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President's Perspective

By Kyle Dieckmann

Happy National Public Works Week (NPWW). We are excited to celebrate an entire week dedicated to the important work that is Public Works. Since 1960, APWA has sponsored National Public Works Week as a way to educate the public on the importance of what we do. The theme for 2021 is "Stronger Together". APWA promotes this theme because it demonstrates the impact that citizens and public works professionals have to improve their communities when working together. I also think the theme seems fitting this year because of the unprecedented times that we have endured together, while continuing to improve and serve the communities around us. If you have more questions about NPWW feel free to browse the information posted by APWA at <https://npww.apwa.net/>. We will also be celebrating NPWW with our much anticipated evening event on May 20. I hope you have already registered.



In keeping with my theme of discussing the weather in these posts, I am happy to report that we are fully into spring and in some cases restoration. I'm hoping for continued sunny weather to keep our projects moving with the occasional shower to keep the new sod healthy through the summer.

The chapter is excited to announce several national APWA award winners.

2021 Top Ten Public Works Leaders of the Year – Bill Ebel

Bill joined the City of Overland Park after retiring from the United States Army, with over 21 years of service. He began his career at the City within the Public Works department in which he held several roles. He then became the Director of Planning and Development Services. In 2011, Bill was appointed by the City Council to City Manager. As the City Manager, Bill demonstrates a commitment to public works by placing importance on improving and maintaining infrastructure. He is committed to Overland Park and the city organization. He is also very active in the community, serving on multiple boards and committees within the region. As an Overland Park employee, I am continually impressed by Bill's passion for our community. Congratulations to Bill.

Public Works Project of the year in Environment \$5 million but less than \$25 million – CID Green Infrastructure

The City of Kansas City, Missouri (KCMO) Water Services Department (KC Water) created a sustainable green infrastructure demonstration project in the Central Industrial District (CID). The project is part of the City's Smart Sewer program and is designed to keep stormwater out of the combined sewer system. The intent of the project was to develop and assess new techniques and assess their ability to capture stormwater runoff prior to entering the combined sewer system.

HNTB was the designer of record and Kissick Construction was the contractor for this successful green infrastructure implementation. Congratulations to the project team!

Public Works Project of the Year – Transportation \$25 million to \$75 million – Turner Diagonal Interchange

The existing interchange, originally designed to accommodate tolling, had become obsolete and no longer met the needs of the commuters it served. The Unified Government of Wyandotte County and Kansas City, KS (UG) partnered with the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT), Kansas Transportation Authority (KTA), and NorthPoint Development to identify solutions that would address infrastructure and transportation needs consistent with the new vision for the Turner Diagonal corridor. Additionally, the UG was awarded a USDOT federal BUILD grant of \$13.8 million for the project. The project design reconfigured the interchange and

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included a DDI that reused the existing bridges over I-70.

The UG, KDOT and KTA were the primary agencies, HNTB was the owner's consultant, Clarkson Construction Company with the engineering firm TranSystems was the design build team. Congratulations to the project team!

I'd also like to highlight a past event the chapter held.

PW Peers – 2021 virtual edition

The chapter held our first virtual PW Peers meeting on April 8. Several Executive Committee members and Scott Cogan, our Membership Committee Chair, had a virtual lunch with new chapter members to connect. The attendees received a Grubhub gift certificate, to have a meal on the chapter, because we couldn't get together in person. We had a record number of nearly 30 attendees from all different aspects of public works. We hope that the introduction to the chapter will help the new members feel more welcome, and to realize the many different ways they can get involved. We received multiple thanks from attendees for the chance to get together.

Many committees are planning events and completing their important work. The Executive Committee meets monthly. Feel free to reach out to any of us with questions or if you want to get involved.

Delegate Details

By Bill Stogsdill

This month we will celebrate National Public Works Week the week of May 16 through 22. This year, the Chapter will have a live and in person event! Come join the us on Thursday, May 20th from 4PM - 7PM at the large shelter on the north side of the Mahaffie Stagecoach property for an after-hours outdoor social event celebrating this year's chapter award and scholarship recipients.

For more information or to purchase tickets, please visit the event page at <https://app.tickettailor.com/events/apwacmetrochapter/510781>

Registration will provide event access with food truck catering, open bar with local brewery and winery vendors, and a chance to win prizes in Public Works themed Bingo games!

Are you holding a National Public Works Week Celebration? If you do, please send us some pictures of how you are celebrating.

Affirmation Vote

This month is also the National Affirmation vote for new/renominated Board Members and President Elect. Region VI Director, Joe Johnson, has been renominated as Region VI Director. Voting opens May 14 and closes on June 11. Be on the lookout for the email, it only takes a couple of minutes to make your selection. Please get out there and support Joe in his second term!

PWX

At this moment in time, PWX looks to be moving forward with a live event in St. Louis in August. The Missouri Chapter is working hard to put on a great event for us under very unusual circumstances. In the near future,



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they will be sending out a volunteer request to the Mid-Am chapters. If you plan on attending the event, please consider volunteering. The volunteers are what drives our conferences and the Missouri Chapter provided us a lot of help for our PWX event in 2018.

If it is not possible for you to attend in person in August, National will be hosting an online event in October. Logistically they could not put on both events at the same time.

Emerging Leaders Academy

Applications for the 2021 Emerging Leaders Class are now available. The Emerging Leaders Academy is a year-long program that provides intensive leadership and management training within the context of public works. It encourages professional growth through a strong network of peers, and offers an in-depth introduction to APWA at the national, chapter and branch levels.

Additional information and the application can be found here: https://www.apwa.net/MyApwa/Apwa_Public/Education_and_Events/ELA_How_to_Apply.aspx

Upcoming Events

May

- Affirmation voting for APWA board positions opens May 14 and closes June 11. For details on the candidates as well as the process to select the candidates, see the May issue of the [*APWA Reporter*](#).

June

- [Click Listen and Learn: A New Community Amenity, The Splashpad](#) – June 17, 10 a.m. CT. [Accreditation Quarterly Open Forum](#), one hour each quarter at 2 p.m. CT, 2021. Click here to register for [June 22](#).
- [Lessons as First Responders: Responding to Extreme Winter Conditions in Texas](#) – June 24, 1 p.m. CT.

July

- [Click, Listen, and Learn: What do I need for a Connected and Automated Vehicle Pilot?](#) – July 15, 10 a.m. CT.
- [Click, Listen, and Learn: What is a Smart City?](#) – July 29, 10 a.m. CT.

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

Stay Safe!!

Help! Items Needed for Chapter History Book

By Connie Hartline

Do you have pictures or a memory to share about any of these events between 2002 – 2020?

- The "Great Congress Switch" from New Orleans to Kansas City in 2006
- Any Snow Rodeo
- Kansas City Metro Chapter Golf Tournaments
- Public Works Institutes
- National Public Works Weeks Celebrations
- Mid-America Conferences



If you can help contribute to the forthcoming chapter history book, please contact Connie Hartline at chartline47@gmail.com

Upcoming Events



CELEBRATION EVENT



MAY 20
4pm-7pm



TICKETS ON SALE NOW!

APWA – KC METRO CHAPTER  **Mahaffie Stagecoach Picnic Shelter – Olathe, KS**

Come join us for an after-hours outdoor social event celebrating this year's chapter award and scholarship recipients. Registration will provide event access with food truck catering, drink tickets for local brewery and winery vendors, and a chance to win prizes in Public Works theme Bingo games! Tickets to this event will be limited, so watch for upcoming registration announcements.

AWARDS • FOOD TRUCKS • DRINKS • BINGO • PRIZES

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 & **Co-Chair Vacant**
 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 - Alysen 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

Abigale Colley, City of Leawood

Jason Feuerstein, City of Lee's Summit

Seth Gotchey, City of Gardner

Alex Gustafuson, Walter P Moore

Caleb Hunt, City of Merriam

Nicholas Lightner, City of Lee's Summit

Jaclyn McDonald, City of Lee's Summit

Kip Patzel, City of Lee's Summit

Mike Pickard, City of Lee's Summit

Tim Smith, City of Lee's Summit

Ian Sutherland, Virtual Project Manager

Linda Wollschlager, City of Olathe



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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.

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

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