

# PUB NEWS

## APWA KC Metro Chapter Newsletter



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## President's Perspective

By Kyle Dieckmann

Well, where has 2021 gone? As I was driving home in the dark, thanks to the recent time change, I realized that 2021 is nearly behind us. We probably don't have the same negative feelings about 2021 as we did for 2020. Nevertheless 2022, here we come. I want to take this opportunity to recap the year for the chapter from this final President's Perspective. See what I did there.....?

First, I want to tell you how grateful I am to have been the chapter president and to work with such a great Executive Committee. The entire Executive Committee is passionate about the organization and what the organization offers for its members. I am also grateful to be part of our chapter's turnaround from the pandemic in 2020. Although we were able to have meaningful events in 2020, it has been great to be able to have multiple in person events throughout the year. But wait, we had meaningful virtual events too.

When I reminisce about the year we have had, several memorable events come to mind:

I was invited to a monthly MoKan meeting. This meeting is a great example of collaboration between multiple agencies in our metro area. Many of our Public Works departments are dealing with similar issues. The group discussed the challenges that come with on-site fuel facilities. They compared salaries for workers in a challenging job market. They also discussed the positive changes they have seen in their collective snow programs. This is a great example of the benefits of APWA.

The chapter was able to celebrate the importance of Public Works during our evening NPWW celebration. This was the first time our chapter had a large gathering in quite some time, and NPWW was a great reason to meet up. We recognized many great projects and individuals with awards. Several of our chapter awards went on to be national award winners. We had great food from food trucks and enjoyed being able to talk with one another again.

Our group even travels well as evidenced by our chapter dinner at PWX. Sorry for the selfie from our Facebook page.

In addition to the events that I was able to attend, we also had a round table on Emergency



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Management, the 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Tournament, and our first ever Disc Golf Tournament.

Events were not the only items on the agenda this year. Representatives from our chapter built a shed, attended an 8<sup>th</sup> grade career fair, and welcomed new members with our PW Peers program. Our Public Works Institute resumed this year as well. The institute offers exceptional training for individuals from agencies throughout the metro area and region.

These activities are all a testament to the great people that are part of our organization and happen because so many of you are passionate about public works.

When the year began I shared my initiatives for the chapter. I'd like to report on how we did on these initiatives.

- Retain the Value of our Chapter – In looking at the events that we continued this year, I think we did pretty well. We continued with educational and social opportunities. We also offered new topics and trainings and partnered with organizations like ASCE and WTS. We can still improve and I know the membership will continue moving in the right direction.
- Emerge Strengthened from the Pandemic – Like many other organizations, we also brought virtual events to the membership and now offer virtual, in person, and hybrid events with new topics. We are also working to update our leadership manual. This resource for our chapter leadership will help us continue to be a strong and purposeful organization.
- Advance Recommendations of the Sustainable Stormwater Task Force – Just last month, the Executive Committee and representatives of the Sustainable Stormwater Task Force met to discuss a plan for a comprehensive update for the region's stormwater standards. Much more information will be coming out on this topic.
- Utilize the Strategic Plan – Our plan includes the objectives of Value, Voice, Education & Credentialing, and Membership. We continue to structure our efforts around these priorities.

Although we are one of 63 chapters of APWA, I think it would be hard to find a better and more active chapter. The future of this organization is bright. To ensure it stays bright we will continue to need active and engaged volunteers. Being a volunteer organization, it isn't always easy to make our chapter a priority. I assure you for the effort you put in, you get much more in return. If you have interest, please reach out to the [Executive Committee](#).

I am glad to be part of the chapter leadership for one more year as past president in 2022. I plan to stay engaged and hope for more opportunities within this organization. See you at the holiday party at Boulevard Brewery. It will be a great event and a great way to celebrate 2021. Thanks for all that you do!



## Delegate Details

By Becky Bonebrake

As we prepare to close out this year, we thank you for everything that you all do for your public works communities! Take some time to reflect on achievements and challenges you and your teams have experienced and thank each other for being there for the team and the community! Public Works is responsible for so much more than the community realizes and I am proud to be part of this community!

November's topic for Focus on Public Works is on Operations and Maintenance (O&M). Through November, information is available on trending technologies in O&M along with various resources on the New Resource Center and training partnerships. The information can be found at:

[https://www.apwa.net/MyApwa/Apwa\\_Public/Focus\\_on\\_Public\\_Works/Operations\\_and\\_Maintenance.aspx](https://www.apwa.net/MyApwa/Apwa_Public/Focus_on_Public_Works/Operations_and_Maintenance.aspx)

Some other things to highlight from Nationals are:

- A bylaws amendment for National was published in the October issue of the Reporter. Membership voting on the bylaws closed on November 12.
- APWA has launched a new Advocacy Platform that allows you to be actively and directly involved in advocating on behalf of public works. The platform enables APWA to send text alerts to you, keeping you engaged on important issues impacting public works. To opt-in text 'PWX' to 52886.
- If your organization is interested in Accreditation, there will be an Open Forum on December 14 about Organization of Supporting Documents or a Self Assessment Virtual Workshop on December 15



## APWA Nominating Committee Report



**Kansas City Metro Chapter**



### KC Metro Chapter Nominating Committee Report

Kansas City Metro Chapter Members,

The 2021 KC Metro Chapter Nominating Committee, consisting of Past Presidents Jason Meyers, Dan Brown and Shawn Graff, 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 2022 administrative year:

President	Alysen Abel	City of Parkville
Vice President	Ben Will	HNTB
Secretary	Nick Arena	City of Lenexa
Treasurer	Tawn Nugent	TREKK Design Group
Director (2 <sup>nd</sup> Year)	Patty Hilderbrand	City of Kansas City
Director (2 <sup>nd</sup> Year)	John Cooper	GBA
Director (1 <sup>st</sup> Year)	Mark Stinson	City of Lee's Summit
Director (1 <sup>st</sup> Year)	Phil Hermann	Burns & McDonnell

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

Past President	Kyle Dieckmann	City of Overland Park
Director at Large	Bill Billings	City of Leawood
Delegate	Bill Stogsdill	City of Fairway
Alternate Delegate	Becky Bonebrake	City of Overland Park

The 2021 Executive Committee has directed the election of these officers and directors to take place at the Annual Holiday Party in December, 2021.

This announcement serves as the official notice to chapter membership of the nomination of this slate of officers and directors for the 2022 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 2022 Executive Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

Shawn D. Graff, Past President  
Chair, Nominating Committee

## Scholarship Committee Position Open

The Scholarship Committee is seeking a co-chair volunteer(s) to assist in annual duties such as scholarship application solicitations, recipient selection, and distribution of scholarship funds. If you're interested in engaging in an important role with a wonderfully benevolent committee, please contact Erik Troy at [etroy@gsinetwork.com](mailto:etroy@gsinetwork.com).

## APWA Awards Applications Open

**APWA Award applications are now available**  
due **January 28, 2022**

*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](mailto:awardsapwa@gmail.com)

Information about the 2022 Awards are available from the KC Metro Chapter Website by clicking on the following link: <http://kcmetro.apwa.net/PageDetails/4174>. The chapter level award nomination forms are on the chapter website. The national level award nomination forms are found on the national website (link provided below). Please submit all nominations to the chapter at [awardsapwa@gmail.com](mailto:awardsapwa@gmail.com). The awards committee will review all nominations and select chapter level winners. Chapter level winners of the national awards will be submitted to nationals by the chapter before the national deadline.

### Chapter Level Only Awards:

- Field Supervisor Excellence Award**
- Operations Program Excellence Award**
- Public Works Excellence Award**
- Excellence in Public Works Publication Award**
- Samuel A. Greeley Local Service Award**

### Chapter Level and National Awards:

[https://www.apwa.net/MyApwa/Apwa\\_Public/About/Awards\\_Criteria\\_and\\_Forms.aspx](https://www.apwa.net/MyApwa/Apwa_Public/About/Awards_Criteria_and_Forms.aspx)

- Public Works Project of the Year**
- Public Works Project of the Year for Small Cities/ Rural Communities**
- Commendation for Exemplary Service to Public Works**
- Exceptional Performance Awards (6 Categories)**
- Management Innovation Award**
- Technical Innovation Award**
- Community Involvement Award**
- Professional Manager of the year award (9 categories)**

*Winners of the KC Metro Chapter Level Awards will be recognized at the National Public Works Week Luncheon*

## Past Events

### 40th Annual KC Metro Chapter Golf Tournament

Thanks to everyone that made the 40th Annual Golf Tournament a success! On October 7 at Hillcrest Golf Course, 24 teams competed for the top spot with Superior Bowen’s team winning 1st place. Congrats to all the tournament and individual winners!

#### 1st Flight

1st Place - Superior Bowen

2nd Place – TREKK

3rd Place – Kissick

#### 2nd Flight

1st Place – Walter P Moore

2nd Place - GBA

3rd Place – GLMV

#### 3rd Flight

1st Place – BHC

2nd Place – Olsson

3rd Place – Hg Consult

#### Longest Drive

Women – Abby Sandbothe, HDR

Men – Jaco Paperi, HNTB

#### Longest Putt

Women – Kimberly Robinett, TREKK

Men – Lucas Gillen, TREKK

#### Closest to Pin

Women – Therese Vink, Olathe

Men – Larry Stevens, HR Green



Thank you to our sponsors that made the tournament possible!

- **Tournament Sponsor** – Superior Bowen



- **Breakfast Sponsors** – HNTB and BHC



- **Lunch Sponsors** – GBA and Anderson Engineering



- **Beverage Cart Sponsors** – Terracon and TREKK



- **Hole Sponsors:** ADS, Burns & McDonnell, Emery Sapp & Sons, GLMV Architecture, HDR, Hg Consult, Kissick Construction, Lamp Rynearson, McClure, Olsson and Walter P Moore.

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



## Past Events

### Public Works Institute

October 5-7, 2021

Grandview, MO

The Kansas City Metro APWA Chapter presented “Public Works Basic Supervision Essentials” training in supervision, management, and leadership to 68 public works professionals on October 5-7 in Grandview. This, after a 24-month hiatus due to the Covid 19 pandemic.



Although the attendance was lower than originally anticipated as some individuals and employers continue to be cautious about public gatherings, the training was highly successful, and Grandview was an excellent host.

We did take extra precautions: masks were required by attendees (as per Jackson County, MO guidelines), frequent sanitizing of the microphone, computer controls and other commonly touched areas. Perhaps the greatest change was how we served the continental breakfasts and lunches. The nine attendees who were attending their fourth and final module and will be honored as Public Works Institute graduates at the chapter’s December 2 Holiday Party, served food for their fellow attendees unlike the “serve yourself” buffets we’ve had in the past.

The nine who are graduating are:

- **Ryan Barta**, City of Olathe
- **William Briscoe**, City of Grandview
- **Brent Morton**, City of Mission
- **David Phelps**, City of Raytown
- **Mike Pickard**, City of Lee’s Summit
- **Frankie Reeves**, City of Roeland Park
- **Greg Rollins**, City of Olathe
- **Doug Thorell**, City of Roeland Park
- **Mike Winckler**, City of Independence



If the pandemic allows, we plan to present the next Public Works Institute module “Public Works Supervision Skills” in April 2022. Watch the chapter website and this newsletter for more details with registration on-line anticipated for March 2022.

Please direct any questions regarding this past training or future Public Works Institute plans to PWI Director Larry Frevert at [lwfrevert@gmail.com](mailto:lwfrevert@gmail.com) or to him via cell phone 816.582.9236.



## Upcoming Events

### Snow Operations Panel Discussion

December 2, 2021

12:00—1:30 PM

The Education & Training Committee is excited to host this discussion on regional approaches to snow operations. Hear from representatives from Lee's Summit, Parkville, Kansas City, MO and Edgerton, KS on approaches and challenges to snow operations. Open discussion and participation from attendees is encouraged. The event is virtual and free, and offers 1.0 PDH (0.1 CEU).

Click here for more details and to register: <http://kcmetro.apwa.net/EventDetails?id=27421>

A festive graphic for a holiday event. The background is light yellow with a decorative border of green pine branches and red poinsettias. The text is centered and reads: "Save the Date" in a large, black, cursive font. Below it, "for APWA KC Metro's Annual" is in a smaller, brown, sans-serif font. "HOLIDAY" is in large, bold, black, sans-serif capital letters, and "Event" is in a large, red, cursive font. To the right of "Event" is the word "at" in a brown, cursive font, followed by the Boulevard Brewing Co. logo, which is a black diamond shape with "BOULEVARD" in white, bold, sans-serif capital letters and "BREWING CO." in a smaller, white, sans-serif font below it. At the bottom, "THURSDAY DECEMBER 2, 2021 | 5:00 - 9:00 PM" is in a bold, black, sans-serif font. Below that, "\$50/Person" is in a bold, brown, sans-serif font. Finally, "For additional details, contact Brandon Kuehl at bakuehl@burnsmcd.com" is in a smaller, brown, sans-serif font.

*Save the Date*  
for **APWA KC Metro's Annual**  
**HOLIDAY**  
*Event* at **BOULEVARD**  
BREWING CO.  
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## 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 & Blake Moris  
 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  
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## New Members

**Jacob Ambrose**, HNTB

**Zachary Coppersmith**, TranSystems

**Matthew Henderson**, McAfee Henderson Solutions

**Mathias Lwomeleza**, City of Raytown

**Brenda Macke**, Burns & McDonnell

**Agnes Otto**, Burns & McDonnell

**Shelbi Swacker**, McAfee Henderson Solutions

**Sam Waid**, Burns & McDonnell

**Leslie Walton**, City of Leawood



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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.

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