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APWA KC Metro Chapter Newsletter



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President's Perspective

By Dan Brown

As I begin writing this month's President's Perspective, my thoughts are with the families, friends and former co-workers of a couple of gentlemen who recently passed away within a week of each other who were very important to our APWA Chapter. Rick Worrell, President of Affinis, passed away on August 28 and Mike Asbury, retired from Shafer, Kline & Warren in 2009, passed away on September 3. My thoughts, prayers and condolences to those who knew these remarkable gentlemen. Their obituaries have been linked below:



[Rick Worrell](#)

[Mike Asbury](#)

Many of us from the KC Metro Chapter recently returned from the Public Works Exposition (PWX) in Seattle held September 8 through the 11. We had more than 90 members of our chapter in attendance, a remarkable turnout and great representation from the Kansas City metro area. As always, PWX provided great education sessions and networking opportunities with friends in the public works community. Other announcements and happenings in the KC Metro Chapter the past couple of months include:

- **Strategic Planning Update** – We're continuing to work on the update to the Chapter's Strategic Plan. On August 30 members of our Strategic Plan Leadership Team, Executive Committee and Committee Chairs met at the Matt Ross Community Center for our second meeting. Tammy Bennett and Brad Patterson from APWA National facilitated a great meeting to get us one step closer to our update.



August 30 Strategic Planning Session

As we continue with the process, it's very important that we gather as much input from our members as possible. Please email me (DLBrown@walterpmoore.com) with responses to the following questions centered on APWA National's four Strategic Goals:

- Value – How can the KC Metro Chapter better define the value of public works and enhance its visibility / awareness?
- Voice – How can the KC Metro Chapter do a better job of being the voice of public works to government leaders and media?
- Education & Credentialing – How can the KC Metro Chapter ensure excellence in education and credentialing?
- Membership – How can the KC Metro Chapter create a dynamic membership model?

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- **2024 North American Snow Conference** – I’m excited to announce that the national APWA Board of Directors approved Kansas City as the site of the 2024 North American Snow Conference at their meeting held during PWX! Thank you to all those involved in making this happen for our KC Metro Chapter! Needless to say, we have some time before planning ramps up, but if you’re interested in being a part of the planning team, please contact Bill Billings, our Director at Large, at bbillings@leawood.org.

- **PWX Chapter Dinner** – Every year at PWX each chapter across the country (and Canada) hosts a dinner for their specific chapter. Our chapter tasks our Vice-President with selecting the venue and organizing this event every year. This year Shawn Graff did an amazing job of selecting the restaurant, Salty’s on Alki Beach, and the menu for our event. In addition, he had to “herd the cats” to make sure we all find the place. Although you can travel to the restaurant by land, most everyone opted for the water taxi, definitely something we can’t do in Kansas City. We Midwestern folks really enjoyed the ride over to the restaurant and the amazing views of downtown Seattle.



View of downtown Seattle from the water taxi

- **Awards Won at PWX** – Our KC Metro Chapter received the Presidential Award for Chapter Excellence (PACE) for the 23rd consecutive year, the most of any chapter, at the PWX awards ceremony. In addition, Kati Horner-Gonzalez received her Myron Calkins Young Leader of the Year Award at the ceremony. Congratulations again to Kati and thank you all for helping us continue our PACE streak!



APWA President, David Lawry, presenting Kati Horner-Gonzalez with the Myron Calkins Young Leader of the Year Award and presenting the PACE award to Dan Brown, Becky Bonebrake and Jason Meyers

- **Young Professionals Happy Hour** – Our YP Committee did a great job organizing a YP Happy Hour on September 19 at KC Bier Co.
- **Committee Members Needed** – At each of our events this year, I’ve been encouraging those of you who want to get more involved with our chapter to find a committee that interests you and join. A list of our committees can be found on our website here: <http://kcmetro.apwa.net/PageDetails/488> . Many of them could use new members, so if interested, please contact me (email: DLBrown@walterpmoore.com ; direct: 816-701-2109) and I’ll be happy to get you connected. In addition, we have a few Committee Chair

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positions that have become vacant this year. If you're interested in chairing any of the following committees, please let me know:

- Awards
- Emergency Management and Homeland Security
- Governmental Affairs

Have a great start to the fall season and Go Chiefs! Thank you all for your continued involvement and efforts in making the KC Metro Chapter outstanding!

Delegate Details

By Bill Stogsdill

I hope that everyone that was fortunate enough to go to Seattle for PWX enjoyed their time and came back fresh and rejuvenated. The Host Chapter put a lot into the conference, and I think represented the organization well, although I believe last year's PWX was better...but I may be biased.

I would like to take a moment to recognize Chuck Williams who has reached his term limit as our Region VI Director. Chuck has served APWA throughout his career in the Kansas Chapter and the KC Metro Chapter. On a personal note, Chuck served as my Mentor through the Donald C Stone credentialing program. Thank you, Chuck, for your service.

The Saturday before PWX the National Board, Council of Chapters and Technical Committees gathered for their summer meetings. After a welcome we broke into work groups to cover several topics including Asset Management Technologies, Automated/Connected Vehicles, Augmented Reality, Cybersecurity, Smart Cities, 2020 Top 5 Trending Technologies and the Impact of Homelessness on Public Works.

The Council of Chapters Task Force and Focus Groups Breakouts followed covering Advocacy, Chapter Historians, Marketing, Membership O&M Engagement, Public Works Awareness and Public Works Workforce. The day closed with our Region VI collaborative meeting hosted by our Outgoing Director Chuck Williams. PWX has so many great events in addition to top notch education sessions. If you are able to go, take advantage of the opportunity to learn, network and collaborate with colleague's from across the United States and the world.



Membership

The official membership total at the end of July was **30,383**, a record high. In July, a new single-day record was set when APWA reached 30,425 members. The association again exceeded the all-time record by reaching 30,428 members on August 20.

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Certifications

APWA Certifications provide an avenue for Public Works Professionals to showcase their unique skills and talents. The Certified Public Works Professional (CPWP) certifications are a great opportunity to show your staff's leadership to your communities.

If you would like more information on the CPII (Certified Public Infrastructure Inspector), the CFPF (Certified Public Fleet Professional), the CSM (Certified Stormwater Manager), the CPWP-M (Certified Public Works Professional-Management), or the CPWP-S (Certified Public Works Professional-Supervision), please contact certification@apwa.net.

And new this year- nationally approved Public Works Institute Graduates will now receive a \$50 discount on their testing fee if pursuing either the Certified Public Works Professional-Supervision or Management (CPWP-S or CPWP-M) credential.

Click, Listen and Learn

Upcoming Click, Listen & Learn webinars:

- Succession Planning and Servant Leadership on October 10, 2019 presented by the Winter Maintenance Committee.
- Addressing Drainage Concerns with 2D Hydraulic Modeling on October 24, 2019 presented by the Engineering and Technology Committee.
- Facility Maintenance Efficiency Strategies on November 21, 2019 presented by the Facilities & Grounds Committee.



A recording of the July 2019 Click, Listen & Learn program: Maintain Shared Assets: Reduce Costs & Downtime with Teamwork is now available for viewing in the Members' Library.

These are free for APWA Members.

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

And if you have any other APWA questions, feel free to contact me (or any member of the Executive Committee) and if we are not able to answer the question we will find the right people that can.

APWA KC Metro Chapter Fall 2019 Awards

This is a reminder that the following award applications are due
November 1, 2019.

*We all know people we work with who are deserving candidates.
Please submit their names or give them an application.*

Please submit applications via e-mail to: awardsapwa@gmail.com

Applications for the Fall 2019 Awards are available from the KC Metro Chapter Website by clicking on the following link: <http://kcmetro.apwa.net/PageDetails/4174>.

- **Field Supervisor Excellence Award**
- **Operations Program Excellence Award**
- **Public Works Excellence Award**
- **Excellence in Public Works Publication Award**
- **Samuel A. Greeley Local Service Award**
- **Ken Cardwell Heart of America Award**

Field Supervisor Excellence Award *(APWA membership is not required for recognition)*

Recognizes outstanding leadership and dedication in the operation of public works related field activities, whereby their services and achievements have had a positive effect on the efficiency and effectiveness of governmental operations and has improved the quality of life for those who live and work within that community.

Operations Program Excellence Award *(APWA membership is not required for recognition)*

Recognizes outstanding public works *operation programs* which improve the efficiency and effectiveness of governmental operations and which improves the quality of life for those who live and work within that community.

Public Works Excellence Award *(APWA membership is not required for recognition)*

To acknowledge excellence and dedication in *public service* by recognizing the outstanding achievements of an individual public works employee.

Excellence in Public Works Publication Award *(APWA membership is not required for recognition)*

To recognize articles or books published in the field of public works that has made a positive contribution to the field. The award is meant to provide encouragement and recognition to field professionals and historians whose research and publications have made outstanding contributions to the field of public works.

Samuel A. Greeley Local Service Award

Recognizes individuals with 30 years of continuous employment in public and/or private service and at least 15 years of continuous APWA membership.

Ken Cardwell Heart of America Award

This prestigious award recognizes individuals who have served the Chapter in an exemplary manner and through their efforts have bettered the public works community.

*Winners of the KC Metro Chapter Fall Awards
will be recognized at the Chapter Holiday Party in December.*

Recent Events

PWX 2019 — Seattle, WA



Top Left: Get Acquainted Party at MoPOP

Top Right: Keynote by Jim Kwik

Left: Opening Session

Right: PWX Golf Tournament

Bottom: Ferry ride to KC Metro Chapter dinner



Recent Events

22nd Annual Metro Mechanics Competition and Rodeo

There were 24 contestants competing, a recent record. Many thanks to the City of Olathe for allowing use of their facility for the venue which allowed all participants to have all the necessary supplies needed to allow the hands on stations to function. Congratulations to the event winners:

- 1st place Zachary Lindquist, City of Lenexa,**
- 2nd place Chris Cigich, City of Shawnee,**
- 3rd place Leon McCoy, City of Lawrence.**



Upcoming Events



Save the date for
APWA KC Metro's Annual

HOLIDAY
Party

DEC 4, 2019
5:30-9:30 PM

Doubletree Hotel Overland Park
 10100 College Blvd, Overland Park, KS 66210

Online Registration Available Soon | \$50 per person
 For additional details, contact Brandon Kuehl, bakuehl@burnsmcd.com

APWA Mid Am Expo: Save the Date
May 20-22, 2020

Overland Park Convention Center
 Overland Park, KS



Chapter Leadership

APWA 2019 COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Audit & Budget - Alysen Abel
 Awards - **Vacant Position**
 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) -

Vacant Position

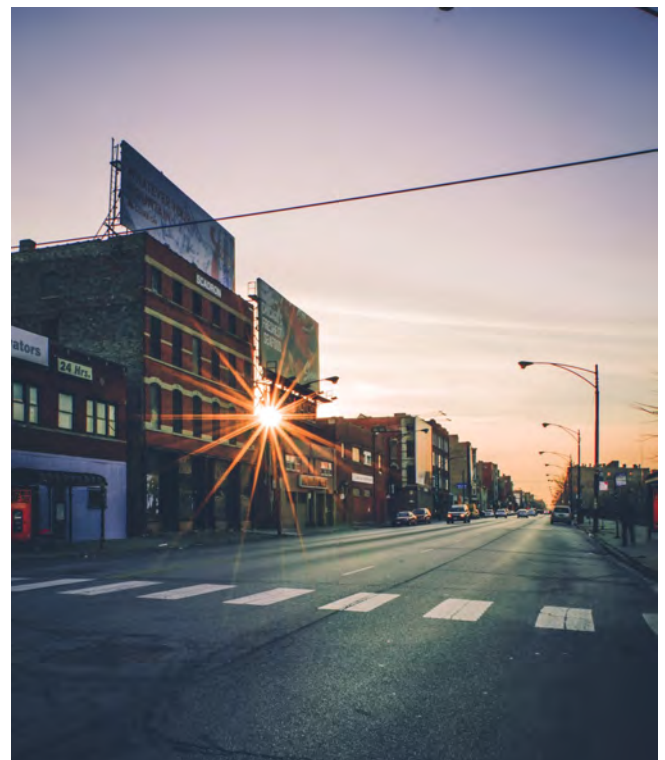
Engineering & Technology - Michael Haake
 Facilities & Grounds - Kristian Krc
 Fleet Services - Mark Stinson
 Golf Tournament - Tawn Nugent
 Governmental Affairs - **Vacant Position**
 Historical - Ernie Longoria
 Holiday Party - Brandon Kuehl
 K-12 Student Outreach - David Smalling
 Leadership & Management - 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 - 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
 Delegate - Joe Johnson
 Alternate Delegate - Bill Stogsdill



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

New Members

Alec Brown, City of Lenexa

Ben Dietz, Vance Brothers

Tyler Fadler, Braun Intertec

Joshua Gamage, Lochner

Nathan Gronau, City of Olathe

David Holzknecht, Vance Brothers

Cynthia Jackson, City of Kansas City, MO

Scott Karagiorgas, Jackson County

Anthony Linz, City of Leawood

Uday Manepalli, City of Kansas City, MO

Steve Nelson, City of Olathe

Frank Peoples, City of Leawood

Tom Pitney, Precision Concrete Cutting Midwest

Michael Schaller, City of Lenexa

Mitchell Suppes, Precision Concrete Cutting Midwest

Richard Tuttle, City of Grain Valley

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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.