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APWA KC Metro Chapter Newsletter



Chapter Fall Initiatives

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President's Perspective

By Shawn Graff

It is hard to believe that the first day of fall is less than two weeks away. I for one enjoy summer. The 60-degree temperatures in the fall always seems much colder to me than the 60-degree temperatures in the spring. I tend to enjoy the longer days and warm weather, but that is coming from someone that does not have to work in the heat every day. One thing that fall represents is operations' crews begin turning their focus away from summer activities like mowing and start thinking about snow.



COVID-19 has brought many challenges for the Chapter to hold events, and as a result, APWA has recommended that we pause face-to-face events through the end of the year. The Chapter's Snow Rodeo and Equipment Expo that many of us attended was cancelled earlier this summer because of this. Some agencies may plan their own snow equipment training this year, but it will likely look much different than it has in the past. What was once a week of learning, demonstrating operator skills and celebration has turned into a carefully planned small-scale version, where we keep co-workers separated. If you are having your own winter training make sure to submit it to be posted on the Chapter's Facebook page.

The Executive Committee is having ongoing discussions about how to continue to provide events and training in the future. The committee respects the decision to pause face-to-face meetings to ensure everyone's safety, but we also want to continue to provide value to our members. I met virtually with the committee chairs recently to discuss ongoing chapter training and events. Continue to watch the Chapter's webpage for future events and more details over the next couple of months.

Here are a few events that committees are actively working on and should be available this fall:

- The Kansas City Metro Chapter is hosting the 39th Annual Golf Tournament on Tuesday October 6, 2020 at Prairie Highlands Golf Course in Olathe, Kansas. Registration is available on the Chapter's website <http://kcmetro.apwa.net/>.
- Public Works Institute (PWI) scheduled for October has been once again postponed. One of the great benefits of attending PWI is the ability to network with peers around the metro and have engaging, lively interaction. Because of this, it makes it difficult to offer the entire series virtually. Plans are in place to offer a four part virtual series. The topics under consideration are Facilities and Grounds, Utility and Public Right of Way (UPROW), Airport Management and Transportation. We will be looking to offer more topics in the future if necessary.
- The Chapter Leader Retreat is in the works for October or November. Invitations will go out to committee chairs and co-chairs in the next few months.
- Work is just now underway to host a virtual holiday party. The holiday party will likely be held in early December. Keep an eye on the website for details to come out shortly.

Have a great fall and I hope to see you at some of the virtual events soon.

Delegate Details

By Becky Bonebrake

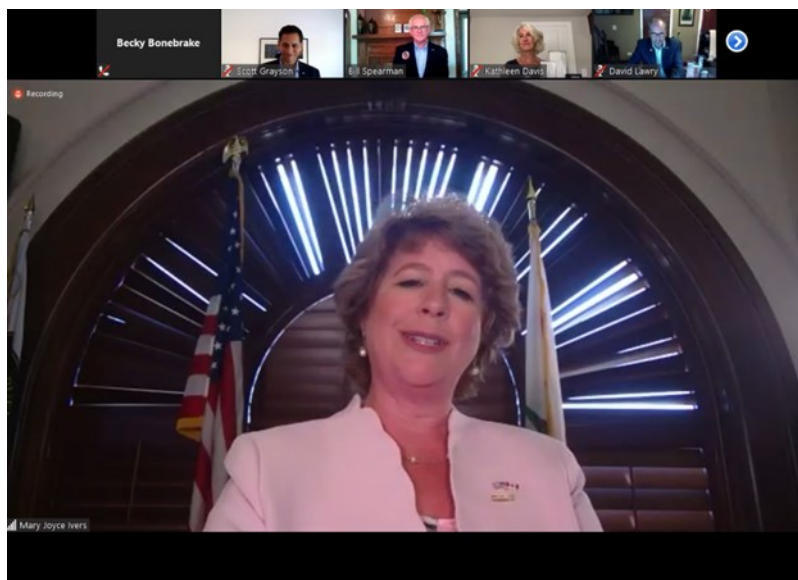
Greetings to everyone out there reading! I hope you all are doing well and finding a rhythm in your new normal. The KC Metro chapter is here for any support we can offer. The executive committee and the committee chairs met on September 10 for a happy hour to brainstorm ideas on how to best serve our membership with events. We understand it has been difficult not being able to go to our normal luncheons and celebrations like National Public Works Week. Our events through the end of the year will look different than in the past but be looking for information to come on future events. I hope to see some of your faces at the Golf Tournament on October 6!



On August 31, APWA National held a Board of Directors Transition Ceremony. At the ceremony Director Scott Grayson and President Bill Spearman provided a summary of what has happened in the past year, the financial state of APWA, passed the gavel to incoming President Mary Joyce Ivers and introduced the 2020-2021 Board of Directors. A recording of the ceremony will be available on the APWA website.

APWA staff continues to work remote until after the New Year but they have still been awesome about responding to inquiries and supporting our chapters!

PWX@Home continues to provide educational and development opportunities monthly through July of 2021. A summary of the topics for each month is shown below; check the APWA website for specifics.



Incoming President Mary Joyce Ivers introducing the 2020-2021 Board of Directors

Help! Items Needed for Chapter History Book

By Connie Hartline

I need your help finding some missing pieces for the chapter history book. The first book, *Service in the Heartland*, took a "just the facts" point of view to tell the KC Metro Chapter's story. With your help, we can give this next chunk of history a personality by casting the story through the eyes of the members. Can you help with any of the following?

- Pictures of chapter events over the last 18 years.
- Personal stories of how the chapter has affected the Kansas City Metro area or your own public works career. I will be glad to set up a Zoom call and interview you.
- Suggestions on anyone else you think I should interview.

My email address is chartline47@gmail.com. I look forward to hearing from you as soon as possible.

Thanks!

Connie



Upcoming Events

APWA KC Metro Chapter 39th Annual Golf Tournament

October 6, 2020

Prairie Highlands Golf Club
14695 S Inverness St.
Olathe, KS 66061

<https://prairiehighlands.com/>

Tournament Details:

- Registration at 12:00 PM
- Driving range and putting green will be available
- Shotgun start at 1:00 PM

Thank you to those that have already stepped up and sponsored! Hole sponsorships are still available – with and without a team. Without the annual partnership program this year, a sponsorship is a great opportunity to continue supporting our chapter. More details here: <http://kcmetro.apwa.net/EventDetails/24338>

Considering the current times, this will be a great opportunity for our chapter to come together safely. COVID has tested us in many ways in our personal and professional lives. APWA KC Metro Chapter business and events are no different. As you can expect, this year's tournament will see many operational and logistical changes that we must implement in order to conduct the event. These measures and changes include:

- **All registrants must sign and return a waiver, or they WILL NOT be allowed to participate.**
 - Waivers will need to be returned prior to the tournament.
 - Email scanned copies of the waiver form to Katie Bushong kathryn.bushong@ibhc.com.



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- The check-in process will minimize congregating and standing in line as participants arrive. Registration will be available beginning at noon. Our hope is to spread out the check-in process and get folks to the driving range or putting green prior to start, minimizing congregation.
- Grab and go lunch will be available for each player prior to heading to your cart.
- Unfortunately, there will be no post-event banquet/awards ceremony this year - which also means we'll be missing out on the generous raffle prizes typically donated.
- Thanks to our sponsors, drinks and snacks will be available throughout the tournament at the club house and from the service carts on the course.
- Any post-event camaraderie will be unaffiliated with the event. The event will have an official start and official end time.
- Scoring for the tournament competition will be done post-tournament. Like past years, we will award 1st, 2nd and 3rd place to 3 flights. Winners will be contacted separately.
- Women and men hole prizes will be awarded as usual. Distribution of the prizes will be at a later date.
- [The Governor's Executive Order](#) regarding the wearing of facial coverings is likely to still be in effect at the time of the event. As such, please come prepared with your own mask/facial covering, as participants will be required to wear the mask whenever indoors, and also outdoors whenever social distancing of 6 feet is not possible to maintain.
 - Entry into the pro shop and other areas of the club house building will require the wearing of a mask.
 - The pro shop will have restrictions on occupancy loading.

We realize this year's tournament will be missing some of the usual camaraderie. However, these changes are necessary in order to be able to hold the tournament safely for everyone. Looking forward to seeing everyone and please contact Tawn Nugent with any questions at tnugent@trekkdesigngroup.com or (816)506-1017.



REGISTRATION OPEN / SPONSORSHIPS AVAILABLE

APWA KC METRO 39TH ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6TH

12:30^{PM} REGISTRATION & LUNCH / 1:00^{PM} SHOTGUN START

PRAIRIE HIGHLANDS GOLF COURSE

Chapter Leadership

APWA 2020 COMMITTEE CHAIRS

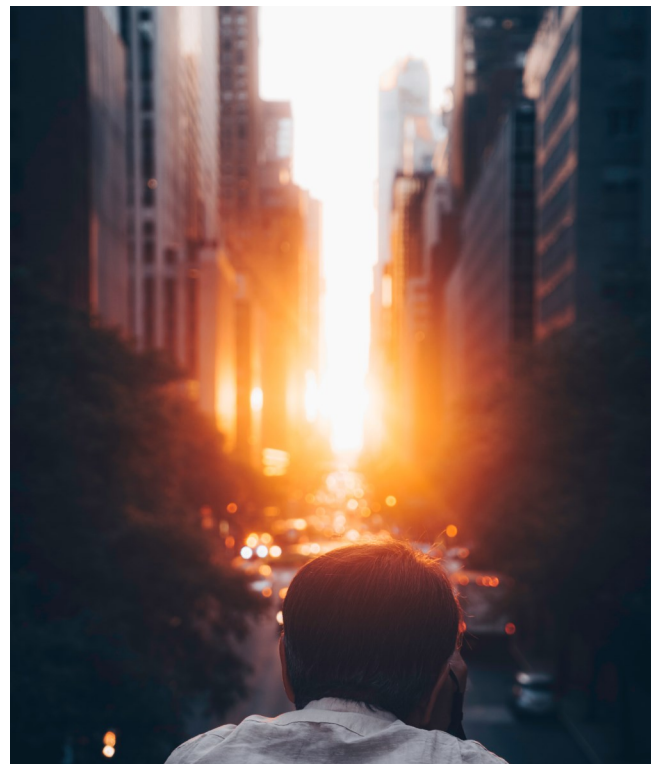
Audit & Budget - Alysen Abel
 Awards - Reid Catt & Becky Bonebrake
 By-Laws - Jason Meyers
 Chapter Meetings - Thomas Renfro
 Communications and Publicity - Allison Bruner
 Community Service - Jack Renfro
 Diversity and Inclusion - Zach Hardy
 Education & Training - Josh Hartman & Zach Matteo
 Emergency 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

KC APWA 2020 OFFICERS

President - Shawn Graff
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 Director (1st Year) - Tawn Nugent
 Director (1st Year) - Trey Whitaker
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 Delegate - Bill Stogsdill
 Alternate Delegate - Becky Bonebrake



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

New Members

Bryan Holt, City of Raytown

Paige Martz, CBB

Spencer Osborn, TREKK Design Group



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The Pub News staff welcomes announcements, news articles, photos and suggestions. A new issue will be published in November. The deadline for the next issue will be Friday, November 13, 2020. 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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It shall be the policy of the KC Metro Chapter that the use of the "APWA Pub News, Website and Electronic Mailing List" by outside agencies shall abide by the following:

- 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.

