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**2013 PACE  
AWARD  
RECIPIENT**

**17 YEARS  
IN A ROW!**



**HARVESTERS**  
COMMUNITY FOOD NETWORK

Donate non perishable food items to Harvesters at the January 15<sup>th</sup> Chapter Meeting. Watch chapter blast e-mails for meeting details.

**2014 APWA Mid-America Conference & Exhibit Show**  
 May 21<sup>st</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup>, 2014, Overland Park, Kansas

**See page 10 for details.**

**2014 APWA Awards**

Submit your top projects, professionals or exemplary programs that best represent public works.

**See page 11 for details.**

**Get Involved!!!**

The chapter has over 30 active committees, join one today! See this issue of the Pub News for information on committees looking for new members.

**See page 15 for details.**

Want to help publicize the KC Metro Chapter? Consider being the next Pub News Editor. Contact Shannon Jeffries for more information at [shannon.jeffries@cityofks.net](mailto:shannon.jeffries@cityofks.net).

**2014 ANNUAL SPONSORS**

The 2013 annual sponsorship program was such a success that we will be bringing it back for 2014! If you were a sponsor in 2013 and want to be a sponsor again, or if you did not get signed up last year and you would like to give it a try this year, contact Tim Ross for more information: [tross@gbateam.com](mailto:tross@gbateam.com) or 913.492.0400. Don't miss out again on this great opportunity!

# PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE

FROM WAYNE GUDENKAUF

Happy New Year! I hope you enjoyed the holidays and are ready for the new year. I would like to thank Past President Bob Miller for his leadership in 2013. I would also like to thank all of the Committee Chairs and Committee Members for their service which makes the Kansas City Metro Chapter such a wonderful Chapter. Thank you Heidi Thummel and Jerry Johnson for your service on the Executive Committee.



During the Annual Leadership Planning Meeting in November, we made a list of eight areas of focus for the Chapter in 2014 and I would like to share those with you. In no particular order, they are:

1. Increase membership - We have approximately 750 members and at one time we were near 1,000 members, so I believe we can increase our numbers. Please keep this in mind and suggest someone join the Chapter.
2. Have a successful Mid-America Conference & Exhibit Show - Steve Schmidt is Co-Chair of the Planning Committee and the committee is meeting monthly. The conference is scheduled for May 21<sup>st</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup>, 2014, at the Overland Park Convention Center. If you or someone you know would like to get involved, please contact Steve.
3. Review and update the Chapter Standards and Specifications - Dena Mezger has taken the lead and has done a fantastic job of moving this initiative forward. The committee is budgeting funds for both the review and update phases in 2014.
4. Update Section 5600 Design Standards for Stormwater Management - Chad Johnson is leading this effort. He has proposals from The University of Kansas and has met with City representatives to discuss the proposals. Please consider contributing funds for these proposals.
5. Review our Strategic Plan - The plan includes six goals and they are:
  - Increase Advocacy in the KC Metro Chapter
  - Promote Public Works Career Opportunities among Elementary and Secondary School Students
  - Justify Value of APWA Membership and Education Opportunities with Private Firms, Public Elected Officials and Employers
  - Develop Mentoring Program
  - Increase participation of Operations Sector
  - Chapter Communications
6. Raise awareness of the Myron Calkins Scholarship.
7. Do more self-promotion - Make sure the media is aware of our events such as the Mid-America Conference, National Public Works Week, and Snow Rodeo.
8. Host the 2018 APWA International Public Works Congress & Exposition.

Many of these are already in progress. If you would like to get more involved with any of them, please let me know or contact any of the members of the Executive Committee.

I encourage you to find a committee within the Chapter that interests you and volunteer your time. A list of opportunities to get involved is included in this issue of the Pub News. Get involved - you will not regret it.

Also in this issue of the Pub News is information on the local and national awards program for 2014. I encourage you to find your best projects, people and programs and submit them for consideration. The awards program is a great way to acknowledge the work we do.

Thank you for giving me this opportunity to serve the Chapter.

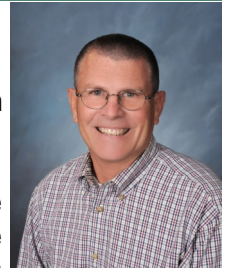
# DELEGATE DETAILS

FROM STEVE HANSEN

Greetings from your Chapter Delegates Joe Johnson and Steve Hansen!

The November membership count is projected to be 28,500. The 2013 "1st Time Member" Campaign has been successful in recruiting 1,820 new members so far with an overall retention rate for the year at 87.84%.

APWA is planning a series of webinars that will feature Best Practices from Chapters on a variety of topics. The first three that will be held, beginning in January, include "Public Works Roundtable," presented by the Tennessee Chapter; "How to make your Chapter the 'Go-To' Agency in times of a Natural Disaster," presented by the Alberta Chapter; and "Hosting a Successful Golf Tournament in your Chapter," presented by the Utah Chapter. Each of the programs are designed to last 5-10 minutes and can be listened to live or downloaded to be listened to at your convenience. Specific dates for the programs have not yet been set.



There will be a Membership 101 webinar held at 2 p.m. (Central Standard Time) on Thursday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2014. This webcast will be most helpful to all new Membership Committee chairs and co-chairs.

The 2014 Awards Program is now on the APWA website and is open for nominations. Deadline for the Excellence in Snow and Ice Control Award is February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2014; all other awards are due March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2014. See this issue of the Pub News for more details on local and national awards.

Task Force members appointed to address refocusing the House of Delegates held conference calls with delegates in all nine Regions to discuss the proposed Framework and Operating Plan for the House of Delegates, to be called the Council of Chapters. A webinar for all chapter leaders to provide background and more information on the proposed Framework and Operating Plan will be recorded in December and made available in the coming weeks. All delegates and alternates will receive a survey in early January to determine their interest and expertise to contribute to the Council of Chapters' working groups.

The North American Snow Conference is planned for May 4<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup>, 2014 in Cincinnati, OH. For more information contact Brenda Shaver at [bshaver@apwa.net](mailto:bshaver@apwa.net) or (816) 595-5240.

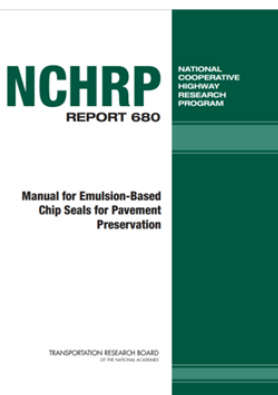
2014 Congress - The International Public Works Congress & Exposition will be held August 17<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>, 2014 in Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

On behalf of Joe Johnson, the Metro Chapter Delegate and myself we wish all of you a happy and safe holiday season!!

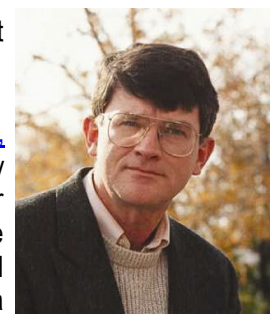
## TECHNO MINUTE

FROM MIKE ROSS

The recent KU Asphalt Conference placed some emphasis on pavement preservation and as a result, at least in my opinion, was more beneficial to those of us that work in local government.



Scott Schuler from Colorado State is one of the authors [of NCHRP 680, "Manual for Emulsion-Based Chip Seals for Pavement Preservation."](#) Every pavement engineer should have a copy of this manual on their shelf or in their Kindle. He gave a presentation on chip sealing that summarized many of the practices in the manual and provided the audience with some very useful and practical information regarding how best to apply chip seals. I think that as a result of its simplicity, we overlook the need to properly engineer our chip seals and then suffer the consequences of a poorly designed and then often poorly applied treatment. NCHRP 680 provides a wealth of information about chip seals from across the globe and provides very practical guidance for designing and placing them. Scotts' presentation provided a long list of very useful tips for successful design and application.



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## Techno Minute, continued from page 3

In Overland Park, we looked at our pavement management system data to compare the performance of chip seal to microsurfacing and found that chip seals outperform microsurfacing. We went to a smaller chip gradation to make the treatment more palatable, and this year changed to a very clean hard aggregate that we can use without pre-coating with asphalt. It will take us several years to determine how this new smaller aggregate design performs compared to the old traditional 3/8 inch coated limestone chip seals, but we know that at least some of our residents like the “sparkle.” Our contractor noted that it caused more than normal wear on his chip spreader. We may also find more than normal wear on our snowplow blade inserts. Hopefully we’ll get more wear out of the treatment, but we won’t know for several years.

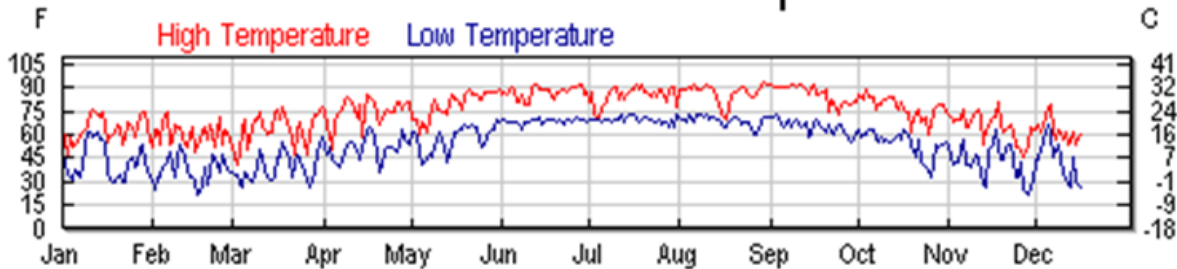
Buzz Powell and Mary Robbins gave presentations about the work being done at The National Center for Asphalt Technology at Auburn University (NCAT). A little over a year ago, NCAT added Lee Road 159 as a test road to supplement the test track. This road serves the traffic from a quarry and asphalt plant, and little else. The vast majority of traffic is truck traffic, and this traffic can be characterized as loaded trucks in the direction leaving the quarry and unloaded in the other. The road has been divided into 25, 100-foot segments, and these segments provide control sections and sections with a variety of pavement preservation treatments. NCAT has a [web newsletter](#) that describes this project. From the newsletter: “*The new Preservation Group (PG) experiment will provide answers for cash-strapped state and local government agencies that need cost-effective ways to maintain existing asphalt roadways....The results of the PG study will give pavement engineers better tools to meet those challenges.*” NCAT will assess the condition of each segment regularly and from those assessments will develop performance curves for the various treatments. Early indications are that crack sealing improves the benefit of subsequent chip sealing and scrub sealing provides a benefit similar to a chip seal after a crack sealing operation. Other treatments include double and triple chip seals, cape seals, fog seals, single and double microseals, ultrathin bonded surface courses, overlays using various recycled components, FiberMat treatments and combinations of several treatments.

The screenshot shows the 'Performance' page of the NCAT website. At the top, there are logos for 'NCAT Pavement Test Track' and 'PAVE'. Below the logos are navigation buttons for 'Home', 'Sponsors', 'Information', 'Construction', 'Trucking', and 'Performance'. A link is provided: 'Click here for the official NCAT web site, Tracks in US, or Tracks Worldwide'. A main heading reads: 'Performance data for each section will soon be available for viewing by positioning your mouse over the section in question and left-clicking. Based on feedback from our research sponsors, the performance reports have been revised to include crack maps. The 2012 performance reports will be a fully integrated and active part of the web presentation.' Below this is a circular diagram of the test track with 25 segments. The segments are labeled W1-W10 and E1-E10. A legend explains the color coding: Black=2000, Blue=2003, Red=2006, Yellow=2009, Green=2012. It also notes that N1-N11, S5-S6, and S8-S13 are structural sections, and all other sections have deep perpetual foundations. A 'Back to Top' button is visible. At the bottom, there is a copyright notice: 'Copyright © 1999-2013 National Center for Asphalt Technology. For problems or questions regarding this web contact the webmaster at buzz@auburn.edu Last updated: March 14, 2013.'

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## Techno Minute, continued from page 4

At the NCAT website <http://www.pavetrack.com>, users can click on a test section to view the construction information (mix and materials and construction diary), and the performance for that section including rut depths, IRI and cracking. For the Lee Road 159 the performance reports include average mean texture depth and cracking although cracking was “Under Construction” at this writing. From the PaveTrack website, click on “Construction” and “Performance” to view this information. From the site, you can also view historical weather conditions for Auburn. Here is a plot of temperatures for the last year:



Some freezing, a few days above 90, but less harsh than here in Kansas City, and no snow plows.

Being an Auburn fan, Buzz related how he watched the Auburn Tigers beat Alabama by returning Alabama’s missed field goal for a touchdown at the very end of the game just a week after their similarly spectacular win over Georgia. I was hoping our Missouri Tigers would put an end to their fairy tale run, but no such luck. Regardless, the real treasure at Auburn is NCAT where anyone and everyone involved with asphalt pavement wins.

## RECENT EVENTS

### Education and Training Committee Event - from Jason Meyers

Burns & McDonnell hosted an ADA Ramp Seminar on November 22<sup>nd</sup>. This event brought together 35 attendees from the public and private sector. Each attendee received **two hours of professional development**.

*Yours Truly*  
Field Design, Construction and Inspection of  
ADA compliant Curb ramps

Mike Anderson  
City of Lee's Summit Construction Manager  
(816)969-1800

LEE'S SUMMIT MISSOURI

Common Requirements

**R304.5.3 Cross Slope.** The cross slope of curb ramps, blended transitions, and turning spaces shall be 2 percent maximum. At pedestrian street crossings without yield or stop control and at midblock pedestrian street crossings, the cross slope shall be permitted to equal the street or highway grade.

< 2%  
Match street grade

LEE'S SUMMIT MISSOURI

Mike Anderson, City of Lee’s Summit’s Construction Manager, presented a training session applicable to those involved in the construction and design of sidewalk curb ramps and specifically what needs to be done to comply with the US Access Board’s Draft Public Right-of-Way Accessibility Guidelines (PROWAG) dated July 26<sup>th</sup>, 2011. Many metropolitan municipalities have already adopted these guidelines in hopes of staying ahead of the curve and attempting to minimize the possibility of required future ramp reconstructions. Mike went over the details of these new guidelines and provided direction for cases where the guidelines are vague or silent.

Cost of the program was \$15 and included a taco buffet for lunch.

## 2013 APWA KC Metro Chapter Holiday Party - Wednesday, December 11<sup>th</sup>

The Kansas City Metro Chapter Holiday Party was a wonderful event again this year. Highlights included a reception hour, buffet dinner and awards presentation. The event was held at the historic Longview Mansion in Lee's Summit, Missouri. Attendance included over 110 guests from throughout the metro area. Thanks to the many guests who brought donations for Toys for Tots, the chapter was able to make a great donation to the program. At the party guests heard from APWA National President-Elect Larry Stevens, PE, PWLF, as the keynote speaker and honored guest. Chapter awards were presented during the program. This year the chapter recognized the first graduates from the Public Works Institute Program. With the passing of the torch from Bob Miller to Wayne Gudenkauf, the Chapter once again looks to strengthen public works in our area. Thanks to all for attending and we look forward to seeing you next year!

### A big THANK YOU to our 2013 Santa's Helpers!

Affinis	City of Olathe, Kansas
BHC Rhodes	Olsson Associates
Black & Veatch	Pyramid Construction
Burns & McDonnell	SKW
GBA	TranSystems
HDR	TREKK
The Heavy Constructors Association	URS
HNTB	Weather or Not
Kissick Construction	Wilson and Company
Precision Concrete Cutting Midwest	Walter P Moore



Installation of the 2014 KC Metro Chapter Board of Directors.

APWA National President-Elect Larry Stevens delivered the keynote address to the chapter.



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## 2013 APWA KC Metro Chapter Holiday Party, continued from page 6

**Field Supervisor Excellence Award** - This award recognizes outstanding field supervisors whose service, achievement, leadership and dedication have had a positive impact on the efficiency and effectiveness of operations thereby improving the quality of life for those who live and work within that community.

**Sean Ruis with the City of Overland Park** - Sean is the Supervisor in the Traffic Maintenance division for the City of Overland Park. He has been with the City for over 18 years, working through the employment ranks to his current position overseeing the maintenance of the traffic control infrastructure. Sean has improved the sections overall performance by mentoring the employees to better their communications and commitment to their assignments. Sean creates a positive work environment wherever he may be.

**Public Works Excellence Award** - This award recognizes an individual Public Works employee whose excellence, dedication and outstanding achievements in overall public service have improved the quality of life for those who live and work within that community.

**John Powell with the City of Independence** - John is currently the director of public works for the City of Independence and has over 30 years of experience in the public works field. He is an active member of the Independence Rotary Club, an APWA member, a member of the Mid-America Regional Council Total Transportation Policy Committee and the Missouri STP Committee. John has earned the respect of the Mayor, council, city administration and fellow department directors, and on the flip side of the coin, he is an approachable leader whose good demeanor and sense of humor are enjoyed by all.



**Operations Program Excellence Award** - This award recognizes outstanding Public Works Agency operation programs which have improved the efficiency and effectiveness of governmental business thereby improving the quality of life for those who live and work within that community.

**City of Shawnee Snow Removal Program** - Like many cities in 2009, Shawnee was feeling the effects of the national recession and had to make tough budget decisions. The City's Snow Removal Program was already facing the challenge of too few plow drivers and a very tight budget. To meet this challenge the City updated the snow removal guidelines, recruited additional drivers from outside departments including fire and police (only available on days off), reorganized snow routes and created a new position to track operational data, update social media, and coordinate with emergency services during the storm.



**Ken Cardwell Heart of America Award**- This award is to recognize individuals who have served the Kansas City Metropolitan Chapter of APWA in an exemplary manner and through their efforts have bettered the public works community. It is the most prestigious award given by the KC Metro Chapter. Keeping with chapter tradition, the winner of the award was kept secret beforehand and announced during the Holiday Party.

Mike Ross, the 2011 Heart of America Award Winner, presented the 2013 Ken Cardwell Heart of America Award to **Larry Frevert, TREKK**. Larry has led a career devoted to public works. A University of Missouri graduate, he's worked for both the public and private sectors, a career spanning more than 40 years. Throughout his career he's served APWA, serving as General Chairman of the 1997 North American Snow Conference, Vice General Chairman of the 2002 Congress Host Committee, as a member of the Board of Directors for seven years and as APWA National President in 2007-08. He was recognized as a Top 10 Public Works Leader of the Year in 2010. Larry continues his involvement with the KC Metro Chapter by developing and managing the Public Works Institute.



## 2013 APWA KC Metro Chapter Holiday Party, continued from page 7

This year at the holiday party the Chapter had the opportunity to recognize the first graduates of the Public Works Institute. Graduates have completed all four modules of the Public Works Institute. Larry Frevert presented the ten graduates with a plaque recognizing their accomplishment.



Josh Blann, Lenexa



Calvin Burgess, Leawood



Trevor Davis, Leawood



Mark Fauser, Merriam



Randy Fine, Merriam



## 2013 APWA KC Metro Chapter Holiday Party, continued from page 8

Public Works Institute Graduates.



Jim MacDonald, Merriam



Michael Okerberg, Lenexa



Shawn Ralston, Lenexa



Calvin "Butch" Sallaz, Lenexa



Mike Tharp, Lenexa

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## 2014 APWA Mid-America Conference & Exhibit Show

**When:** May 21 - 23, 2014

**Where:** Overland Park Convention Center - Overland Park, Kansas

As the **Mid-American Conference and Exhibit Show** (lovingly known as Mid-Am) gets closer, we wanted to offer a preview of the program coming in May. The program planning committee is excited to offer some notable speakers in 2014, as well as top notch technical sessions.



**Ron Holifield** of **Strategic Government Resources** in Texas, will keynote two general sessions at the conference. Ron is an engaging speaker who will focus on **Future Trends in Local Government** at the opening General Session, and later will wrap up the programmed part of the day with a common session on **Generational Diversity**. Both promise to be educational as well as an energizing way to start and end the day!

**Bill Bertera** will provide the opening session on Friday on **Sustainable Infrastructure**. Bill serves as the Executive Director for the *Institute for Sustainable Infrastructure*, and was previously the Executive Director for APWA National. Other programming highlights are planned, including:

- *Design-Build Flood Recovery Project in Council Bluffs*
  - *Public Speaking and Media Interactions*
  - *SNOW: Comparison on Materials and Practices*
  - *FHWA Everyday Counts*
  - *How To's and So Forth of Firing Someone*
  - *2011 Joplin Tornado*
  - *ADA and Sidewalk Evaluation Using a Segway*
  - *Career Development Matrix and Succession Planning*
  - *Combined Sewer Overflows*
  - *Underground Landfill Fire*
  - *Kansas City's Street Car Project*
  - *PW Leadership Fellows Program*
  - *MUTCD Deadlines and Timelines*
- AND MORE...!!**

Full program information for the **2014 Mid-American Conference**, as well as online registration will once again be hosted on the KC Metro Chapter's website, so follow this link for more information about next Spring's Mid-Am!

<http://kcmetro.apwa.net/MenuHomepage/144/2014-Mid-America>

### APWA 2014 Mid-America Conference Program Committee Chair:

**Tammy Bennett**  
Assistant Public Works Director  
City of Lawrence, Kansas



# COMMITTEE ANNOUNCEMENTS

## APWA 2014 Awards - from Melissa Prenger



Does your city or company have a project, employee or program that might be deserving of some special recognition? Please consider nominating outstanding individuals, programs and projects for an APWA award as described below.

Award guidelines and award nomination forms are available at:

<http://www.apwa.net/awards/CriteriaAndNominationForms>

Please read the awards announcement below for details and contact Melissa Prenger, KC Metro Chapter Awards Committee Chair, at 913-310-9943 with any questions.

Guidelines and nomination forms are available at <http://www.apwa.net/awards/CriteriaAndNominationForms>.

Completed nomination forms are due by Monday, January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2014.

Completed application packages are due by Monday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2014.

Each application package shall be one PDF file.

Please e-mail nomination forms and application packages to Melissa at [prenger@pbworld.com](mailto:prenger@pbworld.com). Files too large to email may be sent on CD to Melissa Prenger at: Parsons Brinckerhoff, 16201 W 95<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 200, Lenexa, Kansas 66219.

A managing agency may submit no more than 1 project per category and division. The KC Metro Chapter Awards Committee shall evaluate the applications in February and shall select one project per category and division to win a chapter level award. Prior to the March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2014 deadline, the Awards Committee shall submit 1 PDF copy of the application packages of the chapter level award winners to APWA National for consideration of a national level award. These projects will be the official projects sponsored by the KC Metro Chapter.

Chapter level non-winners may still submit their project to APWA National prior to the March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2014 deadline for consideration of a national level award, but the project will not be sponsored by the KC Metro Chapter.

### Public Works Project of the Year Award

<p>Public Works Project of the Year</p>	<p><b>Purpose:</b> The APWA Public Works Project of the Year Award was established to promote excellence in the management and administration of public works projects by recognizing the alliance between the managing agency, the consultant/architect/engineer, and the contractor who, working together, complete public works projects. Awards are given in four divisions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Projects less than \$5 million</li> <li>2. Projects of \$5 million, but less than \$25 million</li> <li>3. Projects of \$25 million to \$75 million</li> <li>4. Projects more than \$75 million</li> </ol> <p>and five categories:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Structures—to include public structure preservation/rehabilitation, municipal buildings, parks, etc.</li> <li>2. Transportation—to include roads, bridges, mass transit, etc.</li> <li>3. Environment—to include treatment and recycling facilities, landfill reclamation projects, sewer projects, etc.</li> <li>4. Historical Restoration/Preservation—to include historical restoration, preservation and adaptive reuse of existing buildings, structures, and facilities, etc.</li> <li>5. Disaster or Emergency Construction/Repair—to include the techniques and timing for safety, community relations, environmental protection, adverse conditions and additional considerations.</li> </ol> <p><b>Eligibility:</b> Public works is defined as the physical structures and facilities that are developed, owned, and maintained by public agencies to house governmental functions and provide water, power, waste disposal, transportation, and similar public services in accordance with established public policy.</p> <p>To be eligible for nomination, a project must have been “substantially completed” and available for public and/or agency use within two calendar years prior to nomination. If a project has multiple phases or segments, then “substantially completed” will be construed as that point when the final phase or segment is 90% completed and available for public and/or agency use.</p> <p>A project may only be nominated once for recognition as “Project of the Year” under any category.</p>
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# APWA 2014 Awards, continued from page 11

## Other Award Categories (Listed Below)

### The following awards require nominees be APWA members in good standing:

Community Involvement Award	To recognize public works leaders who are also leaders in their community. To encourage public works professionals to become active leaders in their community. To ensure public trust in public works professionals through recognition of outstanding community leadership.
Charles Walter Nichols Award for Environmental Excellence	This award was established in 1951 by Charles Walter Nichols of Nichols Engineering Research Corporation to recognize outstanding and meritorious achievement in the environmental field in its broadest sense. This may include, but is not limited to, street sanitation, refuse collection, disposal and recycling, sewers and sewage treatment, water supply, and water treatment.
Distinguished Service to Public Works Award	Established in 1935, as the Honorary Membership Award, this honor is regarded as the highest APWA honor. This award may be presented in recognition of acknowledged service and well-established preeminence in the field of public works, and/or contributions of special merit and benefit to APWA. Board members and past presidents of APWA must be out of office at least five years before being eligible for this award. A chapter resolution, petition of any 15 active members of APWA or any one or more of the APWA Board of Directors may nominate. APWA Membership is required.
Donald C. Stone Award for Excellence in Education	This award has a category for individuals and chapters. It was established to recognize outstanding and meritorious achievement of individuals assisting in the areas of continuing and graduate professional education for public works professionals, as well as, chapters in their work in delivering educational opportunities for all levels of persons engaged in the delivery of public works services. Chapter candidates must be members with active educational programs. Any active APWA member may nominate.
Harry S. Swearingen Award for Outstanding Chapter Achievement and Excellence in Chapter Service	Established to recognize outstanding individual achievement through chapter activity and achievement in support of APWA's strategic plan, goals, and objectives, as well as outstanding service to APWA as a public or private sector member at the chapter level. Individual candidates and corporate company candidates must be active members of APWA and actively involved at the chapter level for an extended period of time. Nominations must be made by chapters.
International Service Award	Established by the APWA International Affairs Committee, the APWA International Service Award recognizes an APWA member who has furthered the cause of international understanding and cooperation by becoming actively involved in exchanges, establishing a relationship with a public works entity from another country or providing outstanding public works service on an international basis.
Professional Manager of the Year Administrative Management	Recognizes outstanding achievement in the area of Administration within the Public Works Department. Individual candidates must be APWA members with a minimum of 10 years qualifying experience.
Professional Manager of the Year Engineering and Technology	Recognizes the outstanding career service achievements of engineering and technology professionals. Individual candidates must be APWA members with a minimum of 10 years' experience whose primary responsibility is management of public works engineering and technology management.
Professional Manager of the Year Facilities and Grounds	Recognizes the outstanding career service achievements of facilities and/or grounds management professionals. Individual candidates must be APWA members with primary responsibility in the management of public facilities and grounds and minimum of 10 years qualifying experience.
Professional Manager of the Year Public Fleet	Recognizes the outstanding career service achievements of public fleet management professionals with the award's primary focus on exceptional leadership and management of public sector fleets. Individual candidates must be APWA members whose primary responsibility is in the management of a public works fleet and minimum of 10 years qualifying experience.
Professional Manager of the Year Public Right-Of-Way	The Public Right-of-Way Manager of the Year award seeks to inspire excellence and dedication the public sector by recognizing the outstanding career service achievements of public right-of-way professionals. The primary focus of this award is the management of the public rights-of-way, which demonstrates that all stakeholders share the public rights-of-way in harmony and preserve them in the best interest of the public. Individual candidates must be APWA members with a minimum of 10 years public right-of-way management experience.
Professional Manager of the Year Public Works Emergency Management	Recognizes the outstanding career service achievements of public works emergency management professionals. Individual candidates must be APWA members with a minimum of 10 years' experience in a public works supervisory or management role.
Professional Manager of the Year Solid Waste	Recognizes the outstanding career service achievements of solid waste management professionals. The primary focus of this award is recognition of exceptional management, operation, and maintenance of public sector solid waste operations. Individual candidates must be members of APWA with a minimum of 10 years qualifying experience.
Professional Manager of the Year Transportation	Recognizes the outstanding career service achievements of public transportation professionals. The primary focus of this award is recognition of exceptional leadership and management by an individual through a significant transportation related project or program. Individual candidates must be members of APWA with a minimum of 10 years qualifying experience.
Professional Manager of the Year Water Resources	To recognize outstanding accomplishments or achievements by individuals providing management in the field of water resources and whose contributions have had a positive impact on the profession of Public Works. Individual candidates must be members of APWA with a minimum of 10 years qualifying experience.

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**The following awards DO NOT require APWA membership.**

**The intent of these awards is to focus beyond membership into the profession of public works:**

Citation for Exemplary Service to Public Works	To recognize a non-member of APWA who is an eminent government or other public service leader for their far-reaching, positive impact on local, state or national public works programs, services, or policies through distinguished public service and commitment.
Diversity Exemplary Practices Award	To recognize individuals and organizations that has made outstanding contributions to diversity. Up to two awards may be presented annually in the following categories (one possible from each category): 1) individual 2) program/organization. Officers and members of the APWA Board of Directors are not eligible during their service. A chapter, entity, individual member, or nonmember may nominate.
Excellence in Snow and Ice Control Award	Established to promote excellence in the management and administration of Public Works Snow and Ice operations. To promote the best practices in snow and ice removal while minimizing environmental impacts. <b>This nomination must be submitted by Jan 10, 2014 and the package received by the awards committee chair by Jan 20, 2014 for a February 3, 2014 national deadline (per the APWA Awards website).</b>
Exceptional Performance Award	Established to recognize individuals, teams or organizations in the areas of Adversity, Journalism and Safety whose outstanding contributions in the course of performance raise the level of public awareness of the profession. A chapter, entity, individual member, or nonmember may nominate. Exceptional Performance Award in Chapter Journalism recognizes chapters only.
Technical Innovation Award / Management Innovation Award	Established to provide recognition for an individual, team or organization for the development and implementation of a creative idea, device, process or system that enhances the goals of public works in serving the public and protecting the environment. The award is open to anyone actively involved in the public works profession. Any public agency may nominate.
Sustainability Practices Award	To recognize individuals, teams or organizations the have made outstanding contributions to promote sustainability in public works. Sustainability is accomplished by the efficient delivery of infrastructure in an environmentally and socially responsible way that ensure the best choice in the long tern. Up to three awards may be presented annually 1) Individual 2) program 3) Chapters.

## Government Affairs Committee National Issue Updates - from Joab Ortiz

**Emergency Management** – Jeh Johnson has been confirmed as DHS Secretary. FEMA is seeking feedback on its strategic plan and a notice urging members to submit comments has been sent. Senator Rockefeller's cybersecurity bill will not be included in the final defense authorization bill. Rockefeller intended to add it as an amendment. The cybersecurity bill would establish voluntary standards for stakeholders.

**Environment and Sustainability** – The EPA withdrew its recent interpretation extending the applicability of the Reduction of Lead in Drinking Water Act to fire hydrants. The House and Senate unanimously passed legislation granting the exemption in law, which APWA supported. APWA also worked with the EPA office of Water to obtain the exemption. Conference negotiations on WRDA have not yet produced an agreement. Areas of disagreement include project selection criteria and methods and the inclusion of WIFIA financing mechanism. APWA issued a legislative action alert to APWA Advocates urging action to finalize the bill and sent a letter to conferees reminding them of importance of SRF programs and urging a final agreement. Both WRDA and Farm bill conference negotiations will resume in January. The EPA is expected next year to issue rulemakings on stormwater and a definition of waters of the US under the Clean Water Act.

**Transportation** – FHWA Administrator Victor Mendez has been named Acting Deputy Transportation Secretary beginning January 1<sup>st</sup>. Deputy Secretary John Porcari announced he is leaving the USDOT. Representative Blumenauer has introduced two bills, one raising the gas tax by 15 cents per gallon and indexing it; the other providing grants for VMT fee pilot programs. FTA Administrator Peter Rogoff, at a House Highways and Transit Subcommittee hearing, indicated the Highway Trust Fund will become insolvent as early as the end of 2014. House and Senate MAP-21 authorizing committee leaders say they intend to have draft reauthorization bills as early as spring 2014. Senator Boxer hopes that a financing solution for transportation can be part of comprehensive tax reform legislation. The House and Senate budget agreement clears the way for appropriations bills to be completed early next year, likely in the form of one or more omnibus bills. The FCC has issued is proposed rule on wireless facilities siting which implements provisions of the Middle Class Tax Relief Act that require local governments to approve siting requests under certain conditions.

## Diversity Committee - from Rebecca Bilderback



# Member Spotlight



**Alysen M. Abel, P.E. – Civil Engineer, Senior**  
City of Overland Park, KS – Planning & Development Services Department  
Chair, Audit & Budget Committee  
Member, National Public Works Week Committee  
Member, Joint Engineering Council Committee  
2009 Young Leader of the Year (Local and National)



### **Why did you choose public works as your career field?**

I had worked 9 years for various consulting firms around the Kansas City area. I gained public works and private development experience while working for these companies. I was able to take my previous experience and use it in my role at the City of Overland Park.

### **What would someone find interesting about your job?**

I enjoy working on many of the development projects in Overland Park. I work with a variety of consulting firms and developers, meeting a lot of people each day. I feel like I am making a contribution to the engineering field.

### **What is your hobby or outside interest?**

I am married and have two beautiful children, so that leaves very little time to myself. In my spare time, I enjoy crafts, couponing and dancing. Starting this Spring, my time will be even more limited since I will be pursuing a Masters degree in Public Administration through the University of Kansas.

### **What does diversity mean to you and how does it affect your job?**

Overland Park has a very diverse population. I enjoy getting to know the residents that have a different background from me. It is difficult being a female engineer, since engineering is a male-dominated field. Old school contractors are still trying to get used to having to deal with a female engineer on their jobsites. I take great pride in the contribution I make to engineering and serving as a role model for young girls who want to pursue a career in engineering.

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### **Want to recognize a recently promoted employee?**

Publication of promotion announcements will be dependent upon space available in the Pub News issue.

Submittals of an announcement (with photo if possible) can be sent to the Pub News editor, Shannon Jeffries, via e-mail: [shannon.jeffries@cityofls.net](mailto:shannon.jeffries@cityofls.net).

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### **Spread the word about your good works!**

Has your organization volunteered time or provided resources to help out others? If you'd like to highlight your outreach event, send information to the Pub News editor, Shannon Jeffries, via e-mail: [shannon.jeffries@cityofls.net](mailto:shannon.jeffries@cityofls.net). Photos are encouraged.

## KC Metro Chapter Committee Needs

Looking for a way to get involved in APWA? The Chapter has several opportunities to choose from with over 30 active committees. Pick your interest and get involved! Please contact the committee chair listed directly. Additional committee information can be found on the chapter website: [www.kcmetro.apwa.net](http://www.kcmetro.apwa.net).

**Audit and Budget Committee** - Alysen Abel/[alysen.abel@opkansas.org](mailto:alysen.abel@opkansas.org)/913.895.6025 - This committee assists in drafting the chapter budget and conducts an audit of chapter financial records.

**BBQ/Steak Fry** - Bob Rolle/[bob.rolle@bentley.com](mailto:bob.rolle@bentley.com)/816.679.1795 - This committee is looking for members and will need a new chair in 2015 - a great way to get involved! This committee helps plan the membership BBQ and steak fry events.

**Chapter Meetings** - Rob Kline/[rkline@gbateam.com](mailto:rkline@gbateam.com)/913.577.8376 - This committee assists in planning chapter meetings and meeting registration/check-in. Assistance is provided for other chapter events as needed.

**Communications and Publicity** - Tim Morgan/[cmorgan@hntb.com](mailto:cmorgan@hntb.com)/913.312.4866 - This committee could use members interested in assisting with publicity of the chapter, especially with local media outlets. The committee is also looking for a Pub News editor.

**Community Service** - Shawn Graff/[shawn.graff@cityofls.net](mailto:shawn.graff@cityofls.net)/816.969.1827 - This committee helps the Chapter to “give back” to our community through charitable work that is Public Works related.

**Diversity Committee** - Rebecca Bilderback/[rbilder@sbcglobal.net](mailto:rbilder@sbcglobal.net)/913.710.6618 - The Diversity Committee is looking for new members to help showcase the diversity of the chapter. The committee has six committee meetings via conference call each year. The main events for the committee include putting together an informal breakfast mid-year with the MO-KAN Superintendents Committee and finding a speaker for one monthly chapter meeting.

**Emerging Leaders** - Nathan Hladky/[hladkynw@cdmsmith.com](mailto:hladkynw@cdmsmith.com)/816-412-3104 - The Emerging Leader Committee helps plan programs to encourage young Public Works professionals to become more active in the leadership of the Chapter.

**Engineering and Technology** - Michael Haake/[mhaake@walterpmoore.com](mailto:mhaake@walterpmoore.com)/816.701.2100 - This committee is looking for members as well as a new co-chair or char. If you are looking to be a committee chair in 2014 or 2015 this would be a great opportunity. The Engineering and Technology Committee locally advances the missions of the national Engineering and Technology Committee.

**Historical** - Ernie Longoria/[ernie.longoria@opkansas.org](mailto:ernie.longoria@opkansas.org)/913.895.6258 - This committee maintains the historical records of the chapter in a usable order and provides this information to the chapter membership as required.

**Leadership and Management** - Eric Strack/[estrack@hntb.com](mailto:estrack@hntb.com)/816.527.2474 - This committee plans and develops local activities of interest to their membership, and coordinates with the parallel national committee.

**Student Chapter** - Phil Herrman/[jpherrman@burnsmcd.com](mailto:jpherrman@burnsmcd.com)/816.627.6110 - This committee assists in introducing college students to Public Works-related fields and the benefits of involvement with APWA. The committee works directly with the UMKC student chapter.

**Sustainable Infrastructure** - Anne Schroer/[aschroer@gbateam.com](mailto:aschroer@gbateam.com)/913.492.0400 - This committee works to raise awareness around the issue of infrastructure management to pave the way for sustainable infrastructure opportunities and education in the Kansas City area while supporting the triple bottom line – a balance of environment, equity and economics.

**Transportation** - Jim Wingert/[jwingert@transystems.com](mailto:jwingert@transystems.com)/816.329.8600 - The Transportation Committee plans and develops local activities of interest to the membership and coordinates with the parallel National Committee.

**Water Resources Management** - Chad Johnson/[cjohnson@oaconsulting.com](mailto:cjohnson@oaconsulting.com)/913.381.1170 - This committee focuses on gathering and disseminating information and educating industry professionals on regional stormwater issues. The WRMC works to coordinate beneficial change on a regional basis through workshops and sub-committees.

# KC



# Alliance

Building the foundation  
for innovation

As the **FIRST®** robotics season gears up, the **KC STEM Alliance** is calling all **VOLUNTEERS** to join the fun and lend a hand. Dates and times vary and are open to individuals or corporate groups looking to volunteer for a few hours or on a more regular basis. For more information contact Janell Peterson at [petersonj@kcstem.org](mailto:petersonj@kcstem.org)

**Upcoming Volunteer opportunities include:**

2014 **FIRST®** LEGO® League Championship  
Saturday, January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2014  
Union Station

**FIRST®** Tech Challenge Robotics Competition  
Saturday, February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014  
Swinney Recreation Center, UMKC Volker Campus

Greater Kansas City Regional  
**FIRST®** Robotics Competition  
March 13<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup>, 2014  
MCC - Business & Technology



# CHAPTER LEADERSHIP

## KC APWA 2014 OFFICERS

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### INTERESTED IN WRITING FOR THE APWA PUB NEWS?

The Pub News staff welcomes announcements, news articles, photos and suggestions. A new issue will be published in March. The deadline for the next issue will be Friday, February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2014. Deadlines will be strictly enforced. Electronic formats are preferred, but not required. Send your stories to Shannon Jeffries at [shannon.jeffries@cityofks.net](mailto:shannon.jeffries@cityofks.net).

### POLICY FOR THE USE OF THE APWA PUB NEWS, WEBSITE AND ELECTRONIC MAILING LIST

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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.

## APWA 2014 COMMITTEE CHAIRS

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Transportation - Jim Wingert  
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Water Resources Management - Chad Johnson

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ACEC-APWA Liaison - Mary Jaeger  
Calendar/Events Coordinator - Margie Fisher  
International Affairs - Larry Frevert  
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MCIB/KCMMB - Todd LaTorella

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