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President's Perspective

By Shawn Graff

What a year it has been, I do not think many of us will look back on 2020 fondly. It has certainly been challenging on many levels. Though it was challenging, I have truly enjoyed serving on the Executive Committee and as the chapter's President. I have missed the chapter events and conferences that have been cancelled this year. I most of all miss the opportunity to spend time with my peers and friends in APWA. It has been honor serving as president, and although it would not have been how I would have planned it, I have enjoyed the experience. As my year ends, the chapter will transition to the very capable hands of the next President Kyle Dieckmann.



The year started out busy. In February, the monthly meeting included Mark Stinson presenting the work from the Fleet Management Committee covering the new fleet management certificate and mechanics rodeo. The Student Chapter hosted a resume writing and interview preparation workshop and a trivia night at the University of Missouri Kansas City.

The Chapter was awarded the Presidential Award for Chapter Excellence (PACE) for the 24th consecutive year. I might add that Kansas City Metro has the most consecutive PACE awards than any other chapter.

Committees were busy planning for spring events when COVID-19 stay-at-home orders were issued in the Kansas City area. We were hoping the virus would go away once warm weather arrived, but as we inched closer to May we began to see many of our events being postponed and cancelled. The Executive Committee began holding virtual meetings and health departments around the Metro halted in-person gatherings. We were in a wait and see holding pattern through much of the summer as stay-at-home orders began to be lifted, and businesses started opening up. APWA National's guidance has been to halt all in person meetings until the beginning of next year.

It has been challenging, but the chapter has been looking for opportunities to continue to conduct events while keeping members safe in the process. I met with committee chairs in September to discuss some ideas of virtual events that we could begin organizing.

The Community Service Committee provided a meal to the Ronald McDonald House in September. In past years, the committee provided Public Works trucks and grilled hamburgers and hotdogs. This year the meal had to be prepared offsite and delivered following strict guidelines.

The Golf Committee hosted the 39th Annual Golf Tournament in October at the Prairie Highlands Golf Course. There were 23 registrations for the event.

The Chapter Meetings Committee hosted a virtual lunch and learn titled: Applying Forecasts to Road Maintenance Challenges.

The incoming President Kyle Dieckmann held the annual Chapter Retreat in November to kick off his vision for 2021.

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The Holiday Party Committee is currently preparing for a virtual Holiday event in December. I am pleased to announce that the APWA National President Mary Joyce Ivers will be the keynote speaker for the event.

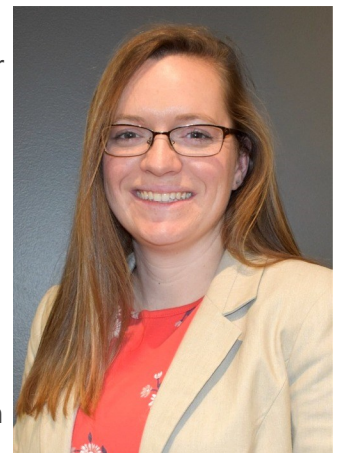
I appreciate the opportunity to serve as the 2020 Kansas City Metro Chapter President. I want to thank the Executive Committee, committee chairs and members for their hard work this year. I want to wish you and your family a warm and happy holiday season.

Delegate Details

By Becky Bonebrake

It feels like a lot has happened in the world around us since our last newsletter. As COVID-19 continues to impact each and every one of us, please pay attention to your feelings and those around you. Take some time for self care during this time or ask someone how they are truly doing. Not just the typical "How's it going?" as you pass in the hall. Not being able to meet with our colleagues has been a struggle for me and impacts the feeling of "normal".

COVID-19 and the election season has made Government Affairs front and center in our communities. APWA Nationals has an amazing Government Affairs Committee. You can check into what is going on at Capital Hill through the APWA website or sign up to receive the APWA Washington Report updates directly to your inbox or follow [@APWAGOVAFFAIRS on Twitter](#).



If you are interested in seeing what the National Technical Committees are doing, check out the 2020 Building New Rhythm Video videos on the [APWAtv YouTube Channel](#).

The KC Metro Chapter is rallying to come up with ideas for events over the next several months. If you have ideas for virtual events, please reach out to anyone on the Board of Directors or any Committee Chairs! Watch for more updates in the email blast and upcoming newsletters.

Here are some events upcoming through Nationals:

December 3, 2020 - Online Principles of Public Works Self Assessment Workshop

[PWX@home](#):

- November focuses on Operations and Maintenance
- December focuses on Leadership and Management
- January focuses on Engineering and Technology

Check out the APWA National website for more information.

KC Metro Chapter Nominating Committee Report

Kansas City Metro Chapter Members,

The 2020 KC Metro Chapter Nominating Committee, consisting of Past Presidents Rob Krewson, Jason Meyers and Dan Brown, in accordance with the Chapter By-Laws has nominated the following individuals to serve as officers and directors on the Chapter Executive Committee for the 2021 administrative year:

President	Kyle Dieckmann	City of Overland Park
Vice President	Alysen Abel	City of Parkville
Secretary	Nick Arena	City of Lenexa
Treasurer	Ben Will	HNTB
Director (2nd Year)	Trey Whitaker	City of Edgerton
Director (2nd Year)	Tawn Nugent	TREKK Design Group
Director (1st Year)	Patty Hilderbrand	City of Kansas City
Director (1st Year)	John Cooper	GBA

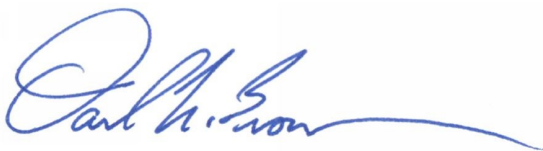
Other ex officio and appointed members of the Executive Committee include:

Past President	Shawn Graff	City of Lee's Summit
Director at Large	Bill Billings	City of Leawood
Delegate	Bill Stogsdill	City of Fairway
Alternate Delegate	Becky Bonebrake	City of Overland Park

The 2020 Executive Committee has directed the election of these officers and directors to take place at the Annual Holiday Party on December 10.

This announcement serves as the official notice to chapter membership of the nomination of this slate of officers and directors for the 2021 Executive Committee and of the intent to hold elections. A copy of the By Laws Article XIII – Election of Officers, is included for reference. This article outlines the election process, including the process by which chapter members may nominate other candidates for the 2021 Executive Committee.

Respectfully submitted,



Daniel L. Brown, Past President
Chair, Nominating Committee

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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

APWA KC Metro Chapter Annual Holiday Event

December 10, 2020

This will be a virtual event, much like many of the other chapter events this year. However, plan for it to feel like a normal Holiday event with networking, a keynote address from President Ivers at APWA National, and plenty of raffle prizes to win! Monetary donations will be accepted for Toys for Tots and can be provided at the registration link below.

This event is **free** but you must register in order to receive the information about how to attend.

Register here: <http://kcmetro.apwa.net/EventDetails/24842>



Save the date for
APWA KC Metro's Annual

HOLIDAY
Event

DEC 10, 2020
4:30-6:30 PM

Join us virtually on Remo!
Email link will be provided

Past Events

APWA KC Metro Chapter 39th Annual Golf Tournament

October 6, 2020

After a rough year for chapter events, we were excited to be able to hold our 39th Annual Golf Tournament on October 6th at Prairie Highlands Golf Course. 23 teams competed for the top spot with a competitive score of 52 winning 1st place. Congrats to all the tournament and individual winners!



<http://kcmetro.apwa.net/Content/Chapters/kcmetro.apwa.net/Documents/2020%20APWA%20Results.pdf>

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And big thanks to the golf committee! Katie Bushong, Tiffany Cartwright, Jason Hanson, Tawn Nugent, Spencer Osborn, Laura Sanford, Autumn Schleicher, Heidi Thummel and Therese Vink.

Chapter Leadership

APWA 2020 COMMITTEE CHAIRS

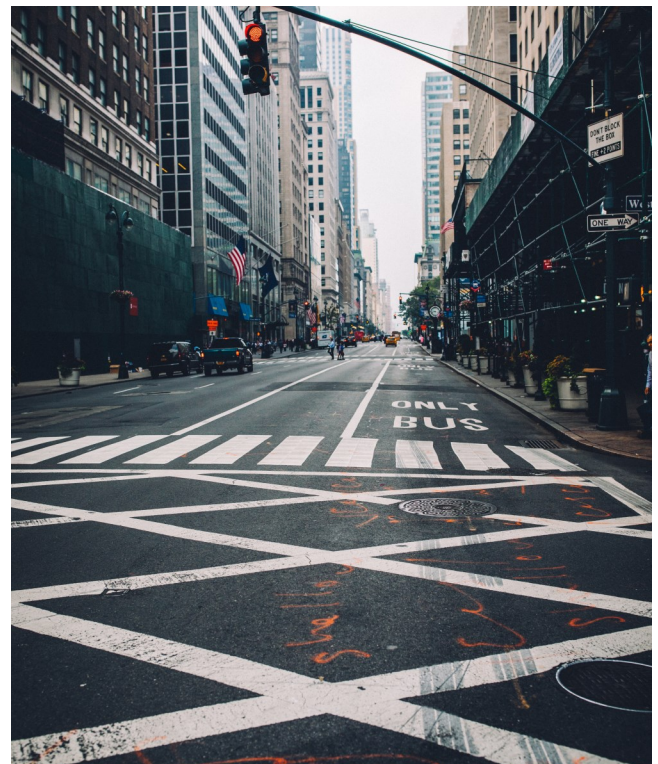
Audit & Budget - Alysen Abel
 Awards - Reid Catt & Becky Bonebrake
 By-Laws - Jason Meyers
 Chapter Meetings - Thomas Renfro
 Communications and Publicity - Allison Bruner
 Community Service - Jack Renfro
 Diversity and Inclusion - Zach Hardy
 Education & Training - Josh Hartman & Zach Matteo
 Emergency Management & Homeland Security (PET) - Rob Cole
 Engineering & Technology - Michael Haake
 Facilities & Grounds - Kristian Krc
 Fleet Services - Mark Stinson & Brian Dowling
 Golf Tournament - 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
 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

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

New Members

Rick Bird, Unified Government

Robert Davis, City of Gardner

Zachary Frazier, City of Raymore

Steve Gant, City of Raytown

Mark Green, City of Independence

Mike Jackson, City of Independence

Richard Kemple, City of Independence

Frank Kozar, City of Independence

Dan Maginn, Dake Wells Architecture

Zan McKinney, City of Independence

Eric Nobert, Unified Government

Brad Phelps, City of Independence

Lisa Phelps, City of Independence

Torie Phillips, Veregy

John Sponsler, City of North Kansas City

Devin Tiebout, Unified Government

Doug Ubben, Phelps Engineering

Mike Winckler, City of Independence

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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.

