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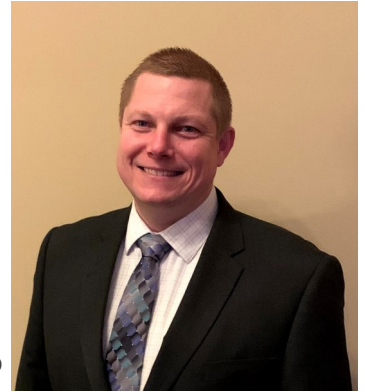


President's Perspective

By Kyle Dieckmann

Welcome to fall, almost.... I was reminded of the upcoming season today hearing about pumpkin patches and pumpkin themed baked goods. Haunted houses and trick or treating is also around the corner. With the good weather we have had, our construction projects are making good progress. I hope your work has been going smoothly as well.

Looking back at the last president's perspective, it is hard to believe that PWX has already happened. I hope many of you were able to travel to St. Louis. If you couldn't make it to St. Louis or want more educational opportunities, please consider [PWX Plus](#). Aside from PWX, our chapter has been hard at work. I'd like to highlight a few events here:



- [Chapter Dinner at PWX](#) – The chapter held a great event at PWX. We met at the Schlafly Tap Room. The well-attended dinner was a great way to wrap-up the PWX conference.
- [16th Annual APWA BBQ](#) – The BBQ was held on September 10 at Knights of Columbus Park. Thirteen teams put in a long day to deliver outstanding BBQ. With great weather and even better food, the day ended with a BBQ dinner and networking. Thanks to the teams that participated and the BBQ committee for putting on the event.
- [APWA Leadership & Management COVID Panel Event](#) – On September 16, we were fortunate to have Public Works Directors from the region sit down for a discussion on how they navigated, and continue to navigate the global pandemic. This included Alysen Abel from Parkville, MO, Nick Arena from Lenexa, KS, Sheri McIntyre from Liberty, MO and Tony Hofmann from Overland Park, KS. The discussion was facilitated by Jose Leon from Raytown, MO. The presenters were candid about the challenges and outcomes of the unprecedented event.
- [Upcoming events](#) – please check the [chapter calendar](#) for upcoming events. September and October continue to be active months for our chapter.



I also wanted to highlight an update from the Sustainable Stormwater Task Force. In July, a letter was sent to the membership about the recent work by the Stormwater Task Force. The APWA KC Metro Chapter Executive Committee is considering options to update the regional stormwater standards. For more information, please reference the chapter website [here](#).

Additionally, the Executive Committee is working with our committee chairs to ensure our committees have the resources and members needed to stay active, either safely in person or virtually. If you have interest in being part of a committee or want to know more, please contact any one of the Executive Committee Members. The chapter committees are vital to the success of the chapter.

Delegate Details

By Bill Stogsdill

I hope that everyone that was fortunate enough to go to St. Louis for PWX enjoyed their time and came back fresh and rejuvenated. The Missouri Chapter did great job hosting the event and still maintaining the spirit and feel of PWX in a very difficult time.

The Saturday before PWX the National Board, Council of Chapters and Technical Committees gathered for their annual meetings. After a welcome, we broke into our various technical Committees and Focus Groups.

PWX has so many great events in addition to top notch education sessions. If you were unable to go, sign up for PWX Plus October 12-14. PWX Plus is a virtual PWX event that offers those unable to attend in person the chance to experience PWX online. PWX Plus will include the best of PWX in a combination of 88 pre-recorded and live presentations.

Sign up here https://pwxplus.apwa.net/?_zs=EoRqL1&_zl=gIIQ6

Membership

The official membership total at the end of July was **29,842**, we are still trending up and recovering from our COVID-19 dip.

Certifications

Updates to APWA's certification exams continue.

The new CPII (Certified Public Infrastructure Inspector) exams were launched in June 2021 and an update to the CPFPP (Certified Public Fleet Professional) examination is now in progress.

Input is needed from public works Fleet Managers on the knowledge, skills, and abilities that are critical to run a successful public fleet. The Job Task Analysis Survey is currently circulating. If you would like your agency to participate but have not received the survey, please contact certification@apwa.net.

At the July Meeting, APWA Board of Directors approved changes to the governance structure of the APWA Certification programs to establish four new Program Councils governed by a Certification Commission. A special nomination process is underway for the new program councils. Any CPII, CPWP-S, CPFPP, CSM or CPWP-M in good standing is eligible for nomination. This is an excellent way for credentialed individuals to get involved in a national committee and to contribute to their profession. For more information, contact Phyllis Muder at pmuder@apwa.net or certification@apwa.net.

Upcoming Events- Chapter

- October 6-8 APWA Mid-America Equipment Expo
Please join APWA in attending the Mid-America Equipment Expo. This event combines educational classes and training with equipment competitions. Please contact Paul Dunn for more information about event sponsorship or for booth information at pauld@leawood.org.



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Upcoming Events- National

EDUCATION

Focus on Fleet in the month of September. Check out the [Focus on Fleet website](#) for more information on programming.

- [Accreditation Quarterly Open Forums](#) – One hour each quarter at 2:00 p.m. CT. Click to register for September 21.
- [Construction Inspection Workshop](#) – September 21-October 7, 9:30 a.m. CT

ENGAGEMENT

- Look for another Chapter Leader Idea Exchange coming up in late September.
- Plan ahead for the 'Combined Meeting' in February 2022 when the Council of Chapters and the APWA Technical Committees convene in Kansas City.

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- [CLL: Are you using data to make winter maintenance decisions?](#) – October 28, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. CT

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.



APWA Awards Applications Open

Excellence in Snow and Ice Award applications now Open

Chapter Level Deadline: **November 5, 2021**

Chapter Level Winner will be submitted for National consideration by December 1

Submit electronic packets to awardsapwa@gmail.com

Criteria and nomination form can be found on the national website [here](#).

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

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. 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

- 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

Spire Awards Communities for Safe Digging

ST. LOUIS (June 7, 2021) – Spire is recognizing public works departments in their service areas for safely digging in 2020. Through August, the natural gas provider is presenting the Silver Shovel award to 16 Missouri municipalities that avoided damaging pipelines during construction near Spire’s facilities.

To be awarded, a municipality must be located within Spire’s service territory, a member in good standing of Missouri One Call and have no at-fault damages to Spire’s facilities in 2020. That is no small feat. In 2020, Spire’s gas lines were damaged 1,478 times across Missouri.

This year’s Silver Shovel awardees are the municipal public works departments in the cities of:

Ballwin
 Belton
 Clayton
 Festus
 Grandview
 Kirkwood
 Lamar
 Liberty
 Monett
 Nixa
 Monett
 Neosho
 Poplar Bluff
 St. Louis Forestry
 Sullivan
 University City



Spire’s Damage Prevention and Right of Way teams created the Silver Shovel award in 2019 to encourage municipalities in the company’s service territories to work more safely.

“At Spire, safety is at the core of everything we do,” said Alan Meyer, Spire damage prevention manager.

“The Silver Shovel Award is our way of thanking communities for prioritizing safety too. This year’s awardees have gone above and beyond to observe safe digging practices that help protect people, pipelines and the environment.”

Meyer said damage prevention is crucial to ensuring that customers maintain access to the energy they need. That’s why Spire’s Damage Prevention department offers safe digging training and resources to third-party contractors and municipalities on projects where pipes or other facilities may need to be avoided.

“We try to do our part to make sure those interested in safe digging have the resources and support they need, because even when individuals are careful, accidents can still happen,” said Meyer. “The fact that these communities went an entire year without one incident is remarkable, and we are proud to recognize each one for this accomplishment.”

For more information, click here: <https://commongroundalliance.informz.net/informzdataservice/onlineversion/ind/bWFpbGluZ2luc3RhbmNlaWQ9MzM2NTY4MyZzdWJzY3JpYmVyaWQ9NDA1NTk0MjMw>

Past Events

July Community Service Event

In June and July, the community service committee gathered together to plan, purchase materials, and construct a storage shed for one of the properties owned by Johnson County Developmental Services. JCDS works to provide low income housing for tenants with low functioning disability. The service committee worked through 90+ degree heat and poured in nearly 140 man hours to complete this project. In addition, the KC Metro Chapter graciously donated the \$3,500 required (building materials are expensive right now) to complete the job.

Special thanks are owed to APWA members Tommy Renfro, Mitch Quigley, Sam Martel, and others who made this project possible. If you would like to be involved in future jobs like this one, contact Jack Renfro (jrenfro@hntb.com) to join up!



Past Events

Leadership and Management Committee hosts COVID Panel

The Kansas City Metro Chapter APWA's Leadership and Management Committee hosted a Panel Discussion on Thursday, September 16. The panel consisted of Public Works Directors from both sides of the state line in the KC Metro Area to discuss their experiences over the past 18 months with COVID.

The panelists included Alysen Abel, Public Works Director for the City of Parkville, MO; Nick Arena, Municipal Services Director for the City of Lenexa, KS; Tony Hofmann, Director of Public Works for the City of Overland Park, KS; and Sherri McIntyre, Public Works Director for the City of Liberty, MO. The panel was facilitated by Jose Leon, Director of Public Works for the City of Raytown, MO.

The luncheon program was held in a hybrid format. The recently remodeled Court Room in the City of Raytown, MO served as the venue for the in-person participants. Since there was a limit to the number of people who could attend, a virtual option was available. A total of about 40 people participated in the program. Approximately two-thirds of the audience was virtual, while one-third attended in-person. The panelists discussed the impacts to their organizations in the early months of COVID and challenges related to maintaining service to their communities. The panelists went on to talk about the best practices employed by their organizations to keep their employees and the public safe. Distribution of and expenses related to the CARES Act and ARPA Funding was also discussed.

Although each panelist had a different story to tell with regard to their experiences with COVID, there were several common themes that resonated with the audience.



Upcoming Events

APWA KC Metro Young Professionals Disc Golf Tournament — September 30, 2021

For more information and to register, click here: <http://kcmetro.apwa.net/EventDetails?id=26901>



KC Metro Young Professional's Disc Golf Tournament

Where: Legacy Park Disc Golf Course
1801 NE Coneflower
Lees Summit, MO 64086
Shelter 2 - Legacy

When: Thursday, September 30, 2021

Price: \$20 per person (includes golf, food, snacks & beverages)

Schedule: 4:45 pm Check-In
5:00 pm Shotgun Start

Awards & food @ Park Shelter

Registration: kcmetro.apwa.net/

Questions: Please contact Justin Likes - jllikes@trekkllc.com

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For more information and to register, click here: <https://a23923.actonsoftware.com/acton/fs/blocks/showLandingPage/a/23923/p/p-007d/t/page/fm/0>

Upcoming Events

Public Works Institute Re-Scheduled Public Works Basic Supervision Essentials

October 5-7, 2021



Presentation of Public Works Institute Module I, Public Works Basic Supervision Essentials, has been re-scheduled for October 5-7, 2021, at the "View" (Grandview) Community Center, 13500 Byars Road, Grandview, MO 64030. This is the Public Works Institute (PWI) originally scheduled for April 2020 but twice delayed due to the Covid 19 Pandemic precautions. All registrants for the originally scheduled April 2020 PWI have been contacted and are expected to attend. A limited number of additional registrants may possibly be added and a "stand-by" list of communities wanting to register additional personnel has been developed. Anyone else wanting to be added to this "stand-by" list should contact Larry Frevert at the phone number or e-mail shown below. Although it is not necessary for attendees to begin with Module I, there is progression to the modules, and this is the ideal time to begin the Public Works Institute training series.

The agenda for this training will include:

- Laws Impacting Public Works
- Supervising Others
- Public Works and Supervision Ethics
- Disciplinary Action
- Understanding Generational Differences
- Business Communications
- Conflict Resolution
- Time Management
- Negotiation Skills
- Supervising Your Team
- Crew Scheduling
- Public Works Operations

Registration fee for this event is \$250 each, which includes three days of training, a workbook containing a copy of all presentations, three continental breakfasts, three hot lunches, beverages/snacks and an attendance certificate. All originally paid registrations are honored.

Details regarding this event are on-line at <http://kcmetro.apwa.net/EventDetails?id=26216>. No additional registrations will be taken on-line and can only be made through Larry contacting a representative of the "stand-by" list. An agenda for the three day event and driving directions to the "View" can also be found via this link.

Questions can be directed to Larry Frevert, PWI Director, at lwfrevert@gmail.com or 816.582.9236.

Upcoming Events

APWA KC Metro Chapter Annual Golf Tournament — October 7, 2021

Golfer Registration Full
Sponsorship Opportunities Still Available

Thursday, October 7

8:00 AM Registration

9:00 AM Shotgun Start with Lunch and Awards to follow

Hillcrest Golf Course

8200 Hillcrest Road

Kansas City, MO 64132

Thank You to Our Sponsors

- Tournament Sponsor \$2,000 — Superior Bowen
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- Hole Sponsor \$300 — ADS / **Still Available**

Sponsorship details are available on the [website](#).

Names of golfers must be submitted to Laura Sanford using the attached form or via email, laura.sanford@terracon.com, by September 30.



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Upcoming Events

24th Annual Municipal Concrete Pavement, Parking Lot & Flatwork Seminar

Presented by Mo/KS Chapter, ACPA & CPG

November 4, 2021 from 8:00 AM—3:30 PM

Please join us for our 24th Annual Municipal Concrete Pavement, Parking Lot & Flatwork Seminar. This year we plan to be back in person at the University of Kansas Edwards Campus – BEST Conference Center location. We are still working on the final agenda and online registration info and link but should have live very soon. In the meantime here is what we have planned for this year's seminar.

- Stringless Paving in the Municipal Market
- Concrete Paving Basics (Thickness Design, Mix Design, Jointing & Reinforcing, Finishing & Curing, and Testing)
- Available & Emerging Technologies for Reducing Concrete's Environmental Impact
- Local Concrete Pavement Project Overviews
- Fibers in Concrete Pavement & Flatwork Applications
 - Overview of Fiber Technology & Types of Fibers Available
 - Opportunity to Visit with Fiber Manufacturers/Suppliers & Onsite Demos
- Panel Discussion Regarding "Dealing with Typical Field & Construction Challenges"
 - Panel comprised of Municipal Agency Engineers & Inspectors, Contractors, Ready Mix Suppliers, and Testing Firm Reps.
- Concrete Testing Adherence Collaboration (CTAC) Program Update

Cost of the event is \$110 per person (\$135 at the door). Final program and registration information will be available online soon at www.moksacpa.com.

Continuing Education Credits Offered: 5.5 PDHs for Professional Engineers / 5.5 Hours for Contractor Licensing.

For additional information or assistance with registration please contact Cindy Allen at 913-381-2251 or Cindy@moksacpa.com.



Chapter Leadership

APWA 2021 COMMITTEE CHAIRS

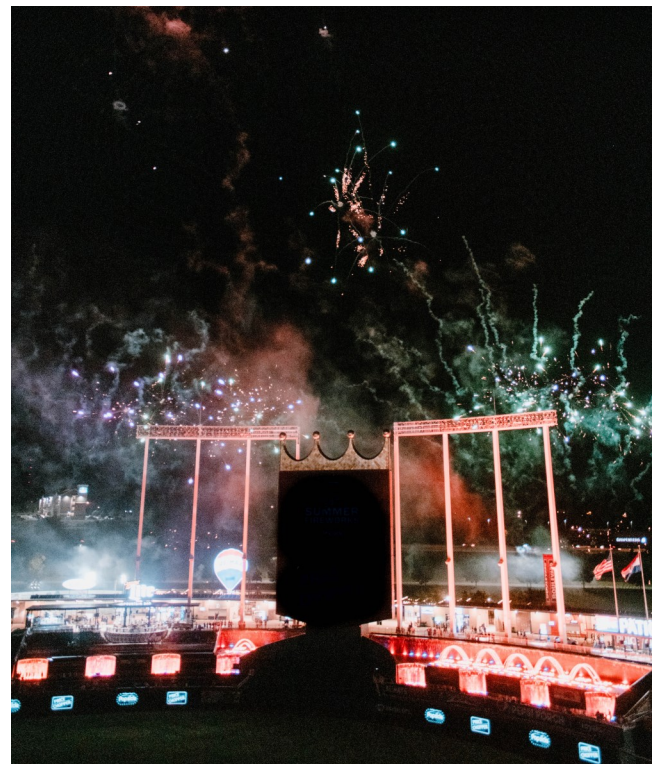
Audit & Budget - Bryan Blizzard
 Awards - Reid Catt & Becky Bonebrake
 By-Laws - Shawn Graff
 Chapter Meetings - Thomas Renfro
 Communications and Publicity - Allison Bruner
 Community Service - Jack Renfro
 Diversity and Inclusion - Zach Hardy
 Education & Training - Zach Matteo & Blake Moris
 Emergency 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

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 Director (1st Year) - John Cooper
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 Delegate - Bill Stogsdill
 Alternate Delegate - Becky Bonebrake



New Members

James Alexander, Scotwood Industries

Kevin Anthony, Scotwood Industries

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Feras El-Ghoussein, Forterra

Brian Faust, City of Leavenworth

Michael Gentry, City of Grain Valley

Tim Guardado, City of Leavenworth

Jon Lemke, City of Leavenworth

Doug Pratt, Scotwood Industries

Cole Shippy, Benesch

Jennifer Taylor, TREKK Design Group



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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.

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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 12, 2021. Deadlines will be strictly enforced. Electronic formats are preferred, but not required. Send your stories to Allison Bruner via email at abruner@trekkdesigngroup.com.

