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President's Perspective

By Ben Will

May is here and as usual brought with it crazy weather, the end of the school year, and the full ramp up of the construction season! I always want to get a specific thank you to all of the public works crews (public and private) who are out there building, maintaining, and keeping our infrastructure safe. May is an exciting month for APWA and our KC Metro Chapter as we celebrate National Public Works Week (NPWW) May 21-27, 2023. This year's theme is "Connecting the World through Public Works". I encourage all of our members to promote Public Works year-round, but especially during National Public Works Week. Sign a proclamation in your community, host a Touch-a-Tuck or similar event, present at a local school or host a luncheon/social to recognize your local heroes of Public Works.



I have several items I want to update you on:

- **National Award Winners** – Tim Ross, GBA, was named a National Top 10 Public Works Leader. This honor is well deserved and a testament to Tim's career of service to the public works profession. Tim will be recognized by our chapter at an upcoming event and nationally at PWX in San Diego in August. Additionally, the City of Kansas City, MO, was awarded a National Award for Excellence in Snow & Ice Control. Congrats to both Tim and KCMO on the National Awards.
- **MidAmX 2023** – we're excited to host Mid-Am at the Overland Park Convention Center May 22-24, 2023, during NPWW. This tri-annual event brings together 5 of the 9 Region VI chapters including the Nebraska, Iowa, Kansas, Missouri as well as our KC Metro Chapters. There are an array of options to get involved from registering to host an exhibit booth, attending social events including the golf tourney or escape room, signing up to volunteer, and/or attending educational sessions to attain professional development hours (PDHs). The registration deadline for most all Mid-Am activities is Thursday, May 11.
- **NPWW Event** – in conjunction with Mid-Am, this year's NPWW event will be held at the College Basketball Experience (CBE) on Tuesday, May 23 from 5:30-8PM. This is a casual event so dress comfortably and ready to have fun! See the weekly chapter email blasts and APWA Mid-Am email blasts for registration information.
- **Upcoming Events** – see the chapter website at <http://kcmetro.apwa.net/AllEventList>. Highlights include upcoming:
 - May 9-11 – PWI Module IV – Old Town Hall Shawnee
 - May 20 – Community Service JCDS Build Event
 - June 5 – KC Metro Awards Recognition Event – Bourgmont Winery
 - June 9 – BBQ – Shawnee Knights of Columbus Park
- **Legislative Updates** – I wanted to make sure to direct chapter members to the legislative updates specific to Kansas and Missouri on our chapter website here: <http://kcmetro.apwa.net/PageDetails/30819>. Please provide myself or Kati Horner/Trey Whitaker any feedback on the content and value of these updates.
- **Committee Chairs Call to Action** – if you're a committee chair or even on a committee that is inactive, not sure what to do, what has been done in the past, or what resources are available, please reach out to me. Overall, if you want to become more active and involved in the APWA KC Metro Chapter or just want to know more about the chapter, please don't hesitate to contact me. I can be reached at 913-312-4809 or bwill@hntb.com.

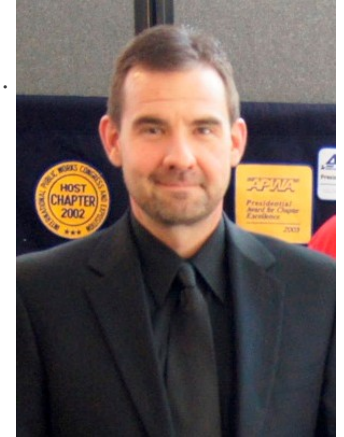
Delegate Details

By Bill Stogsdill

As a volunteer organization I feel it is important to point out that April was National Volunteer Month. For all that you do for your communities, and for APWA, thank you. I can't believe it's May already. Most of us are ramping up warmer weather activities capital improvement programs, mowing, street maintenance and more. Be safe in all of your activities, at work and at home.

PWX 2023 San Diego

Registration is open for the 2023 PWX. The event is scheduled August 27-30 in San Diego, CA. Register early and reserve your hotel as soon as you can. This looks to be a well-attended event as hotel blocks are filling up fast!



PWX is great networking environment. Each year I bring back a new idea or program that I have learned about from a colleague. Event Details can be found here: <https://www.apwa.net/pwx/home.aspx>

National Public Works Week

This year National Public Works Week is May 21-27, 2023 and the theme is "Connecting the World". Does your organization celebrate National Public Works Week? What do you do? If you can, I would encourage you to have a proclamation read aloud at your Governing Body's May meeting.

APWA has a lot of resources available at: <https://npww.apwa.net/>

Mid Am eXpo

Registration is open for the Mid Am eXpo happening May 22-24 at the Overland Park Convention Center. The MidAm happens every three years and involves the Kansas, Missouri, Iowa, Nebraska, and the KC Metro Chapters.



The KC Metro Chapter always hosts and is a great local event if you can't make it to PWX. Get more information and register here: <http://midamx.apwa.net/PageDetails/10216>

Upcoming Chapter Events in May/June

- 5/4/23- Government Affairs Legislative Review
- 5/9/23- Public Works Institute Module IV
- 5/20/23- Johnson County Developmental Supports Build Event
- 6/5/23- Awards and Chapter Recognition
- 6/9/23- APWA BBQ Competition

To sign up for any of these events, or to get more information, please visit: <http://kcmetro.apwa.net/AllEventList>

Focus on Public Works

Focus on Public Works will celebrate a new technical area each month, featuring expert-led online education, trending technologies, resources, networking, and more opportunities. In April it was Facilities and Grounds and May is Sustainability.

Delegate Details — cont.

These programs are a great way to educate your team on some of the Technical Committee's work throughout the year. For more information go to: https://www.apwa.net/MyApwa/Apwa_Public/Focus_on_Public_Works/Focus_on_Public_Works.aspx

Emerging Leaders Academy

The APWA Emerging Leaders Academy will open its application process in May. It is a program that will help you with leadership development early in your career. The KC Metro Chapter has had 27 members to date go through the academy.

If selected, you are required to attend PWX to help with your class presentation and to graduate. To help offset this, the KC Metro Chapter will provide a \$2,000 stipend (reimbursable to whomever pays for your PWX trip) to anyone that is selected for the ELA and graduates from the ELA. Becky Bonebrake and I hold this program in high regard as past graduates.

If you would like more information, please contact us or visit here for the application: https://www.apwa.net/MyApwa/Apwa_Public/Education_and_Events/Emerging_Leaders_Academy.aspx

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

Heartbeat of the City



The Heartbeat Of The City is an artistic way to shine some light on the Public Works industry, and the amazing Public Works professionals that make up the Kansas City Metro Chapter of APWA, as well as continuing APWA's Public Works First Responder campaign. We want the heart to showcase the work that is done in the background, behind the scenes, and the services that are delivered to the community most of the time without a second thought.

Public Works is Awesome and we want everyone to know!



Find out more information about the Parade of Hearts here: <https://theparadeofhearts.com/>.

KC Metro Standards Section 5600 Update

The Mid-America Regional Council is partnering with APWA and 22 local communities to update and integrate regional stormwater engineering design standards and site planning design guidelines (i.e., APWA Section 5600 and the MARC/APWA BMP Manual). We have had notable progress on this effort since the fall of last year.

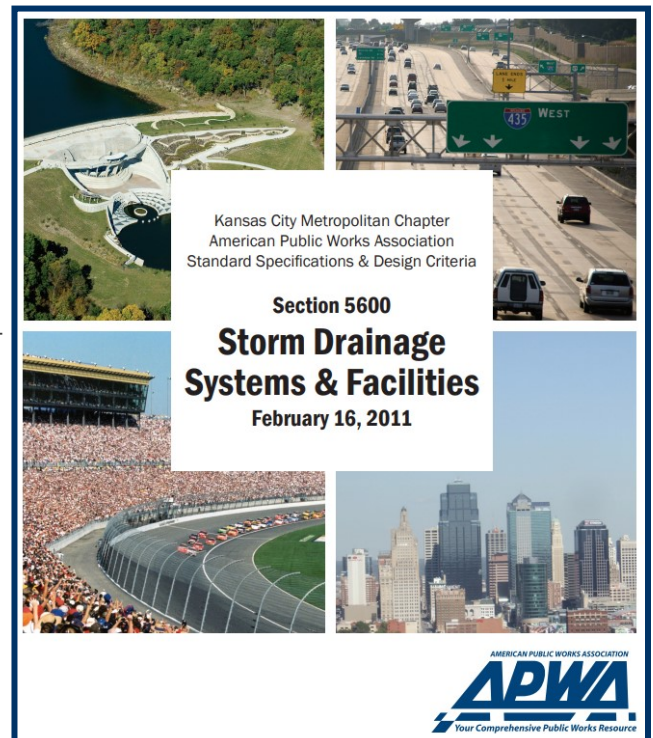
This collaborative regional initiative is guided by a project advisory committee composed of representatives from APWA and all the participating communities. This group first met in September 2022. Since that time, this group refined the project approach, and oversaw a consultant procurement process to advance for project implementation.

A request for proposals/qualifications was issued in February 2023. A subcommittee of the technical advisory committee (including a representative of the APWA Executive Committee) selected firms to be interviewed. Interviews were conducted on April 6, 2023. The full project technical advisory committee unanimously endorsed the subcommittee's recommendation to hire a team led by Burns and McDonnell, including Black and Veatch, Vireo and the Center for Watershed Protection. The MARC Board of Directors then authorized MARC to execute a contract with Burns and McDonnell in late April.

At this time, the project committee is reviewing a draft scope of work prepared by the consultant. The project will begin with extensive stakeholder engagement during an initial project phase to ensure that community priorities and objectives are addressed. The project seeks to address a variety of items, such as combining water quantity and quality design standards in ways that meet variable land use contexts across the metro area; addressing resiliency, sustainability and environmental justice by promoting more holistic system evaluations; updating rainfall standards and other appropriate hydrology methods; and, providing more natural system design criteria.

The full project is slated to be completed over an 18-month period. Subsequently, the new proposed standards will be shared with APWA membership and other community stakeholders for review and adoption.

If you would like more information about this process, please contact Tom Jacobs at tjacobs@marc.org or 816-701-8352.



Upcoming Events

Shamrock Towers Phase 2 Hard Hat Tour

May 17, 2023 4:00 PM - 5:30 PM

9325 Metcalf Avenue
Overland Park, KS 66212



Join CPG and JE Dunn for a hard hat tour of the Shamrock Towers that are currently under construction. See link below for details of what PPE to bring and where to park.

[REGISTER](#)

Innovative Pavement Systems

May 17, 2023 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Early forms of concrete were used by the ancient Egyptians and a few millennia later by the Romans. Modern concrete has been in existence since 1824 and the first concrete street in American was built in Bellefontaine, Ohio in 1891. While the basic components of concrete (rock, sand, water, and cement) have not changed, there have been many material, design, and construction innovations that allow us to optimize its use. This session will focus on concrete pavement innovations that positively impact the cost, environment, opening time, and ease of construction and also touch on the future of concrete paving.

[REGISTER](#)

Johnson County Development Supports Build Event

May 20, 2023 8:00 AM - 1:00 PM

The Johnson County Developmental Supports (JCDS) Build Event is coming up on Saturday, May 20 from 8:00am – 1pm. We will be constructing veg trugs to assist JCDS in their efforts to provide for the community. Please be sure to RSVP to Tommy Hunter (thunter@HNTB.com). Breakfast and lunch will be provided at the event. Please see KC Metro Chapter calendar or reach out to Tommy directly for more information.



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Upcoming Events

Winter Maintenance Supervisor Workshop

May 22, 2023

The Lodge at Ironwoods
 14701 Mission Road
 Leawood, KS 66224

Information

Handouts will be provided electronically in advance. Participants can print their own handouts if desired before the class.

Coffee and water will be provided

Afternoon snack provided during 2:30 break

Agenda

- 7:30 am Registration
- 8:30 am Policy and Planning
- 9:30 am Quiz/break
- 9:45 am Weather
- 10:45 am Quiz/break
- 12:30 pm Lunch
- 1:30 pm Fleet and Equipment
- 2:30 pm Quiz/break
- 3:45 pm Snow/Ice Control
- 4:45 pm Quiz and wrap up

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National Public Works Week Celebration

May 23, 2023 5:30 PM - 8:00 PM

1401 Grand Boulevard
 Kansas City, MO 64106

[REGISTER](#)



Admission to this event is already INCLUDED with the Full Three-Day Conference Registration and the One-Day Only Conference Registration for the APWA MAX 2023 Conference. This additional registration option is for exhibitors, guests, volunteers, and any others not attending the conference.

Join your fellow public works professionals at the College Basketball Experience located at the T-Mobile Center in downtown Kansas City. This private event grants you full access to a highly interactive museum celebrating the world of collegiate basketball. Whether you want to join in the fun and games, wander through the museum, or just sit back and chat with your colleagues, there is plenty of entertainment to be had. In honor of National Public Works Week, award winners from all of the five chapters will be displayed throughout the venue.

Admission includes food, drink tickets for the bar, and access to the College Basketball Experience. There is no program for this event, so you are free to arrive and leave at your leisure. This is a casual event so dress comfortably and ready to have fun!



Upcoming Events

APWA Mid-America Conference and Exhibit Show

REGISTRATION DEADLINE 5/11/23 AT 5:00 PM

Education. Networking. More than 100 exhibitors. And the largest joint National Public Works Week Event in the country! Mid-Am Expo and Conference is jointly hosted by the KC Metro, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska and Iowa Chapters of the American Public Works Association (APWA). You won't want to miss it.



REGISTER NOW

**APWA MID-AMERICA
CONFERENCE AND
EXHIBIT SHOW**

May 22-24, 2023

[**REGISTER**](#)

Overland Park
Convention Center
Overland Park, Kansas



Upcoming Events



Shockey

HOSTED BY APWA-KC CHAPTER

JUNE 1ST • 1:00 - 4:00 PM at Shockey Consulting

Stay Hydrated and Don't Be Racist

Free Admission • Happy Hour to Follow

FREE WORKSHOP

WHAT TO EXPECT

This workshop will teach you to:

- Center voices from people of color without burdening them.
- Acknowledge the pain of bias.
- Risk personal discomfort to engage with problematic or racist behaviors.
- Take responsibility for your own education.

You'll learn how to **UNLEARN** biased behavior so you can be a more effective leader.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

This workshop is for leaders who want to be more self-aware, unbiased, and connected to better serve their organization and community.

CREATING COMPASSIONATE LEADERS

Our communities have navigated defining shifts in recent years, including the COVID-19 pandemic, the Black Lives Matter Movement, political turmoil, and economic volatility. These changes have brought our nation's inequities into sharper focus, highlighting the need to build more compassion, and understanding in people, organizations, and communities. To do that, we need to take a hard look at ourselves -- because empathetic, antiracist leaders are the cornerstone of cohesion and progress.

LET'S LEARN HOW TOGETHER

WORKSHOP FORMAT AND MODULES

This seminar is structured into three modules and will give you practical, hands-on tools you can immediately employ. The modules are:



LEARNING

Me and White Supremacy
- Learn about privilege, microaggressions, white supremacy, systemic racism, and the many forms of bias.



PROCESSING

Find strategies to overcome our biases. Take an implicit bias test to identify the associations you may unknowingly hold on to and recognize that good intentions do not absolve biased behaviors.



PRACTICING

Act, every day, to be an antiracist. Instead of becoming defensive about our biases or disengaging when we witness racist behaviors, we can grow from these moments.

Training based on W. Kamau Bell & Kate Schatz's book, *Do the Work!: An Antiracist Activity Book*

FREE ADMISSION • TICKETS AVAILABLE ON EVENTBRITE

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/stay-hydrated-and-dont-be-racist-tickets-626527118477>

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Upcoming Events

KC Metro Chapter Awards and Recognition Event

June 5, 2023 4:30 - 8:00 PM

Bourgmont Winery
20299 Quivira Rd
Bucyrus, KS 66013

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Come help us celebrate the KC Metro's 2023 awards and special recognitions with your friends!

APWA Barbecue Competition

June 9, 2023

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



Join us on June 9 for the APWA Barbecue! Teams can sign up for the competition until May 12, and the necessary forms can be found on the APWA website, under events.

This is a family friendly event and you do not need to register to attend - you can pay at the door. If you just want to come and enjoy some competition caliber barbecue and beverages, wrist bands for entry will be 10 dollars per person (cash or check only). Kids under 10 eat free!

Contact Jack Renfro for any questions: jrenfro@hntb.com

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The Role of US Pavement Life Cycle in Decarbonization

June 14, 2023 10:00 AM

Low carbon emissions policies and solutions are centered around the industries' and buildings' life cycle emissions. Limited tools and assessment methods commonly prevent pavement solutions from being considered for decarbonizing the United States. To achieve net-zero emissions and a decarbonized economy, pavements have a critical role to play. In this presentation, we will discuss the life cycle of pavements, their GHG emissions, and the potential for reducing these emissions by involving multiple stakeholders in the design, materials, and asset management of pavements. Additionally, we will introduce the Streamlined MIT Pavement LCA Tool, which allows engineers and planners to quantify the GHG emissions of different pavement options and scenarios. Using the nationwide case study of pavement network decarbonization, we will demonstrate how the LCA can be used to analyze and reduce pavement life cycle emissions.

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Chapter Leadership

APWA 2023 COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Audit & Budget - Bryan Blizzard
 Awards - Nathan Hladky & Becky Bonebrake
 By-Laws - Alysen Abel
 Chapter Meetings - Thomas Renfro
 Communications and Publicity - Allison Bruner
 Community Service - Jaclyn Willis & Tommy Hunter
 Diversity and Inclusion - Sheila Shockey
 Education & Training - Zach Matteo & Blake Moris
 Emergency Management - Trey Whitaker & Alysen Abel
 Engineering & Technology - Michael Haake
 Facilities & Grounds - Dan Brown
 Fleet Services - Mark Stinson & Josh Wood
 Golf Tournament - Taylor Smith
 Governmental Affairs - Trey Whitaker & Kati Horner
 Historical - Ernie Longoria
 Holiday Party - Nicole Woods & Sabrina Parker
 K-12 Student Outreach - David Smalling
 Leadership & Management - Gary Strack
 Membership - Scott Cogan & Zac Coppersmith
 Membership BBQ & Steak Fry - Brian Ladd & Jack Renfro
 MidAmX - Dan Brown & Kyle Dieckmann
 MO-KAN Street Superintendents - Bill Billings
 Myron D. Calkins Scholarship - Erik Troy
 Myron Calkins Symposium - Alysen Abel
 National Public Works Week - Sabrina Parker and Nicole Woods
 Snow & Equipment Training Expo - Paul Dunn & Jody Malone
 Standards & Specifications - Michael Anderson & Mark Montgomery
 Student Chapter - Levi Cole & Lewis Muriithi
 Sustainable Infrastructure - Carla Anderson
 Transportation - Linda Rottinghaus
 Utility & Public Right-of-Way - Andy Roddy & Brent Berry
 Water Resources Management - Andrew Smith
 Webmaster - Allison Dobie
 Young Professionals - Leslie Donnelly

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

Appointments, Liaisons, Coordinators, and Task Forces

Asset Management Task Force - Brandon Grover
 Calendar/Events Coordinator - Ben Will
 Construction Materials - Christy Martin
 Public Works Institute - Larry Frevert
 Solid Waste Management - **Vacant**

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 Director (1st Year) - Trey Whitaker
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 Alternate Delegate - Becky Bonebrake



New Members

Jacob Berry, Olsson
Joel Buffington, City of Overland Park
Ghaith Dinn, KCMO
Dennis Downey, KCMO
Trevor Dzekunskas, City of Grain Valley
Chris Farney, City of Olathe
William Harvey, DLTS
Timothy Hutson, KCMO
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The Pub News staff welcomes announcements, news articles, photos and suggestions. A new issue will be published in July. The deadline for the next issue will be Friday, July 7, 2023. Deadlines will be strictly enforced. Electronic formats are preferred, but not required. Send your stories to Allison Bruner via email at abruner@trekkdesigngroup.com.



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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.