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March Chapter Meeting (Joint meeting with ASCE)

Wednesday, March 11th

11:30 AM

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Public Works Institute - Module III

April 7-9th

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**2014 PACE
AWARD
RECIPIENT**

**18 YEARS
IN A ROW!**



The **Myron D. Calkins scholarship** application period is now open! See page 9 for more details.

2015 ANNUAL PARTNERS

Garver
HDR
TranSystems

Kissick Construction
City of Leawood
Walter P. Moore
HNTB

Shafer Kline & Warren
Burns & McDonnell
GBA

The 2014 annual partnership program was such a success that we will be bringing it back for 2015! If you were a partner in 2014 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 Bill Stogsdill for more information: BStogsdill@fairwaykansas.org. Don't miss out again on this great opportunity!

PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE

FROM TIM ROSS

Hello, I hope everyone's 2015 started out well. Did you know we have our 50th Anniversary this year? The Executive Committee of the KC Metro Chapter has a few items we'd like to be on all our members' minds, now that we're settled in to 2015.



First, as APWA members, we want each of you to experience the value that comes along with mentorship. In fact this is one of our Chapter's strategic goals. Rather than define a specific structure around a mentorship program, we know mentorship can grow organically from the networks you establish in the organization. Those of you that have established networks of friends in APWA already know that we are blessed with an abundance of knowledgeable and caring professionals that willingly provide their time and attention to those people that ask for advice or discussion about public works careers.

BUT, "What if I don't know a lot of folks and I don't know who to ask?" We believe that the best answer is to contact one of our Past Presidents. They know who is a good person for you to talk with. Please use our active, local President / Past Presidents / Directors as a resource. I know it can be scary to approach a leader you don't know, but really all of these people are about as scary as a teddy bear. We are here to provide guidance and engage you in learning opportunities. Do not hesitate to contact any of us:

- o Tim Ross – tross@gbateam.com
- o Wayne Gudenkauf – wayne.gudenkauf@opkansas.org
- o Robert J. Miller – rjmiller@transystems.com
- o Joe Johnson - joej@leawood.org
- o Dena Mezger - dena.mezger@cityofls.net
- o Jerry Johnson - gjohnson@skw-inc.com
- o Frank Weatherford - fweatherford@transystems.com
- o Chuck Williams - cwilliams@ci.lenexa.ks.us
- o Doug Wesselschmidt – dwesselschmidt@cityofshawnee.org
- o Larry Frevert – lwfrevert@gmail.com
- o Mike Ross - Michael.Ross@opkansas.org

Outside of individual mentorship, committees also provide access to great mentors and learning experiences. Committees are where we learn teamwork. Several committees still need help in 2015. **I am hoping all Chairs will attend our March luncheon and briefly tell our members where we need more committee participation and what your next activity will be.**

Another of our strategic goals is improving our message to the public and looking for ways to deliver it. **To all our Chairs - Please make public relations ideas and outreach opportunities a standing agenda item for your regular meetings.** Talk with your Executive Committee Liaison about your ideas so you have the full support of the Chapter. Public relations are necessary to build the level of support in the community that we need for our initiatives and to maintain our infrastructure.

Finally, all members can help with outreach to tomorrow's public works staff—today's school-age children. Even organizing or participating in one event per year can go a long way to letting our next generation know what we do behind the scenes to make our communities function. With the right avenues to share our message, all children from K through 12 can learn something about what public works means. One way to do this is to contact David Smalling and the K-12 Committee and offer your assistance.

Thank you for all you've done so far in 2015 for the organization. Let's keep this year going strong!



DELEGATE DETAILS

FROM JOE JOHNSON

The 2015 Chapter Leadership Training was held in Kansas City on February 26-27. More than 100 chapter and branch leaders from 55 chapters attended this two-day training and networking program. In addition to the Leadership Training, the Council of Chapters also met February 27. Delegates and alternate delegates gathered for general and regional sessions in addition to having time for committee meetings to address topics and ideas to support the APWA strategic priorities. The Council of Chapters continues to work on a number of topics but is looking for additional topics as they complete those they are working on. If you have a topic you think National and the Council of Chapters needs to review just send me an email.



Spring for APWA is always the time of year that nominations are accepted for national appointments to committees, election of regional directors and president-elect. APWA is issuing a call for nominations for Committee appointment for the year August 2015 – August 2016. Nominations for national committees and councils are open until March 13, 2015. The Kansas City Metro Chapter has always been well represented at the National level. To be considered for appointment under President-elect Brian Usher's term as president, you must be an APWA member and either self-nominate or be recommended by another APWA member/chapter and complete a brief bio form online. Learn more about National Committees or to nominate go to www.apwa.net/membersonly/nominations. You will need your username and password to enter the site.

As with any organization membership is always a topic of discussion. Membership at the National level at the end of 2014 was 28,559. This represents an increase of .24% over this time last year. The 2014 "1st Time Member" special offer campaign has brought in 2,281 new members in the 2014 calendar year; 220 of those are Canadian members. This is 16% (322 members) higher than same time last year. Overall retention is at 86.3%, an increase of 0.35% compared to last month. Your Metro Chapter is holding steady with its membership at 772.

National and Inter-National items of interest.

APWA's President-elect Brian Usher and Executive Director Peter King joined with other first responder organizations and FHWA for a two day dialogue on traffic incident management and efforts underway to provide training to 1,000,000 first responders including public works. For more information, contact Peter King at pking@apwa.net or Teresa Hon at thon@apwa.net.

One of KC Metro Chapter's very own, Tom Jacobs was selected for the 2015 Jennings Randolph International Fellows. APWA's International Affairs Committee and The Eisenhower Institute at Gettysburg College (EI) are pleased to announce the Jennings Randolph International Fellows for 2015. Chosen from a field of 14 applicants were Frank Pandullo, P.E., Charleston County's Stormwater Utility and Technical Manager and Tom Jacobs, Director of Environmental Programs, Mid-America Regional Council, Kansas City, Missouri.

Frank Pandullo will attend and present at the National Public Works Conference in May 2015 in Vsemina, Czech Republic and Tatry, Slovak Republic. Tom Jacobs will attend and present at the Joint IFME World Congress on Municipal Engineering and IPWEA International Public Works Conference in June 2015 in Rotorua, New Zealand. Congratulations Tom.

TECHNO MINUTE

FROM MIKE ROSS

A benefit of APWA membership is that we can network with staff from other agencies who may face the same problems but who work within a different set of rules, in a different environment, and with different opportunities. We always benefit from seeing how others solve the problems we share.

I can't remember the last Congress I attended where I didn't see a fairly large contingent from Australia who were networking with their American counterparts. Overland Park was visited last year by a small group of engineers from Australia interested in our experience with the new telemetry protocol (Alert2) for our flood warning system. We were the first in the world to switch to an all Alert2 telemetry system. Some Australian agencies use the same flood warning system technology, and wanted to discuss the issues we encountered in making the switch. They spent a day with us discussing the system and looking at several of our field installations. They were in the states on a month-long junket looking at a number of issues and visiting a number of places. Think about asking your upper management to fund a month long trip to Australia to study some aspect of their infrastructure;



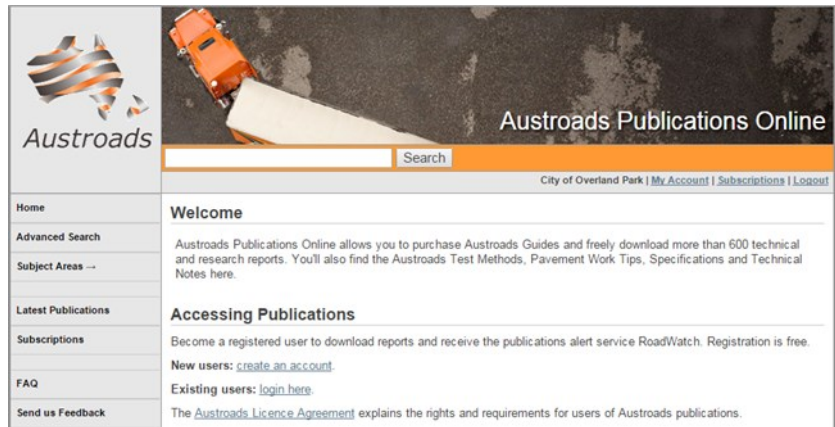
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not very likely here in the states – and yet, the Australians do this very thing, year after year. I suspect that, as Overland Park did, they are given a warm welcome by peers impressed by the lengths they're willing to travel in furthering their education.

Austrroads is an association of Australasian road and traffic agencies that is similar to our own FHWA, although they have municipal members and contributors. They've done considerable research in a variety of infrastructure topics, and their reports are often very pertinent to what we do here in the states. They don't seem constrained by the reporting relationships between FHWA the state DOTs and the local governments, so Austrroads often presents information that is directly useful to those of us in local governments.

Many of the reports that I read from FHWA, NCHRP and others reference studies by Australian authors in their bibliographies. [NCHRP Report 680](#), the AASHTO chip seal manual, makes frequent reference to Austrroads or to researchers who were influenced by them.



Here's a link to the [Austrroads website](#). Once you register and log into the website, most of the content can be downloaded for free. It's very helpful that they speak English – but their dialect is quite a bit different than ours – something to keep in mind as you read, not to mention their use of the metric system and the fact that they drive on the left side of the road.

The website has an extensive library on what they call “sprayed seals,” what we refer to as “chip seals.” The [NCHRP Report 680](#) chip seal manual makes frequent references to Austrroads references, and they have a number of research project reports that look at a variety of chip seal issues. Australia and New Zealand make extensive use of chip seals, and they have advanced the science of chip seal design, construction, and evaluation.

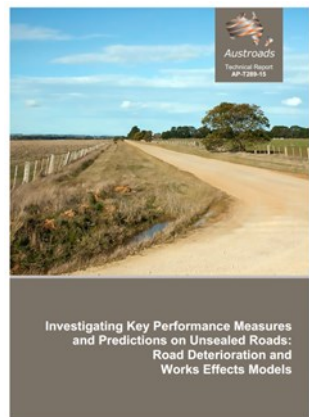
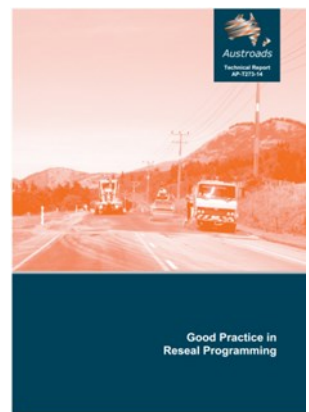
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The website has an extensive collection of reports on [bicycle facilities](#) that should be very useful and applicable to our complete streets movement.



Overland Park operates a Roughometer III to measure the International Roughness Index of our thoroughfare roads. We bought the instrument from the Australian Road Research Board (ARRB). One of the recent Austrroads publications describes a study looking at the impact of various treatments on unsurfaced roads using a Roughometer III to take the measurements. It provides guidance on the methods for utilizing IRI as a measurement of road condition.

Austrroads has a [subscription list](#) that allows users to select topics of interest and be notified by email when a new report is released in that topic. To access the subscription list, click on “Roadwatch” from the left side of the [Austrroads home page](#). Subscribing to several “lists” only generates a couple of emails a month, so the volume is tolerable and the information has been useful.



One thing I haven't found is the justification they use to travel all over the world on their junkets. If that process is as well researched and reasoned as their other reports and guides, I might need to dust off my long-term travel luggage – Great Barrier Reef, here I come.

UPCOMING EVENTS

APWA-ASCE Joint Meeting
March 11, 2015
11:30 AM - 1 PM

"Public Works Institutes - Building Tomorrow's Leaders Today!"

The KC Metro APWA Chapter sponsors a Public Works Institute (PWI) which provides supervision, management and leadership training to public works supervisors and managers and personnel aspiring to those positions. Larry Frevert, who directs the Institute for the chapter, will present an overview of the PWI, the topics it covers and how the PWI promotes professionalism among public works personnel.

Speaker: Larry Frevert, TREKK Design Group

Location: Garozzo's Overland Park, 9950 College Blvd, Overland Park, KS 66210

Registration: \$30

Public Works Institute - Module III - Public Works Management Fundamentals

KC Metro APWA Chapter's Public Works Institute
Module III – Public Works Management Fundamentals
Scheduled for April 7-9, 2015 in Belton, MO

"The best buck for the amount of training provided." - Ed Obrock, Street Maintenance Worker II - City of Lenexa, KS

"The Public Works Institute is hands down the best training opportunity for Public Works employees." - John Belger, PW Director, Mission, KS



Presentation of the Kansas City Metro APWA Chapters Public Works Institute Module III *"Public Works Management Fundamentals"* has been scheduled for Tuesday through Thursday, April 7-9, 2015. It will be held at the Memorial Station in Memorial Park – Belton, MO. The \$250 registration fee will cover three days of education/training, workbooks, continental breakfasts, lunches and break food each day. The subjects to be presented include:

- o Organizational Theory
- o Ethical Dilemmas
- o Basic Management Skills
- o Media Relations
- o Conducting Effective Meetings
- o Presentation Skills
- o Public Works Operations
- o The Law of Public Works
- o Customer Service
- o Sustainability Alternatives
- o Data-Based Decision Making
- o Team Development
- o Project Management

Registrations will be accepted on the KC Metro APWA Chapter's website beginning March 16 and ending March 27. For further details, including the full agenda, and registration go to: <http://kcmetro.apwa.net/EventDetails/4724>

“Pavement Management in the 21st Century” Hosted by the APWA MoKan Committee

March 19, 2015
9:30 A.M. to 2:30 P.M.
Overland Park Fire Training Center
12401 Hemlock St.
Overland Park, Kansas 66213
Cost: \$15.00

9:00 – 9:30 -- Registration

9:30 – 10:30 – Discussion Panel
Wayne Gudenkauf, City of Overland Park
Vince Schmoeger, City of Lee’s Summit

10:30 – 10:45 – Break

10:45 – 11:45
Jeff Beal, City of Olathe
Steve Mustain, City of Lenexa

11:45 – 12:30 Lunch (Will be provided)

12:30 – 1:30
Melissa Prenger, City of Prairie Village
Trey Whitaker, City of Mission

1:30 – 1:45 Break

1:45 – 2:30 -- Round Table Discussions

Register by March 16, 2015

Contact: Rob Kluender
City of Olathe
rkluender@olatheks.org
(913) 971-6012



2015 APWA NORTH AMERICAN SNOW CONFERENCE

The Premier Event in Snow & Ice Management

April 12-15, 2015 | DeVos Place, Grand Rapids, MI

Hosted by the APWA Michigan Chapter | www.apwa.net/snow



APWA INTERNATIONAL PUBLIC WORKS CONGRESS & EXPOSITION

AUGUST 30 – SEPTEMBER 2, 2015 ↓ PHOENIX CONVENTION CENTER

Make Plans now to be in Phoenix August 30 – September 2!

Join nearly 6,000 public works professionals in Phoenix as we unveil the newest equipment and breakthrough technologies and bring you an unparalleled education track covering the entire gamut of public works. Don't miss the chance to connect with public works professionals from all over the country in America's sixth-largest city, Phoenix, AZ. The City of Phoenix has been making environmentally sustainable practices a priority within key public works areas, creating thousands of jobs and making the city an ideal host for the public works industry's premier international event of 2015.

What's New in 2015!

- 400+ exhibits with innovative technologies that can make your job easier
- 125+ brand new education sessions covering the latest best practices and successful case studies from your peers

APWA attendees are directors, department heads, managers and operations professionals from the following areas:

- Public Works
- Engineering/Construction
- Operations
- Streets/Roads/Bridges
- Fleet Services
- Water/Wastewater
- Solid Waste
- Traffic/Transportation
- Facilities
- Emergency Management
- Parks And Grounds
- Snow/Ice Control
- Utilities And Right-Of-Way
- Stormwater/Flood Control

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, Caitlin Gard, via e-mail:

cgard@cityofshawnee.org. Photos are encouraged.

NATIONAL PUBLIC WORKS WEEK

"Community Begins Here"
May 17-23, 2015

There would be no community without the quality of life public works provides. There would be no community to police and protect, no public to lead or represent. Public works allows the world as we know it to be. This year's theme "Community Begins Here" speaks to the essential nature of Public Works services in support of everyday quality of life.



**Congratulations to the City of Lenexa for receiving the 2015 APWA
Excellence in Snow and Ice Control Award!**

Representatives will receive the award at the APWA North American Snow Conference in April

COMMITTEE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Myron D. Calkins Scholarship, Part 3

Each Spring, the Kansas City Metro Chapter solicits applications for the Myron D. Calkins scholarship. Part 1 of this series (November Pub News issue) highlighted the history of Myron Calkins and the scholarship. Part two of the series (January Pub News issue) reviewed the purpose of the scholarship and requirements for application, including eligibility. Part 3 concludes the article series with the availability of the scholarship application.

Part 3: Scholarship Application

The MDC scholarship application is now available . Applications are due Friday, April 10th, 2015.

Applications are for the 2015-16 school year. The scholarship award is \$1,500 per year. Applicants interested in this scholarship must be:

1. Enrolled in a graduate or undergraduate education or trade school program that relates to public works.
2. Enrolled in a minimum of three (3) credit hours or an accredited program for the duration of the scholarship.
3. Applying to complete a certification program through APWA (or other agencies upon approval), including but not limited to the following: Certified Stormwater Manager (CSM), Certified Public Fleet Professional (CPFP), and Certified Public Infrastructure Inspector (CPII). More information can be found online at: <http://www.apwa.net/certification/>.

Information about the scholarship is available on the KC Metro website: <http://kcmetro.apwa.net/>.

If you have any questions please contact Shannon Jeffries, scholarship committee chair, at kcmetroapwascholarship@gmail.com.

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.

Awards Committee - Tony Meyers/tony.meyers@opkansas.org/913.895.6036

Diversity Committee - Rebecca Bilderback/rcbilder@sbcglobal.net/913.710.6618 - 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.

K-12 Outreach Committee - David Smalling/davidsmalling@ibhc.com - APWA's K-12 Outreach committee was formed on 10/19/11 to accomplish the goals of Strategic Plan Goal #2 "Promote Public Works Career Opportunities".

National Public Works Week Committee - Dan Brown/dlbrown@walterpmoore.com/816.701.2100 - The National Public Works Committee plans, budgets, arranges, coordinates and presents all chapter activities for our annual NPWW celebration.

Membership Committee - Matt Spencer/m Spencer@hntb.com/816.527.2748 - The Membership Promotion Committee is responsible for programs designed to retain existing members as well as enroll new members into the Chapter.

Diversity Committee - from Abdul Yahaya



Member Spotlight



Kendra Stevenson, P.E.
Traffic Engineer, GBA



Why did you choose public works as your career field?

I always enjoyed building things as a child and was always fascinated with roads and bridges so I figured a career in Civil Engineering would suit me. I get a sense of pride driving by a project I either have worked on or been a part of. Also, knowing the improvements made at a particular location will help reduce crashes and/or improve safety gives me a sense of accomplishment.

What would someone find interesting about your job?

Honestly, when I tell people I am a Traffic Engineer they usually give me the clueless stare and I have to provide an explanation. I would say the most interesting part of my job is being the Signing Design Lead on the Gateway project right now. Just being a part of the first KDOT Design-Build project is exciting in its self!

What is your hobby or outside interest?

During the summer I love spending my weekends at Pomme de Terre Lake wakeboarding, wake surfing, slaloming, and fishing. I also enjoy taking my two dogs to the dog park when the weather is nice. Inside, I enjoy cooking and trying new recipes.

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

Diversity has so many meanings, but to me I would say it means a variety or mixture. In my job we work with such a diverse group of people (contractors, city staff, other consultants, etc.) and knowing how to communicate with them is key. Also, I work on a wide variety of projects which provide me with experience as well as make each day different and challenging.

NEW MEMBERS

Dustin Berry (Shafer Kline & Warren)
Steven Craig (Olathe)
Mark Gilmore (Prairie Village)
Jack Hendrix (Smithville)
Allan Jensen (Smithville)
Matt Just (City of Lenexa)
Rodney Lacy (Burns & McDonnell)

Robert Lemley (Smithville)
Jeffrey Mains (Lenexa)
Jeffrey Patterson (Prairie Village)
Jeffrey Phipps (Environmental Works)
Catharine Wilson (Overland Park)
Dennis Witt (Smithville)

LOOKING FOR A SUMMER INTERN? MAYBE WE CAN HELP!

Aaron Castro, KC Metro APWA Student Chapter Committee Chair, has been working hard to expand the presence of APWA on the UMKC campus. He has had the opportunity to meet with several students, many whom are considering careers in public works/engineering and are interested in a summer internship. If your company is looking for a student intern, please contact Aaron at ajcastro@HNTB.com or 913.312.4966. If a student asks about internship opportunities, he would be glad to pass your company's information on. Aaron is committed to student outreach efforts in the community and to providing opportunities for APWA education and careers, and this is a great way to further that effort!

CHAPTER LEADERSHIP

KC APWA 2015 OFFICERS

President - Tim Ross
Vice President - Bill Stogsdill
Secretary - Jason Meyers
Treasurer - Rob Krewson
Past President - Wayne Gudenkauf
Director (2nd Year) - Dan Brown
Director (2nd Year) - Shannon Jeffries
Director (1st Year) - Therese Mersmann
Director (1st Year) - Cory Clark
Director-At-Large - Robert Kluender
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 cmorgan@hntb.com with "Beam Me Up!" in the subject line.

Publisher: Kansas City Metro Chapter of APWA
Editor: Caitlin Gard
Staff: Tim Morgan

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 May. The deadline for the next issue will be Friday, April 24th, 2015. Deadlines will be strictly enforced. Electronic formats are preferred, but not required. Send your stories to Caitlin Gard at 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 Melissa Prenger
By-Laws - Wayne Gudenkauf
Chapter Meetings - Joe Burgett
Communications and Publicity - Tim Morgan
Community Service - Shawn Graff
Diversity - Abdul Yahaya
Education & Training - Todd Thalmann
Emergency Management & Homeland Security (PET) - Scott Ward
Emerging Leaders - Rob Kline
Engineering & Technology - Michael Haake
Facilities & Grounds - Tom Audley
Fleet Services - Howard Mann
Golf Tournament - Tawn Nugent
Governmental Affairs - Travis Levitt and Joab Ortiz
Historical - Ernie Longoria
Holiday Party - Julie McNiff
K-12 Student Outreach - David Smalling
Leadership & Management - Eric Strack
Membership - Matt Spencer
Membership BBQ & Steak Fry - Brian Ladd
Mo-Kan Public Works Association - Robert Kluender
Myron D. Calkins Scholarship - Shannon Jeffries and Phil Herrman
Myron Calkins Scholarship - Wayne Gudenkauf
National Public Works Week - Dan Brown
Nominating Committee - Wayne Gudenkauf
Past President Committee - Wayne Gudenkauf
Snow & Equipment Training Expo - Chuck Walston and Chad Courtois
Standards & Specifications - Dena Mezger
Student Chapter - Aaron Castro
Sustainable Infrastructure - Ann Schroer and Brenda Macke
Transportation - Jim Wingert
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 - Alysen Abel
MCIB/KCMMB - Todd LaTorella
Solid Waste Management - Lisa McDaniel

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