please mark your calendars for the annual APWA KC Metro Chapter Golf Tournament.



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
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 Treasurer - Kyle Dieckmann
 Past President - Jason Meyers
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 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

Matt Bacon, City of Lee’s Summit

Logan Bannister, Kiewit

Maggie Green, City of Kansas City

Matt Munger, City of Lee’s Summit

Jacob Parra, VSM Engineering

Matthew Sirridge, City of Olathe

Sam Stallbaumer, WSP

David Taggart, Emery Sapp & Sons

Zach Tincher, City of Olathe

Stephen Tomlinson, City of Prairie Village



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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.