

# PUB NEWS

## APWA KC Metro Chapter Newsletter



**KC Metro Chapter receives PACE award for record-breaking 26th consecutive year!**

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## President's Perspective

By Alysen Abel

As I am writing this President's Perspective, I am reflecting on all the events surrounding the National APWA Conference PWX in Charlotte. The Kansas City Metro Chapter was well represented at this year's National Conference.

**National Committee Representatives** – Several KC Metro Chapter members serve on APWA National Committees to support technical and standing committees for APWA. Members of several committees met on Saturday, August 27th before the conference to determine their work plans for the upcoming year. If you are interested in serving on a committee, contact me so we can get you paired up with a committee that fits your passion.



**Record number of Attendees** – There were over 3,000 people who attended PWX in Charlotte this year. We had a record number of people signed up for the Chapter Dinner at PWX. Thank you to Ben Will for organizing an outstanding Chapter Dinner at the Dandelion.

**Educational Session Presenters** – Several KC Metro Chapter members provided presentations and served as panelists for various educational sessions at PWX. The Call for Presentations for the 2023 PWX in San Diego is currently open until the end of October.

**Individual and Project Award Winners** – There were two individual winners recognized at the PWX Awards Ceremony. Tony Hofmann was recognized as one of the APWA Top Ten Public Works Leaders. Leslie Donnelly was recognized as the Young Leader of the Year. The KC Metro UPROW Committee was recognized for the Excellence in Journalism for their "Day in the Life" video series. The City of Raymore was recognized as a Project of the Year for the TB Hanna Station. Congratulations to our award winners.

**Presidential Award for Chapter Excellence (PACE)** The KC Metro Chapter was recognized by receiving the Presidential Award for Chapter Excellence (PACE) Award (see photo on first page). Our chapter is the only chapter to receive this award distinction consecutively for 26 years, the longest of any other chapter. Thank you to Becky Bonebrake, Nathan Hladky and Kyle Dieckmann for assisting with the PACE award submittal.

**Emerging Leaders Academy Representatives** – The KC Metro Chapter had not one, not two...but five representatives from the chapter to participate in the Emerging Leaders Academy this year. ELA has evolved over the past 20 years and has provided leadership skills to many public works professionals. Congratulations to this year's graduates of the ELA program: Stephanie Boyce, Allison Bruner, Leslie Donnelly, John Findlay, and Jack Renfro.

**Opportunities for Networking** – There were several opportunities for networking (both formally and informally) throughout the conference. Networking happened during the conference at events such as the Get Acquainted Party held at the Nascar Hall of Fame and Chapter Dinner. The bulk of the networking took place in the hallways during breaks, at happy hours after the sessions, and in the airport on the trip home. Connections made during PWX will last a lifetime.

Next year's PWX conference will be held in San Diego. I look forward to seeing all of you there.

## Delegate Details

By Bill Stogsdill

### PWX

I am writing this article from the lovely confines of my hotel in Charlotte at PWX. The North Carolina Chapter has really done a first-rate job of putting on a great event, its not as good as 2018, but that level may be unreachable ever again (not that I am biased).

As is tradition, the Saturday before PWX the National Board, Council of Chapters and Technical Committees gathered for their annual summer meetings.

Ben Will did a fantastic job organizing our Chapter Dinner at PWX. Nearly 100 members and guests attended the dinner at the Dandelion Market in downtown Charlotte. Thanks Ben, I know how difficult organizing this event can be.

If you ever get an opportunity to attend PWX, make sure you take it. PWX not only has fantastic educational sessions, it also is a time when you can network with other colleagues from across the world and discuss common issues.

### Membership

The official membership total at the end of July was 30,132. The association is getting close to pre pandemic numbers.

### Randolph Jennings International Fellowship

The 2023 Jennings Randolph International Fellowship will open for applications on September 15! Fellowships are granted for travel to an APWA international partner conference and are limited to a maximum of \$3,000 (USD) to assist with travel costs and other expenses. For more information: [www.apwa.net/JRFellowship](http://www.apwa.net/JRFellowship).



## Delegate Details — cont.

### **Call for Presentations**

Want to present at PWX? The Call for Presentations is currently open through October 31st, 2022. If you are interested, please [Click here](#) to submit your proposal.

### **Public Works Institute- Module III**

Registration opens for Module III of the Public Works Institute on September 1, 2022. The Class will be held at the Independence Uptown Market in Independence, Mo. More information about the event can be found here: <http://kcmetro.apwa.net/EventDetails?id=29684> This is still one of the best training events that we host. I recommend it for all levels of Public Works.

### **Upcoming Events- Chapter**

- Demystifying the RFP/RFQ Process: Lessons Learned and Best Practices- Sept. 8,
- UPROW Committee hosting the September Chapter Luncheon- Sept. 21
- Public Works Institute Module III- October 18-20

You can sign up for these events on the Chapter website <http://kcmetro.apwa.net/AllEventList>

### **Upcoming Events- National**

- Winter Maintenance Supervisor Certificate- September 20
- Fleet Operations in a Post-COVID World- September 22
- Public Fleet Manager Certificate- September 27
- SC/RC Perspective on Succession Planning- October 5
- Calibrating Winter Operations- October 27

You can find out more information on and sign up for these events on the National website [https://www.apwa.net/MyApwa/Apwa Public/Education and Events/Calendar.aspx](https://www.apwa.net/MyApwa/Apwa%20Public/Education%20and%20Events/Calendar.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.

## Chapter History — Help Needed Finding These PACE Award Submissions

To assist my research on the KC Metro Chapter's history update, the yearly PACE Award submission documents are valuable resources. However, I have not been able to locate the documents from 2002 - 2004 and 2006 – 2008. If you have a PDF or hardcopy of any of those six submissions, or if you can direct me to someone who does/or might have any of them, please let me know as soon as possible.

My email address is [chartline47@gmail.com](mailto:chartline47@gmail.com). I would appreciate any help you can give me. – Connie Hartline

## Call for Volunteers

### **New Committee Alert (Administrative & Contract Support Committee)**

Administrative Professionals, Contract Specialists and other office employees help to support Public Works every day. It is their hard work and attention to detail that helps provide the resources Public Works employees need. There has been interest in starting a new committee in the KC Metro Chapter APWA.

Look for more information on this exciting new committee. Programs may include panel discussions, roundtable discussions and technical programs focused on providing tools for the Administrative & Contract Support Committee. We want input for those who work directly in these support services to provide feedback, so that the chapter can provide meaningful programs and resources.

Contact Sally Wachtel at [sally.wachtel@opkansas.org](mailto:sally.wachtel@opkansas.org) or Kristen Love at [klove@leawood.org](mailto:klove@leawood.org) if you are interested in assisting with this committee. We are looking for all kinds of assistance from committee members, program ideas or general feedback about the committee. Look for more information about a Meet & Greet in upcoming APWA eBlast emails.



## Keep An Eye Out for the ISI Envision Survey

The Sustainable Infrastructure Committee is excited to receive feedback from our Kansas and Missouri APWA community on the potential to provide ISI Envision Certification and/or training. This survey will be released this month in September, 2022.

A brief description of ISI Envision (ENV SP) "The Envision Framework is quickly becoming globally recognized as a highly credible approach to sustainable, resilient, and equitable infrastructure.



ENVISION



ENV SP candidates are required to complete the official ENV SP training course and pass a comprehensive written exam. The ENV SP training is offered as an online course or an in-person workshop." For more information check out their website: [Home - Institute for Sustainable Infrastructure](https://www.instituteforsustainableinfrastructure.com/)

The KC Metro Chapter is looking into hosting and possibly continued training on ISI Envision. We need your feedback to help determine the feasibility of providing this training to our Kansas and Missouri APWA community.

## Upcoming Events

### APWA Service Committee Ronald McDonald House Event

**September 14, 2022 3:30-5:30 PM**

2525 Cherry Street  
Kansas City, MO 64108

The APWA Ronald McDonald House Volunteer Event is coming up on September 14th from 3:30pm – 5:30 pm. Our group of volunteers will provide and serve dinner for 40-50 people. Please make sure to RSVP to Jaclyn Willis ([jwillis@hntb.com](mailto:jwillis@hntb.com)) so you can secure your spot in the event



### September Chapter Luncheon—UPROW Committee

**September 21, 2022 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM**

Burns & McDonnell  
Training Room 5  
9400 Ward Parkway  
Kansas City, MO 64114

APWA's UPROW groups focus on common issues faced by government agencies, utility providers, contractors, and consultants when performing their respective duties in public right-of-way (ROW). The many stakeholders using and maintaining ROW make it difficult for many people to understand the true importance of ROW and how it all fits together. During COVID, the KC Metro Chapter UPROW Committee was trying to find ways to educate the public and public officials about ROW, its wide range of players, and their differing perspectives and priorities when it came to their roles regarding public ROW. This outreach also needed to be done while maintaining social distancing. The answer was obvious to any Millennial or Gen Z'er: make videos to share online!

Brent Berry (Chapter UPROW Committee Chair / City of Olathe) and Randy Gorton (BHC) will discuss how the committee came up with idea of this award-winning video series, the key steps in the process of making the videos, our list of "must-haves" when it comes to developing one or more videos for education/outreach, the response to the video series, and a peek into the next outreach/education initiative that our Chapter UPROW Committee is working on.

Click here for more information and to register: <http://kcmetro.apwa.net/PageViews/EventPageDetails?id=29765>

## Upcoming Events

### Mid-America Equipment Expo Save the Date

October 5-7, 2022

Exhibitors showcase the latest public works products, services, and technology. \$150 registration fee includes courses, lunch and ROADeO competition.

More details and registration information coming soon. Contact Paul Dunn with any questions at (913)696-7706 or [pauld@leawood.org](mailto:pauld@leawood.org).



### Mid-America Equipment Expo BBQ Lunch Save the Date

Friday October 7, 2022

- 8:00 — 11:00 Vendor Competitions and Networking (airport location)
- 11:15 — 12:15 Lunch (Hampton Inn)
- 12:15 — 1:00 Awards (Hampton Inn)

More details and registration information coming soon. Contact Paul Dunn with any questions at (913)696-7706 or [pauld@leawood.org](mailto:pauld@leawood.org).

## Upcoming Events

### Public Works Institute Module III.5 Public Works Management Fundamentals

**October 18-20, 2022**

Independence Uptown Market  
210 W Truman Rd  
Independence, MO 64050

Public Works Institute Module III is the third of four modules which attendees may attend to graduate with a PWI certification. Public Works Institute is intended for public works supervisors, managers and leaders and persons aspiring to those levels of responsibility. While the modules are designed to be presented in order I to IV, attendees are welcome to attend them in an order that works best for them.



Continental breakfast and hot lunch are included in the registration cost, as well as snacks and refreshments throughout each day. The registration cost is \$250 which includes a printed workbook, or \$225 if a digital workbook is preferred. Please use the \$25 coupon code 'Digital' for the digital option. Attendees are encouraged to register on-line using a credit card. However, payment by check will also be accepted.

Registration is limited to the first 70 to sign up: <http://kcmetro.apwa.net/EventDetails?id=29684>

**APWA KC Metro Chapter Annual Golf Tournament**

**Registration is Open**  
**Teams are limited... Sign up now!**

**Topgolf Overland Park**  
**10.20.22 | 12-5PM**

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Click here for more information and to register: <http://kcmetro.apwa.net/PageViews/EventPageDetails?id=29598>



## Chapter Leadership

### APWA 2022 COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Audit & Budget - Bryan Blizzard  
 Awards - Nathan Hladky & Becky Bonebrake  
 By-Laws - Kyle Dieckmann  
 Chapter Meetings - Thomas Renfro  
 Communications and Publicity - Allison Bruner  
 Community Service - Jack Renfro  
 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 & Tawn Nugent  
 Governmental Affairs - Trey Whitaker & Kati Horner  
 Historical - Ernie Longoria  
 Holiday Party - Brandon Kuehl  
 K-12 Student Outreach - David Smalling  
 Leadership & Management - **Vacant**  
 Membership - Scott Cogan & Zac Coppersmith  
 Membership BBQ & Steak Fry - Brian Ladd  
 MidAmX - Dan Brown & Kyle Dieckmann  
 MO-KAN Street Superintendents - Bill Billings  
 Myron D. Calkins Scholarship - Phil Herrman & Erik Troy  
 Myron Calkins Symposium - Kyle Dieckmann  
 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 - Jeffrey Mains & Brent Berry  
 Water Resources Management - Andrew Smith  
 Webmaster - Tiffany Cartwright & 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 - Alysen Abel  
 Construction Materials - Christy Martins  
 Public Works Institute - Larry Frevert  
 Solid Waste Management - **Vacant**

### KC APWA 2022 OFFICERS

President - Alysen Abel  
 Vice President - Ben Will  
 Secretary - Nick Arena  
 Treasurer - Tawn Nugent  
 Past President - Kyle Dieckmann  
 Director (2<sup>nd</sup> Year) - Patty Hilderbrand  
 Director (2<sup>nd</sup> Year) - John Cooper  
 Director (1<sup>st</sup> Year) - Mark Stinson  
 Director (1<sup>st</sup> Year) - Phil Herrman  
 Director-At-Large - Bill Billings  
 Delegate - Bill Stogsdill  
 Alternate Delegate - Becky Bonebrake



## New Members

**Shawn Brost**, Vance Brothers  
**Kyle Cain**, City of Independence  
**Jason Eskina**, Affinis  
**Nevene Fanous**, Affinis  
**Christopher Flageolle**, Lochner  
**Klancy Foote**, Foley Equipment  
**Sean Goldwasser**, Black and Veatch  
**Anthony Kammerer**, Affinis  
**Scott Komarek**, Bartlett & West  
**Evan Ludwig**, Lochner  
**Dustin Lueckenotte**, City of Olathe  
**Kraig Mccluskie**, City of Leawood  
**Hakima Siddiq**, City of Overland Park  
**James Simmons**, Braun Intertec  
**Todd Thalmann**, City of Leawood  
**Anthony Turner**, City of Smithville  
**Elijah Vanderpol**, Bartlett & West



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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.