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**2015 PACE
AWARD
RECIPIENT**

**19 YEARS
IN A ROW!**

February Chapter Meeting

Wednesday, February 10th — Hosted by the City of Lee's Summit. Check the KC Metro Website for Details

Delegate Details will return in the March issue of PubNews.

2016 APWA Awards

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

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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.

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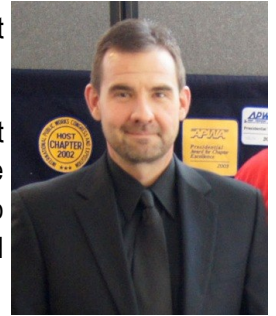
2016 ANNUAL PARTNERS

The 2015 annual partnership program was such a success that we will be bringing it back for 2016! If you were a partner in 2015 and want to be a partner again, or if you did not get signed up last year and you would like to give it a try this year, contact Rob Krewson for more information: rob.krewson@hdrinc.com. Don't miss out again on this great opportunity!

PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE

FROM BILL STOGSDILL

Happy New Year! 2015 went by way too fast as it always seems to this time of year. Julie McNiff did a great job putting together the annual Holiday Party, thanks Julie!



I am honored to be Chapter President in 2016 and look forward to following in the footsteps of the great Chapter Presidents who have preceded me. I want to thank Tim Ross and the rest of the Executive Committee for their hard work in 2015 and look forward to carrying that effort into 2016. A special thank you to Wayne Gudenkauf, Shannon Jeffries and Therese Mersmann for their time on the Executive Committee and welcome new officers Shawn Graff, Kyle Dieckmann and Tim Morgan.

The holidays are always a time for family, friends and getting together. As I sit here typing this letter on a Saturday (in my office with my twins running around in the background) I am reminded of the sacrifices that we all make this time of year. So far this winter Mother Nature has been on our side but this tends to be the exception and not the rule. I know that everyone reading this can tell a story about missing Christmas morning, Thanksgiving dinner, New Year's Eve party, a birthday or other event to make travel safe for all others. We spend time away from our families so that the traveling public can get to theirs. We do this largely without recognition or reward which is something we need to work on. Public Works is a profession of selfless folks and my hat is off to you for all that you do.

We have exciting times ahead as we ramp up to hosting the 2018 PWX. There will be several committee spots and chairs needed to host this event and if you are interested in helping out please let me know.

We will be applying for our 20th PACE award (more than any other Chapter) this summer and supporting our local award winners as they compete on the national level.

In closing I just want to reiterate, thank you for all that you do in Public Works and for APWA.

TECHNO MINUTE

What happened to Techno Minute? With mixed emotions, we wish Mike Ross, the Wizard of Techno, a well-deserved retirement. Who among us has not enjoyed Mike's devotion to the technical aspects of our work and his article in our newsletter for 15 years? Some of us have wondered why it was called the Techno Minute, because each article certainly took a lot longer than a minute to create and generally longer than a minute for each of us to download.

Mike's attention to the finer aspects of various topics has saved our members hours of time on the job, as we have encountered significant changes due to the advent of computers and the internet. Mike has shown a keen interest in new maintenance methods, equipment and new materials over the last few decades. Mike has always been there to make sense of it all and help us focus on the benefits.

Do you remember when we didn't have a web site? It seems like such a long time ago. Keeping one up to date and operational is an endless task and Mike has undertaken hundreds of calls to service ours.

Thanks Mike for everything!

As we move forward we are grateful that the bar has been set high for us to reach. Who will follow with technical assistance for the Chapter? This year Mike covered important subjects such as:

- Pavement resource management
- Counteracting Alkali Silica Reaction and D-Cracking in Concrete
- Creating testing tools from scratch

It's quite possible that it will take contributions from many of us to replace the contribution that Mike has made. If interested in contributing, contact Bill Stogsdill at bstogsdill@fairwaykansas.org.

RECENT EVENTS

2015 APWA KC Metro Chapter Holiday Party - Tuesday, December 8th

The Chapter Holiday Party was held on Tuesday, December 8th at Grand Street Café, just east of the Country Club Plaza. There were 145 members and their guests who attended the celebration. Many guests brought a donation for the Toys for Tots Charity, for which two Marines were on-site to accept their donations. Following a buffet dinner, the evening consisted of Chapter Awards, Appreciation and Recognition, Public Works Institute Graduation, a keynote address from Ronald Y. Calkins, PE, PWLF, President Elect of APWA National, presentation of the Ken Cardwell Heart of America Award, and the installation of the 2016 Officers. The evening concluded with a raffle for door prizes that consisted of Visa gift cards ranging from \$25 to \$100 in value. The evening was festive and enjoyed by all who attended.

A big THANK YOU to our 2015 Santa's Helpers!

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TREKK Design Group
Walter P. Moore



2015 APWA KC Metro Chapter Holiday Party

Congratulations to all award winners:

Life Members:

Ron Freyermuth
Phil Estes
Robert Jewett
Kevin Eisenbeis
Doug Wesselschmidt

Samuel A Greeley Service Award:

Doug Wesselschmidt with the City of Shawnee
Ron Freyermuth, retired from the City of Shawnee
Brad Burton, GBA

Field Supervisor Award:

Scott Jennings, City of Olathe, Kansas
Tom Taylor, City of Kansas City, Missouri
Alan Schank, City of Parkville, Missouri

Public Works Excellence Award:

Chuck Williams, retired from the City of Lenexa

Ken Cardwell Heart of America Award:

Steve Hansen
**Special presenter 2014 Recipient Steve Schmidt*



Samuel A Greeley Service Award winners Doug Wesselschmidt and Ron Freyermuth with Tim Ross



Ken Cardwell Heart of America award winner Steve Hansen with Tim Ross

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KC Metro Chapter Reaches Out for Olathe 8th Grade Career EXPO, *from David Smalling*

The 14th Annual 8th grade Olathe Public Schools Career EXPO was attended by more than 2,100 8th graders planning to develop their high school course selections around their future career interests. It provided the students a more focused high school experience and a better informed transition into both post-secondary education and the world of work. The Career EXPO was meant to stimulate student interest in the wide variety of career clusters they should consider. In addition to the public works booth, there were other careers represented including civil engineer, hair stylist, police officer, and many others.

At the event, students had the opportunity to “interview” our chapter volunteers about public works. They asked questions about the type/length of education or training required, daily duties performed, and things we liked and disliked about our career. Chapter volunteers who discussed public works with students at the October 21st event at Johnson County Community College included Jeff LeMire (City of Olathe), Blake Madden (City of Osawatomie), Mark Montgomery (City of Kansas City, Missouri), and David Smalling (BHC Rhodes).

The booth featured a display board (donated by Shafer, Kline & Warren) with City of Olathe Public Works pictures. Also, several pounds of chocolate miniature candies were distributed.

For more information about volunteering for K-12 outreach efforts, please contact David Smalling, K-12 Outreach Committee chair at david.smalling@ibhc.com.

Young Professionals & Student Chapter Tour the KC Streetcar Vehicle Maintenance Facility, *from Tom Audley*

The Emerging Leaders Committee organized a tour of the Singleton Yard for the Young Professionals Group and local Student Chapters. Singleton Yard is the maintenance facility for the new KC Streetcar and is named after long time transit advocate Kite Singleton. Tom Gerund, KC Streetcar’s Executive Director, discussed the events that led up to the construction of the 2 mile starter line, explained the systems integration testing currently happening, and offered some insight as to future expansion possibilities. Approximately 30 people attended the event. Afterwards the group met at Harry’s Country Club and discussed how the committee can help promote the mission of APWA, especially in the planning of PWX in 2018. The Young Professionals Group hopes to have more events like this in 2016, so keep an eye out for announcements.



Public Works Institute-Public Works Leadership Skills, and 2015 PWI Graduates Recognition at the Holiday Party, *from Larry Frevert, PE, PWLF, PWI Director*

The Kansas City Metro APWA Chapter’s Public Works Institute presented Module IV – Public Works Leadership Skills, October 27-29, 2015 at the Shawnee Town Center in Shawnee. Fifty-six current and aspiring public works supervisors and managers from across the metropolitan area and beyond attended. On the final day, attendance certificates were presented to the attendees, just after the following photo on page 6 was taken.

The KC Metro APWA Chapter and its Public Works Institute appreciate the City of Shawnee’s gracious and complimentary use of their Town Hall for the presentation of the three day training. We also express appreciation to the Shawnee staff for their courtesies and assistance.

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Public Works Institute-Public Works Leadership Skills, and 2015 PWI Graduates Recognition at the Holiday Party, *continued from page 5*



Front Row (Kneeling, L to R): Kevin Taylor-Shawnee, Mitch Landis-Fairway, Cynthia Moeller-Krass-Shawnee, Marco Leal-Herrera-Lenexa, Rodney Richards-Grandview, Steve Robbins-Lee's Summit, Trent Wempe-Spring Hill, Albert Whitaker-UG of Wyandotte/KCK, Larry Sanchez-Olathe, Larry Brunsky-Lenexa, Jesse Rhyner-Overland Park, James Boyer-Spring Hill. Second Row (L to R): Trey Whitaker-Merriam, Chuck Aldridge-Fairway, David Frazier-Belton, Mike Mabrey-Edgerton, Todd Rehg-Webster Groves, John Belger-Mission, Mark Newell-Olathe, Jake Worden-Lenexa, Steve Craig-Olathe, Eric Nobert-UG of Wyandotte/KCK, Terri Dexter-Lenexa, Rita Cassida-Louisburg, Dennis Torrence-Overland Park, Chad Elliott-Belton, Nick Lightner-Lee's Summit, Caleb Hunt-Merriam, Brian Bond-Shawnee, David Wright-Lenexa, Charles Voights-Lenexa, Kyle Fleeman-Overland Park, Paul Dunn-Leawood, Guy Porter-Leawood. Third Row (L to R): Justin Stewart-Leavenworth, Jeffrey Anderson-UG of Wyandotte/KCK, Larry Frevert-PWI Director, Lyman Braden-Grandview, Clinton McNemee-Atchison, Kati Horner-Gonzalez-Raytown, Steven Culey-Lenexa, TreverLeikam-Overland Park, Andrew Weber-Lenexa, Gale Lawson-Belton, Gary Dupus-Belton, Don Bays-Belton, Marcus Hankins-Raytown, Preston Phillips-Raytown, Vern Fowler-Raytown, Matt Willier-Jackson Co., Norman Buesher-Riverside, Aaron Oliphant-Riverside. Not Pictured are: Juan Campos-Lenexa, Robin Carbrey-Olathe, Brent Dye-Lee's Summit, Beau Ford-Spring Hill, Christopher Hoover-Lee's Summit.

We also express our appreciation to the talented and dedicated members of the KC Metro Chapter and the region who served as presenters for Module IV. They were:

- Amanda Keller-Johnson County
- Mike Ross-Overland Park
- Cheryl Carner-Overland Park
- Keith Duncan-Olathe
- Doug Wesselschmidt-Shawnee
- Rich Profzaizer-Overland Park
- Bill Heatherman-UG of Wyandotte/KCK
- Steve Hansen-Liberty
- Doug Brown-Overland Park (R)
- John Skubal-Overland Park
- Shawn Graff-Lee's Summit
- Chuck Williams-Lenexa (R)
- Mahesh Sharma-Raytown
- Dennis Randolph-Grandview
- Bill Stogsdill-Fairway
- John Ohrazda-Lee's Summit
- John Barker-Lee's Summit
- Mabel Tinjaca-APWA
- Ann Daniels-APWA
- Dena Mezger-Lee's Summit
- Connie Hartline-APWA
- Chuck Owsley-Lee's Summit (R)
- Ron Norris-Olathe (R)
- Larry Frevert-APWA

The KC Metro APWA Chapter's Public Works Institute is one of 19 authorized by APWA to provide training in public works supervision, management and leadership consistent with a curriculum focused on 11 core units of instruction presented in 90 hours of class time. The 11 core units are:

1. Supervisory Techniques and Skills
2. Basic Management Skills
3. Communications Skills
4. Leadership Skills
5. Community Service/Customer Orientation Skills
6. Impact of Law on Public Works
7. Fundamentals of Government
8. Finance
9. Resource Management Skills
10. Overview of Public Works Operations
11. Creating the Future

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Public Works Institute-Public Works Leadership Skills, and 2015 PWI Graduates Recognition at the Holiday Party, *continued from page 6*

Sixteen of the Fall 2015 Module IV attendees completed their fourth module of the training, along with ten attendees who finished their fourth module in the spring of 2015 were recognized at the KC Metro Chapter's Annual Holiday Party on December 8th. All 26 graduates and their guests were complimentary invitees to attend the holiday party and be recognized for their achievement. Congratulations to the following graduates:

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|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1. Brian Bond-Shawnee | 10. Michael Mabrey-Edgerton | 19. Bill Stogsdill-Fairway |
| 2. Larry Brunsky-Lenexa | 11. Chris Mann-Fairway | 20. Kevin Taylor-Shawnee |
| 3. Steve Culey-Lenexa | 12. Clinton McNemee-Atchison | 21. Guy Vincent-Grandview |
| 4. Kenny Davis-Lee' Summit | 13. Tim Morgan-Overland Park | 22. Andrew Weber-Lenexa |
| 5. Paul Dunn-Leawood | 14. Eric Patterson-Harrisonville | 23. Trent Wempe-Spring Hill |
| 6. Jason Feuerstein-Lee's Summit | 15. Bill Porter-Leawood | 24. Matt Willier-Jackson County |
| 7. Scott Jennings-Olathe | 16. Rodney Richards-Grandview | 25. Thomas Wooddell-Riverside |
| 8. Marco Leal-Herrera-Lenexa | 17. Igor Sinyavskiy-Lenexa | 26. Jake Worden-Lenexa |
| 9. Trever Leikam-Overland Park | 18. Justin Stewart-Leavenworth | |

Each graduate was presented with a framed graduation certificate and an engraved glass desk plate acknowledging their PWI graduation. In addition, their employer was presented with an APWA training manual for their reference library in appreciation of their support of their employees who graduated from the Public Works Institute.

The following are some photos taken during the three days of October training (All photos can be viewed at <http://kcmetro.apwa.net/PageDetails/7109>) and at the holiday party:



On Tuesday morning, Shawnee City Manager Carol Gonzalez welcomed the attendees to Shawnee



Doug Wesselschmidt, PE, Shawnee City Engineer and the City's official liaison for the PWI also welcomed the attendees and later in the week presented a session on Municipal Planning and Urban Development



Also welcoming the attendees was Chapter President-Elect Bill Stogsdill, who later in the week presented a new topic on Leveraging Resources with Other Entities



Keith Duncan of Olathe presented a new and informative session on Leadership Core Competencies



After Johnson County's Amanda Keller co-presented a session on identifying each attendee's personality style



The students were divided by personality style and given a team project to build the tallest spaghetti tower to support a marshmallow

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Retired Overland Park Public Works Director Doug Brown and City Councilman John Skubal provided an interesting and informative presentation on Council Relations



Luncheon meals (lasagna-Tuesday, pizza-Wednesday and Jack Stack BBQ-Thursday) along with the snacks and beverages each day were very popular



Group or team projects are a popular form of engagement for the attendees



Networking during breaks can be as important as the materials presented during the sessions as Steve Robbins of Lee's Summit, Speaker Shawn Graff (Employee Relations) and Kati Horner-Gonzalez of Raytown shared thoughts



A version of APWA "Jeopardy" presented by APWA Professional Development Director Mabel Tinjaca proved to be a popular learning tool



A panel discussion on "Excellence in Public Works" was led by retired regional Public Works Directors Ron Norris, PE, Chuck Owsley, PE and Doug Brown, PE, each of whom were recognized during their careers as a Top Ten Public Works Leader of the Year and led their cities recognition as Accredited Public Works Agencies



Chapter President Tim Ross, PE, congratulated the attendees on their achievements, encouraged them to be further involved in APWA and assisted with presentation of the attendance certificates



Beth Linn, Edgerton City Administrator attended the Holiday Party and presented her Public Works Superintendent Mike Mabrey with his graduation award



Overland Park graduates Trever Leikam and Scott Jennings along with Overland Park Public Works Director Tony Hofman were recognized and honored by Chapter President Tim Ross and PWI Director Larry Frevert at the Holiday Party

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Public Works Institute-Public Works Leadership Skills, and 2015 PWI Graduates Recognition at the Holiday Party, *continued from page 8*



Lenexa graduates Jake Worden, Igor Sinyavskiy, Steve Culey and Larry Brunsky and Municipal Services Director Chuck Williams were recognized and honored at the Holiday Party by Chapter President Tim Ross and PWI Director Larry Frevert (Lenexa graduates Andrew Weber and Marco Leal-Hererra were unable to attend the Holiday Party)



Harrisonville graduate Eric Patterson and Public Works Director Jerry Gibbs were recognized and honored at the Holiday Party by Chapter President Tim Ross and PWI Director Larry Frevert



Leavenworth graduate Justin Stewart and Public Works Director Mike McDonald were recognized and honored at the Holiday Party by Chapter President Tim Ross and PWI Director Larry Frevert



Fairway graduates Chris Mann and Bill Stogsdill were recognized and honored at the Holiday Party by Chapter President Tim Ross and PWI Director Larry Frevert



Leawood graduates Paul Dunn and Bill Porter and Leawood Public Works Director Joe Johnson were recognized and honored at the Holiday Party by Chapter President Tim Ross and PWI Director Larry Frevert



Lee's Summit graduates Kenny Davis and Jason Feuerstein and Public Works Director Dena Mezger were recognized and honored at the Holiday Party by Chapter President Tim Ross and PWI Director Larry Frevert

The KC Metro Chapter plans to present Public Works Institute Module I – Public Works Supervision Essentials in April 2016 and Module II – Public Works Supervision Skills in October 2016. Watch for advance notice in a future edition of PubNews and on the KCAPWA website: <http://kcmetro.apwa.net/>

UPCOMING EVENTS

February Chapter Luncheon—*from Joe Burgett*

The February Chapter Luncheon is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, February 10th. The City of Lee's Summit will host the lunch and provide a presentation. More details to come, event info will be available on the webpage after the new year.

Sustainable Infrastructure Planning Meeting—January 20th — *from Anne Schroer*

Attention KC Metro APWA Committee Chairs- We need your help! We're looking for ideas on how our committee can be of value to other committees and the KC Metro APWA membership. Please join us on Jan 20 for a planning and brainstorming session over coffee and pastries. Anyone interested in being a committee member is also encouraged to attend. Space is limited so please register. There is NO COST associated with this meeting. For more information visit <http://kcmetro.apwa.net/EventDetails/7263>. Meeting location to be determined.

COMMITTEE ANNOUNCEMENTS

APWA 2016 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 Becky Bonebrake and Tony Meyers at awardsapwa@gmail.com with any questions. Guidelines and nomination forms are available at <http://www.apwa.net/awards/CriteriaAndNominationForms>.

1. Completed nomination forms are due by **Friday, January 15, 2016**. This is **NOMINATION FORMS ONLY**.
2. Completed application packages are due by **Monday, February 1, 2016**. Each application package shall be one PDF file and limited to 5MB.

Please e-mail nomination forms and application packages to awardsapwa@gmail.com.

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. The Awards Committee shall submit 1 PDF copy of the application packages of the chapter level award winners to APWA National for consideration at the 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 1, 2016** 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

Public Works Project of the Year	<p>Purpose: 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.</p> <p>Awards are given in four divisions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">A. Projects less than \$5 millionB. Projects of \$5 million, but less than \$25 millionC. Projects of \$25 million to \$75 millionD. Projects more than \$75 million <p>and five categories:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Structures — to include public structure preservation/rehabilitation, municipal buildings, parks, etc.2. Transportation — to include roads, bridges, mass transit, etc.3. Environment — to include treatment and recycling facilities, landfill reclamation projects, sewer projects, etc.4. Historical Restoration/Preservation — to include historical restoration, preservation and adaptive reuse of existing buildings, structures, and facilities, etc.5. Disaster or Emergency Construction/Repair — to include the techniques and timing for safety, community relations, environmental protection, adverse conditions and additional considerations. <p>Eligibility: 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. 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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MEMBERS AWARDS:

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.

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MEMBERS AWARDS (continued):

The following awards require nominees be APWA members in good standing.

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.

PROFESSIONAL AWARDS:

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. This nomination must be submitted by January 8, 2016 and the package received by the awards committee chair by January 15, 2016 for the committee to submit the Chapter Level Award winner by the February 1, 2016 national deadline (per the APWA Awards website).
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 that 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 to ensure the best choice in the long term. Up to three awards may be presented annually 1) Individual 2) program 3) Chapters.

NEW MEMBERS

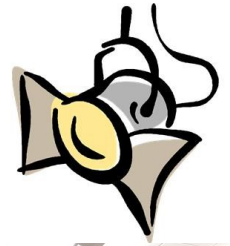
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David Ford, Walter P Moore
Mark Lee, City of Basehor
Gene Myracle, City of Basehor
Jakes Newton, Burns & McDonnell

Andrew Reid, Burns & McDonnell
Asaf Salama, United Rotary Brush
John Sanders, TREKK Design Group
Jonathan Tronson, Burns & McDonnell
Brant Vermeer, Burns & McDonnell

Diversity Committee - from Abdul Yahaya



Member Spotlight



Vytenis Drunga

Street Preservation Project Manager
City of Olathe Public Works

Why did you choose public works as your career field?

I chose public works as my career field because growing up in Lithuania, Sweden and the United States; I always had an interest in the way infrastructure projects came together in different communities. My interest only grew during my internship with Illinois Department of Transportation, as well as my time with Missouri Department of Transportation.

What would someone find interesting about your job?

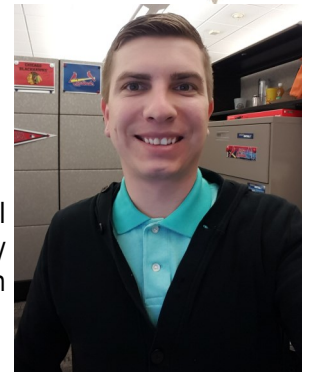
My job is interesting because I get to wear many different “hats”, and balance various responsibilities. Customer service is a big part of our organization and my job revolves around it. Being able to see the faces of the community that my work helps impact is rewarding. There is never a dull moment.

What is your hobby or outside interest?

Some of my hobbies include: playing drums and my guitar collection, snowboarding in the wintertime, video gaming, and traveling abroad to visit family and friends. I am also a “foodie” and enjoy foods from various cultures.

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

To me, diversity is people of different cultures and parts of the world with different ideas and qualities, working together as one. Diversity affects my job in a positive way. Many different backgrounds coming together to problem solve in unique ways makes my work interesting and rewarding.



OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

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. Please contact the committee chair listed directly. Committee information can be found on the website: www.kcmetro.apwa.net.

KC Metro Job Opportunities

Visit our website at www.kcmetro.apwa.net for all current job opportunities throughout the metro.

CHAPTER LEADERSHIP

KC APWA 2015 OFFICERS

President - Bill Stogsdill
Vice President - Rob Krewson
Secretary - Jason Meyers
Treasurer - Dan Brown
Past President - Tim Ross
Director (2nd Year) - Cory Clark
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Director (1st Year) - Kyle Diekmann
Director (1st Year) - Tim Morgan
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Delegate - Joe Johnson

The APWA Pub News, a free publication of the Kansas City Metro Chapter of the American Public Works Association (APWA), is published in six issues throughout the year. To receive a free subscription, send an e-mail to cgard@cityofshawnee.org with "Beam Me Up!" in the subject line.

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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 26th, 2016. Deadlines will be strictly enforced. Electronic formats are preferred, but not required. Send your stories to Caitlin Gard via email to cgard@cityofshawnee.org.

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

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.

APWA 2015 COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Audit & Budget - Alysen Abel
Awards - Tony Meyers and Becky Bonebrake
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Chapter Meetings - Joe Burgett
Communications and Publicity - Caitlin Gard
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Engineering & Technology - Michael Haake
Facilities & Grounds - Tom Audley
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Golf Tournament - Tawn Nugent
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Historical - Ernie Longoria
Holiday Party - Julie McNiff
K-12 Student Outreach - David Smalling
Leadership & Management - Nick Arena
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Membership BBQ & Steak Fry - Brian Ladd
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Myron D. Calkins Scholarship - Shannon Jeffries and Phil Herrman
National Public Works Week - Dan Brown
Nominating Committee - Tim Ross
Past President Committee - Tim Ross
Snow & Equipment Training Expo - Chris Porras
Standards & Specifications - Dena Mezger
Student Chapter - Aaron Castro and Tim Cope
Sustainable Infrastructure - Ann Schroer and Brenda Macke
Transportation - Jaclyn White
Utility & Public Right-of-Way - John Cooper
Water Resources Management - Chad Johnson

Appointments, Liaisons, and Coordinators
ACEC-APWA Liaison - John Skubal
Calendar/Events Coordinator - Karen Scherer
Joint Engineers Council - Howard Lubliner
MCIB/KCMMB - Todd LaTorella
Solid Waste Management - Lisa McDaniel

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