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**2016 PACE  
 AWARD  
 RECIPIENT**

**20 YEARS  
 IN A ROW!**

**February Chapter Meeting**  
 Wednesday, February 15th — Hosted by the City of Lee's Summit.  
 Check the KC Metro Website for Details

**2017 APWA Awards**  
 Submit your top projects, professionals or exemplary programs  
 that best represent public works.  
**See page 8 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 11 for details**

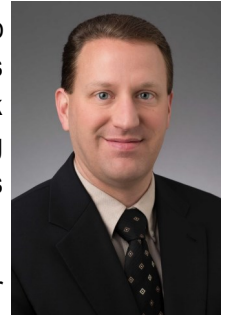
**2017 ANNUAL PARTNERS**

The 2016 annual partnership program was such a success that we will be bringing it back for 2017! If you were a partner in 2016 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 Jason Meyers for more information: [jmeyers@burnsmcd.com](mailto:jmeyers@burnsmcd.com). Don't miss out again on this great opportunity!

# PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE

FROM ROB KREWSON

Happy New Year! With the holiday season now behind us, I pause to reflect briefly on last year and look forward to an amazing year ahead. 2016 was another great year for the KC Metro Chapter and I hope it was great for you as well. I would like to thank Past President Bill Stogsdill for his astute leadership last year. I would also like to thank all of our volunteer committee chairs and members for all they do. This effort is what keeps our chapter going strong year after year. One last but very important "thank you" to Tim Ross and Rob Kluender for their many years of dedicated service on the Executive Committee.



As 2017 begins, I want to welcome Bill Billings as our new Director at Large and Alysén Abel as our new 1st Year Director. They join a great and diverse group that make up your 2017 executive committee. 2017 will be a busy year for our chapter as we continue to make progress on our chapter's strategic initiatives. I have chosen to pick three "focus initiatives" for 2017, these include:

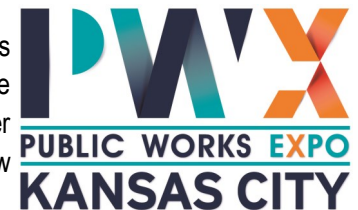
- Grow our Membership – Goal of 800+ Chapter Members
- Host a Successful 2017 Mid-Am eXpo (MAX)
- 2018 PWX Planning and Fundraising

**Membership Growth** – Our chapter has hovered at or around 750 members for the last few years. While retaining current members is equally if not more important than attracting new members it is healthy to grow and bring in new members who can help us achieve our collective goals. We are a volunteer organization with lots of opportunities for new members to get involved!

**2017 Mid-Am eXpo** – The rebranded MAX will be held at the Overland Park Convention Center May 24-26. This tri-annual gathering of our five Heart of America Chapters (Iowa, Kansas, KC Metro, Missouri and Nebraska) is a "must attend" event. Planning for this conference and expo is nearly complete with exhibitor registration open and conference registration coming soon.



**2018 PWX** – Our goal for bringing PWX back and showing the entire APWA organization how Kansas City has "matured" since 2006 was accomplished in 2016. Now we have the responsibility to raise funds and help plan this massive event to make sure it is a success. In addition to being your chapter president, I am also the PWX fundraising co-chair. So in the words of Jerry McGuire, it is time to "Show Me the Money!"



The Chapter cannot accomplish these goals without YOU! We need you and your organization to help us achieve these important goals. So I would ask you to do these five things:

1. Invite someone you know that could benefit from being a member of APWA to join. Here is a link to the National APWA Membership website [APWA-Membership](#) or you can contact our membership chair Matt Spencer [ [Matthew.Spencer@HDRinc.com](mailto:Matthew.Spencer@HDRinc.com) / 816.360-2700] to help.
2. Plan to attend the 2017 Mid-Am eXpo [MidAmX](#) at the Overland Park Convention Center May 24-26 and consider volunteering to help and be a part of this great event.
3. Sign up to be a volunteer ([signup link](#)) and speak with your organization about being a "Local Booster" to provide funds to help with putting on this amazing event.
4. Support our chapter and grow professionally by attending and being involved in our many chapter activities in 2017.
5. See if your organization is renewing or would consider becoming one of our annual "Partners" for 2017. We had 15 Partners in 2016 who prepaid for several of our key events throughout the year. This simplifies payment for multiple events, provides your organization with recognition and really helps the chapter plan for year ahead.

Thank you for allowing me to be your 2017 Chapter President! I very much look forward to experiencing all of the amazing things we will accomplish together this year.

# DELEGATE DETAILS

FROM JOE JOHNSON

As we begin the New Year I want to take this opportunity to thank all those that volunteer their time to the Chapter. I want to encourage all members to look at the many committees within the Chapter and pick one that interests you and volunteer your time. You will not regret it.

As we start 2017, The PWX Management Committee will be gearing up for the 2018 PWX here in Kansas City. Each committee will begin to organize their tasks and determine the number of volunteers needed to accomplish their goals. We are working to setup the online volunteer schedule with each committee and the number of volunteers each needs. So stay tune for that email to pick the committee you want to help with and the venue that works best for you. We will need everyone's help; it will take approximately 400 volunteers for this event.



As we work through all of the committees we are actively engaged in fund raising for the 2018 PWX. Many of you should have received this notice highlighting the different levels of sponsorship. As in the past Congresses the Chapter has hosted these funds are used to enhance all areas of the event. We look forward to working with all of you in making this one of the best events. If there are any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

National will be hosting "Membership 101" webinar at 2:00 p.m. (Central Time) on Thursday January 24. This webinar is an excellent opportunity for all chapter chairs and membership committee members to get a complete understanding of the membership process. Those participating in the webinar will learn how to find and make use of the various membership reports, and hear of Best Practices from other chapters. Participants will also be able to ask questions through the one-hour program. For more information, contact Brad Patterson at [bpatterson@apwa.net](mailto:bpatterson@apwa.net) or 816-595-5263 or to register, contact Rhonda Wilhite at [rwilhite@apwa.net](mailto:rwilhite@apwa.net) or 1-800-848-2792 (ex. 5261).

National is finalizing plans for several of its conferences this year.

1. 2017 Snow Conference is being held in De Moines, IA. April 23-26.
2. 2017 APWA PWX in Orlando, FL, August 27-30.
3. 2018 Snow Conference is being held in Indianapolis, IN. May 6-9.
4. 2018 PWX in Kansas City, MO. August 26-29.

In February, National is hosting the 2017 Chapter Leadership Training in Kansas City, February 16-17. Part of the Leadership Training includes the Council of Chapters meeting to review the progress of the committees and look at other topics.

As always, if you have an item that you want to bring before the Chapter or National, just let me know. I am here to assist you in that process.

## TECHNO MINUTE

FROM JASON HUSSEY

### A quick visit to the parks of George Kessler

In August, 2016, portions of the Kansas City parks and boulevard system were placed on the National Register of Historic Places. One of the individuals that was a driving force in creating this coveted park system was the visionary landscape architect, George Kessler. George Kessler, landscape architect and city planner, arrived in Kansas City in 1882 to design a railroad company's excursion park in Merriam, Kansas. Due to his success at this location and other area projects, Kessler caught the eye of proponents of the "City Beautiful" movement and was appointed to the park board in 1892. On the board, Kessler was instrumental in creating the 1893 report that laid out the visionary plan of the City's park and boulevard system. This plan was later adopted, implemented, and has left an indelible and integral mark on the landscape of the City. His attention to linking parks with green boulevards along with preserving and incorporating natural features and landscapes resonate today and helped transform the rugged city into a prize of the plains. Unfortunately, through the years many of his finest creations have succumbed to development, expansion, and urban decay. Flipping through archives of once existed can be gut wrenching to see what we have lost.



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## Techno Minute Cont. from page 3

These examinations of then and now have been explored, and rather than dwell in the often times perceived greatness of the past, this article focuses on a small sample of the parks created under George Kessler that remain an integral, unifying instrument of the community that carry the vision he helped to found over 120 years ago.

### Roanoke Park

Located near 38th and Roanoke Road

Roanoke Park was acquired by the the Board of Park Commissioners between 1901 to 1923 in a series of seven gifts totalling 11 tracts of land. With it's fluid grading, winding drives, and adaption of natural features, the park stands as a significant example of the naturalistic style of George Kessler. Today, the park remains an integral and much loved amenity to the residents of the Volker, Roanoke, Coleman Highlands, and Valentine neighborhoods; along with those outside of the area that make special trips to enjoy the serenity the space provides. Due to the increase of young families into the area and strong neighbor action, the City recently completed the construction of a \$382,000 state-of-the-art playground that includes a massive rope structure and zip line. Visitors to this new feature will see just as many parents climbing and enjoying the structure as children. Along with the playground, the park is also keeping with the naturalistic beauty of the setting through implementing invasive species eradication and improvement of the Coleman Highlands spring through wetland and natural vegetation restoration.



### Columbus Square

Missouri Avenue and Holmes Street

Acquired in 1909, this park is nestled in the North End / Columbus Park neighborhood. George Kessler designed the park in 1911 and included a pool, shelter, and pergola. The park hosted planned activities supervised by playground personnel, including games, folk dancing, and baseball with concerts and dances held for children and adults. Originally called Washington Square, the park was renamed Columbus Square in 1926 to reflect the large number of Italian immigrants calling the area home. Unfortunately, all of Kessler's features were removed in major renovations from 1967 to 1972 to incorporate new styles of the time. In 2014, the City approved a master plan for a major renovation of the park that included new playground equipment, landscaping, and picnic areas. In homage to the Italian immigrant past and continuing significance that the area holds for the Kansas City Italian-American community, existing bocce ball courts were removed and replaced with significant improvements. The surrounding Columbus Square neighborhood is undergoing revitalization of its own with development of a 108 apartment community marketed as lofts for the "creative class," by Prairie Fire Development Group. It is expected that Columbus Square will grow as a valuable amenity to the area while it, and neighboring River Market, continue strong redevelopment.



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## Techno Minute Cont. from page 4

### Penn Valley Lake

27th Street and Broadway Boulevard

For many, this lake is in an unusual place, being located off a high volume thoroughfare, Broadway Boulevard. The lake is part of Penn Valley Park, acquired in 1898, with the dam and lake created in 1904. Soon after, playground equipment, tennis courts, a field house and a swimming pool were added. The facilities were actively used until 1949 when they were razed for the construction of the Southwest Trafficway and I-35. Although located in a high traffic dense area, visiting the lake provides an unusually peaceful setting. Construction of new sidewalks, improvements to the shoreline, and landscaping have been completed in recent years with restoration of original stonework ongoing. The lake is periodically stocked with channel, blue, and flathead catfish and offers angling opportunities that otherwise may not be accessible to those in an urban environment. Trips to the park on a sunny day will yield anglers perched on the bank trying their luck on what the lake has to offer. Views from the bottom of this ravine showcase the incorporation of natural features and landscaping that provides the connection with nature in an urban environment that Kessler worked to embody.

For more information about George Kessler and Kansas City Parks, please visit the following websites:

<http://kcparks.org/>

<http://www.georgekessler.org/>

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Portions of this article were acquired from the sources listed below.

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## OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS



**Pub News Editor, Caitlin Gard, and her husband, Chris, welcomed Claire Evelyn Gard on August 18, 2016. She was 8lb 8oz and 21" long. Congratulations to the new family!**

## Standard Specifications Update - from Dena Mezger

The project to update the KC Metro APWA Standard Specifications is nearing completion. A presentation of proposed revisions was made at the October chapter meeting, the proposed sections were posted on the website and the comment period expired on November 30. The consultant team completing the updates are finishing review of the comments. Tentatively a final draft will be posted on the chapter website in early January for a vote by the membership in February.

# RECENT EVENTS

## 2016 APWA KC Metro Chapter Holiday Party - Tuesday, December 8th

The Chapter Holiday Party was held on Tuesday, December 13th at Grand Street Café in Kansas City. There were 130 people in attendance to celebrate the holiday season. Recognitions and awards were distributed throughout the evening followed by a Keynote address from William (Bo) Mills, Jr., PWLF, President-Elect. The awards included:

- Excellence in Public Works Publication “Windows of the City” by Dennis Garrett
- Public Works Excellence Award
  - Jeff Martin - Kansas City, MO
  - Susan Moseley - Kansas City, MO
- Field Supervisor Excellence Award
  - Donnie Cordonnier - City of St. Joseph
  - Chuck Walston - City of Shawnee
- Operations Program Excellence Award
  - Project “Clean Sweep” and Household
  - Hazardous Waste Drop Off Event - City of St. Joseph
- Samuel A. Greely Service Award
  - Clarence Munsch - GBA
  - Gary Beck - GBA
- Lifetime Membership
  - Norm Bowers
  - Michael Gregory
  - Donald E. Pinkston, Jr.

As we have done in the past, the graduates of the Chapter’s Public Works Institute and a guest were invited to attend the annual holiday party as guests of the chapter. This year, 15 of the PWI’s 25 graduates attended and received their graduation awards that evening. Photos of some graduates to the right.

The Ken Cardwell Heart of America Award was given to Chuck Williams, retired Director of Public Works City of Lenexa. The evening concluded with the installation of the 2017 officers and door prizes.

Thank you again to our sponsors. Affinis, BHC Rhodes, Burns & McDonnell, City of Leawood, Graver, GBA, HG Consult, HDR, HNTB, Olsson Associates, Shafer, Kline & Warren, Terracon, TranSystems, TREKK Design Group, Walter P. Moore



Joe Don Harrell, City of Belton, receives his graduate awards from Incoming Chapter President Rob Krewson



Albert Whitaker, Unified Government of Wyandotte County and Kansas City, KS receives his graduate awards from Incoming Chapter President Rob Krewson



Each graduate’s employer receives a gift of an APWA publication on supervision, management or leadership in appreciation of its support of their employee graduate and the PWI. Kati Horner, Raytown Interim Public Works Director receives the City’s gift from Incoming Chapter President Rob Krewson

## NEW MEMBERS

**Kristina Hammerquist, Rockhurst University & University of MO KC**

**Seth Soto, Rockhurst University & University of MO KC**

**Charles Love, City of Lenexa**

**Sarah Wolff, Rockhurst University & University of MO KC**

**Brandon Moore, City of Grandview**

**Samantha Parks, Rockhurst University & University of MO KC**

**Benjamin Zwick, Whiting-Turner Contracting Company**

**Nicholas Pascuzzi, Rockhurst University & University of MO KC**



## November Chapter Luncheon—from Joe Burgett

There was a great turnout for the November chapter luncheon. Larry Frevert and Kati Horner-Gonzalez shared a presentation about generational diversity in the workplace. Visit the chapter's Facebook page to view pictures of the event.

The next Chapter Luncheon will be Wednesday, February 15th at Lee's Summit City Hall. Presentation topic TBD.

The Chapter Meetings Committee is looking for cities to host future meetings. Breakfast, Lunch, Site Visits, any ideas are welcome. Host cities in 2016 were Lee's Summit, Lenexa, Overland Park, and Grandview. Contact Joe Burgett at [jburgett@gbateam.com](mailto:jburgett@gbateam.com) if your city would like to host a chapter meeting in 2017.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

SATURDAY, JANUARY 21, 2017

COME VOLUNTEER WITH THE FRIENDS OF JOCO DEVELOPMENT



PAINTING LIVING SPACES IN SUPPORT OF PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

This is a joint event with ASCE KC YMG and APWA!

**Place:** Homes near 101st & Metcalf

**Lunch will be provided**

**Time:** Setup - 9:00AM  
Lunch Break - 12:30PM  
Wrap Up - 2PM

**Contact:** Dillon Cowing  
Co-Chair for Community Service  
[cowing@kveng.com](mailto:cowing@kveng.com)



**Details:** Wear your paint clothes and bring work gloves if you have them available. JCDS helps to make wishes reality for thousands of our friends and neighbors who face daily challenges and adversity. Check out their website at <http://friendsofjcds.com/about-us/>

# COMMITTEE ANNOUNCEMENTS

## APWA 2017 Awards - from Becky Bonebrake

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/MYAPWA/About/Awards/MyApwa/Apwa\\_Public/About/Awards.aspx?hkey=fc7361ea-1f80-492f-a41a-98620053a187](http://www.apwa.net/MYAPWA/About/Awards/MyApwa/Apwa_Public/About/Awards.aspx?hkey=fc7361ea-1f80-492f-a41a-98620053a187)

1. Completed **nomination forms** are due by Friday, **January 20, 2017**. This is **NOMINATION FORMS ONLY**.
2. Completed **application packages** are due by Monday, **February 6, 2017**. Each application package shall be **one PDF file** and limited to **5MB**.

Please e-mail nomination forms and application packages to Becky Bonebrake and Tony Meyers at [awardsapwa@gmail.com](mailto:awardsapwa@gmail.com).

Please read the awards announcement below for details and contact Becky Bonebrake and Tony Meyers at [awardsapwa@gmail.com](mailto:awardsapwa@gmail.com) with any questions.

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**. Chapter level award winners will be submitted to APWA National Prior to the **March 1, 2017** national deadline. 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, 2017** 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><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.</p> <p>Awards are given in four divisions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A. Projects less than \$5 million</li><li>B. Projects of \$5 million, but less than \$25 million</li><li>C. Projects of \$25 million to \$75 million</li><li>D. Projects more than \$75 million</li></ul> <p>and five categories:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Structures—to include public structure preservation/rehabilitation, municipal buildings, parks, etc.</li><li>Transportation—to include roads, bridges, mass transit, etc.</li><li>Environment—to include treatment and recycling facilities, landfill reclamation projects, sewer projects, etc.</li><li>Historical Restoration/Preservation—to include historical restoration, preservation and adaptive reuse of existing buildings, structures, and facilities, etc.</li><li>Disaster or Emergency Construction/Repair—to include the techniques and timing for safety, community relations, environmental protection, adverse conditions and additional considerations.</li></ul> <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 2017 Awards Cont.

<p>Public Works Project of the Year for Small Cities/Rural Communities</p>	<p><b>Purpose:</b> A new award created in 2013 for agencies from cities or counties with a populations of 75,000 or less to promote excellence in demonstrating creativity, ingenuity, and efficiency in the delivery of Public Works projects that have a profound impact on the community. The award does not have a fixed dollar amount and can include, but is not limited to, the following categories: structures, environmental, historic preservation, emergency response, or transportation projects that have created a positive impact on the life of the community.</p> <p>The award is giving for impact in the community as compared to a dollar amount. The categories which could be included are:</p> <p>Structures—to include public structure preservation/rehabilitation, municipal buildings, parks, etc.</p> <p>Transportation—to include roads, bridges, mass transit, etc.</p> <p>Environment—to include treatment and recycling facilities, landfill reclamation projects, sewer projects, etc.</p> <p>Historical Restoration/Preservation—to include historical restoration, preservation and adaptive reuse of existing buildings, structures, and facilities, etc.</p> <p>Disaster or Emergency Construction/Repair—to include the techniques and timing for safety, community relations, environmental protection, adverse conditions and additional considerations.</p> <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 a maximum of one time for the award in any category.</p>
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### MEMBERS AWARDS:

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

<p>Community Involvement Award</p>	<p><b>Purpose:</b> 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.</p> <p><b>Eligibility:</b> Candidates must be an active member of APWA, be an active leader in the community (through volunteering significant time and/or personal resources to work with charitable organizations, educational organizations, community service groups and/or participating in significant community projects or programs which improve the quality of life in the community.) Address how the nominee’s community service contributions had an impact on implementing sustainable solution, environmentally, economically and socially. Provide a positive role model for other public works professionals.</p>
<p>Charles Walter Nichols Award for Environmental Excellence</p>	<p><b>Purpose:</b> 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.</p> <p><b>Eligibility:</b> Individual candidates must be APWA members and employed full-time by a public agency</p>
<p>Distinguished Service to Public Works Award</p>	<p><b>Purpose:</b> 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.</p> <p><b>Eligibility:</b> APWA membership is required and candidates must have a minimum of 10 years continuous membership. National Board members and past presidents of APWA must be out of office at least five years before being eligible for this award. Candidates may be nominated by a chapter or any one or more of the APWA Board of Directors/</p>

## APWA 2017 Awards Cont.

Donald C. Stone Award for Excellence in Education	<p><b>Purpose:</b> 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.</p> <p><b>Eligibility:</b> This award recognizes both individuals and chapters. Individual candidates must be APWA members and chapter candidates must have active educational programs. Any active APWA member may nominate.</p>
Harry S. Swearingen Award for Outstanding Chapter Achievement and Excellence in Chapter Service	<p><b>Purpose:</b> 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.</p> <p><b>Eligibility:</b> 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.</p>
International Service Award	<p><b>Purpose:</b> 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.</p> <p><b>Eligibility:</b> Must be an active member of APWA. Provide a demonstrated record of international public works related service over a significant period of one's professional career including, but not limited to, promoting sustainable practices through international partnerships by encouraging smart growth policies, updating water treatment facilities, introducing innovative use of energy sources, etc. Demonstrate an ongoing commitment to building international relationships and fostering international understanding through public works service. Members of the APWA Board of Directors, International Affairs Committee, International Sub-Committee, or international partnership task forces are not eligible during their term of service.</p>
Professional Manager of the Year Administrative Management	<p><b>Purpose:</b> Recognizes outstanding achievement in the area of Administration within the Public Works Department. <b>Eligibility:</b> Individual candidates must be APWA members with a minimum of 10 years qualifying experience.</p>
Professional Manager of the Year Engineering and Technology	<p><b>Purpose:</b> Recognizes the outstanding career service achievements of engineering and technology professionals. <b>Eligibility:</b> 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.</p>
Professional Manager of the Year Facilities and Grounds	<p><b>Purpose:</b> Recognizes the outstanding career service achievements of facilities and/or grounds management professionals. <b>Eligibility:</b> Individual candidates must be APWA members with primary responsibility in the management of public facilities and grounds and minimum of 10 years qualifying experience.</p>
Professional Manager of the Year Public Fleet	<p><b>Purpose:</b> 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.</p> <p><b>Eligibility:</b> 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.</p>
Professional Manager of the Year Public Right-Of-Way	<p><b>Purpose:</b> 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.</p> <p><b>Eligibility:</b> Individual candidates must be APWA members with a minimum of 10 years public right-of-way management experience.</p>
Professional Manager of the Year Public Works Emergency Management	<p><b>Purpose:</b> Recognizes the outstanding career service achievements of public works emergency management professionals.</p> <p><b>Eligibility:</b> Individual candidates must be APWA members with a minimum of 10 years' experience in a public works supervisory or management role.</p>
Professional Manager of the Year Solid Waste	<p><b>Purpose:</b> 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.</p> <p><b>Eligibility:</b> Individual candidates must be members of APWA with a minimum of 10 years qualifying experience.</p>
Professional Manager of the Year Transportation	<p><b>Purpose:</b> 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.</p> <p><b>Eligibility:</b> Individual candidates must be members of APWA with a minimum of 10 years qualifying experience.</p>

## APWA 2017 Awards Cont.

Professional Manager of the Year Water Resources	<p><b>Purpose:</b> 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.</p> <p><b>Eligibility:</b> Individual candidates must be members of APWA with a minimum of 10 years qualifying experience.</p>
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### 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.

Commendation for Exemplary Service to Public Works	<p><b>Purpose:</b> To recognize a non-member of APWA who is an elected government service leader for their far-reaching, positive impact on local, state or national public works programs, services, or policies through exemplary public service and commitment. This award particularly recognizes leadership in furthering the mission and goals of APWA.</p> <p><b>Eligibility:</b> Non-members of APWA who are recognized leaders that have made a positive impact or significant contribution to the public works filed. Candidates may be any elected official from local, state or federal government.</p>
Excellence in Snow and Ice Control Award	<p><b>Purpose:</b> 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.</p> <p><b>This nomination must be submitted by Jan 11, 2016 and the package received by the awards committee chair by Jan 20, 2016 for a February 1, 2017 national deadline (per the APWA Awards website).</b></p> <p><b>Eligibility:</b> Any public works agency actively involved in snow and ice removal and operations. 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. APWA membership is not required.</p>
Exceptional Performance Award	<p><b>Purpose:</b> A series of awards to recognize exceptional performance in individuals, teams, or organizations in the areas of Adversity, Diversity, Journalism (non-chapter), Journalism (chapter), Safety and Sustainability whose outstanding contributions in the course of performance raises the level of the public works profession.</p> <p><b>Eligibility:</b> Candidates may be an individual, team, or group of individuals or organizations meeting the purpose of the award. APWA membership is not required. When documenting your Exceptional Performance Award in Adversity, Diversity, Journalism, Safety or Sustainability, please include and address any sustainable practices or solutions. Only APWA chapters can submit for the Exceptional Performance Award in Journalism (chapter). All nominated publications and broadcast mediums must have been originally printed within the last two years,</p>
Technical Innovation Award / Management Innovation Award	<p><b>Purpose:</b> 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.</p> <p><b>Eligibility:</b> The award is open to anyone actively involved in the public works profession. APWA membership is not required. Any public agency may nominate.</p>

## KC Metro Chapter Committee Needs

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- The Newsletter/Communications Committee may use the chapter's electronic mailing list for announcements to KC Metro Chapter members when the topic is related to an APWA activity or event. However, an announcement will not be sent before the Chapter event has been posted on the KC Metro Chapter website.

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