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# **2018 ANNUAL PARTNERS**



## PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE FROM JASON MEYERS

Summer is a busy time for our chapter, with lots of opportunities to get to know your fellow members and give back to our community. I have provided information on some of our upcoming events below. I look forward to seeing you there!

### PWX 2018: Kansas City Convention Center – August 26-29

We are less than one month away from PWX, and I hope you are ready and have signed up to volunteer for the event. This year's workshops cover a wide variety of educational topics and tours, including KC Scout, ADS manufacturing plant, Rock Island Trail, Kansas City Zoo, BNSF Railway Intermodal Facility, KC Streetcar System

and Singleton Yard Facility, as well as a special visit to the National World War I Museum and Memorial. As you can see, we have a very busy conference and can use all the help we can get.

I can't say enough great things about are local host committee. Under the leadership of Bill Stogsdill, Tim Ross and Joe Johnson, this committee has run very smoothly. We have the best volunteers in the nation and that is one of the main reasons APWA National selected us to host this great event. As noted in the first Pub News of the year, PWX is one of the top seven convention events in Kansas City in 2018, right behind big events like the Big 12 college basketball and VFW national convention. The economic impact of PWX is over \$5 million dollars for the Kansas City area. Let's show off our pride in our chapter and our hometown!

### National Equipment Roadeo: Kansas City Convention Center – August 28

The National Equipment Roadeo will take place in Hall E of the Kansas City Convention Center. Competitors will show off their skills with the backhoe/ Mini-Excavator, Skidsteer, and Mechanic competition.

It should be a very exciting competition, and we'll top it off with the Chapter Dinner at Topgolf. We expect a lot of members to attend this event, so please register early. Topgolf games can be played by all ages and skill levels, and the microchipped golf balls score themselves. Come and have a great time at this chapter event!

There are lots of opportunities to volunteer at PWX, including a special event that combines a golf tournament, brewery tour, and 5K Fun Run. Please visit this website to volunteer: <u>http://signup.com/go/PWX2018KC</u>

## DELEGATE DETAILS FROM BILL STOGSDILL

Can you believe we are less than one month away from hosting PWX? In addition to all of the great training opportunities at PWX, Kansas City will have several special events that could interest you. Here are a few:

- Get Acquainted Party in the "Living Room" Sunday at Power and Light
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual National Equipment Roadeo on Tuesday
- Young Professionals Reception Monday at No Other Pub
- Chapter Dinner at Top Golf on Tuesday
- Golf on Saturday morning at Tiffany Greens
- Walking Brewery Tour on Saturday evening in the Crossroads
- PWX 5K Tuesday morning

Registration for golf, the brew tour, the 5k and the chapter dinner is open so go and sign up if you haven't already <u>www.pwx.apwa.net</u>.





# Delegate Details—continued from page 2

Workshop Wednesday is a PWX tradition that involves tours of local venues and this year we have chosen great locations for the attendees. They include:

- KC Scout
- Advanced Drainage Systems Plant Tour
- Tour of the Rock Island Line Trail
- KC Zoo
- BNSF's Intermodal Facility
- KC Streetcar
- World War I Museum

If any of these tours interest you please register at <u>www.pwx.apwa.net</u>. There is an additional charge (unless you have a full registration) for the tours and space is limited so register soon.

PWX is our professions main event of the year, this is our chance to show the Public Works world what Kansas City has to offer, let's make it an event to remember.

<u>DCS</u> - The DCS credentialing program will end August 2018. All those previously credentialed through DCS will continue to be recognized. No new applicants have been accepted into the program since August 2016.

	PWS	PWM	PWE	TOTAL
Current DCS Graduates	7	20	19	46

The new Certified Public Works Professional (CPWP), the replacement for DCS, is set to launch at PWX in Kansas City and has entered the examination development phase. Item writing training was held by webinar on April 16, April 18 and April 24. Exam questions are being written by PW personnel throughout May and June. Anyone interested in participating, please contact Phyllis Muder at <u>pmuder@apwa.net</u>. An e-mail has been sent to the entire APWA membership about the new certifications launching at PWX in Kansas City. DSC individuals who had asked to transition to the new program have been notified and will get further instructions in June. The new certification program is on schedule to launch August 2018.

**Emerging Leaders Academy** - Applications for 2018-2019 ELA are currently available via the ELA webpage (<u>www.apwa.net/</u><u>emergingleaders</u>) with an August 17, 2018 submission deadline. It is the hope that extending the availability of the application allows more members to learn about and consider applying for the program in the coming year. For questions about ELA or for more information, contact Deanne Cross at <u>dcross@apwa.net</u>.

If you have any questions about PWX please contact Joe Johnson ( <u>jcjohnson@burnsmcd.com</u> ), Tim Ross (<u>tross@gbateam.com</u> ) or myself (<u>bstogsdill@fairwaykansas.org</u> )if we are not able to answer the question we will find the right people that can.

# **Communications and Publicity Committee Needs!**

Speaking of committee needs. Do you love reading the PubNews and the Facebook page? Is this something you would be interested in managing?

Our Communications and Publicity Chair, Caitlin Gard, has accepted another opportunity outside of Public Works, and will be passing the baton for PubNews editing and Facebook management. Is this something you're interested in?

Contact Caitlin Gard at cgard@cityofshawnee.org asap!

# **RECENT EVENTS**

## Leadership & Management Breakfast—May 23, 2018

On Wednesday, May 23rd the Leadership and Management Committee provided a breakfast presentation with special guest speaker Frank Williams from the City of Columbus, Ohio. Frank discussed the importance of Identity Leadership emphasizing the point to always remember "Who you are" and as you move up in your career, not to forget the people near the bottom of the organization. In total, we had 45 people attend the breakfast which was located at City of Roeland Park Community Center.

The Leadership and Management Committee invites everyone to attend the **PWX Session - Conversations at the Top** on Monday, August 27th 9:45am-11:00am, which will be a moderated discussion with Dena Mezger, Patty Hilderbrand, and Chuck Williams all whom are past Chapter Top Ten Leaders or National Top Ten Leaders. You will learn about the paths they followed to achieve positions of leadership. They will talk about the challenges of public works leadership and provide insights into their decision-making processes and strategic planning approaches. They will also offer advice on how to grow and develop into better leaders.



## **APWA YP/ASCE YM Royals Tailgate**

The APWA YP group and ASCE YM Group met to tailgate and attend the Royals' game against the Astros on June 15. 71 attended the game. The tailgate was better than the baseball but we got to see fireworks after the game as well.





## 14th Annual APWA BBQ Challenge—June 8, 2018

The 14th Annual APWA BBQ challenge was held on June 8, 2018 at the Knights of Columbus Park in Shawnee, KS. The contest was hot and steamy for early June, and I'm not just talking about the delicious BBQ! Many thanks to our corporate event sponsors and to the sixteen BBQ teams that competed in this year's contest!

As usual, the majority of the BBQ judges were Past Presidents from the KC Metro chapter. The participating teams were judged in the categories of sausage, chicken, ribs, and pork. This year's Grand Champions for the contest, and the recipients of the traveling BBQ Champions' trophy, was CFS BBQ Team (CFS Engineers). Blazing Cattles BBQ (Walter P. Moore) narrowly missed repeating as champion and earned the Reserve Grand Championship trophy. Second Hand Smoke (City of Olathe) came in third place.

Other participating teams included: Gun Smoke 301 (City of Olathe), Grease Monkey (City of Olathe), Seriously Smokin' (Burns & McDonnell), Beats Workin' (TranSystems), GBA BBQ Team (George Butler Associates), Dunn Up BBQ (City of Leawood), Rub Me Tender (City of Shawnee), Terra Bull BBQ (Terracon), Swine Dining (Affinis Corporation), We Smoke Pigs (WSP), Smokin' R Butts Off BBQ (City of Olathe), Too Sauced to Smoke (ASP Enterprises) and Rib'D Chicken (Olsson Associates).

Corporate sponsors for this year's event were: Affinis, TranSystems, HDR, HNTB, TREKK Design Group, City of Leawood, GBA, Terracon, Burns & McDonnell, Olsson Associates, HG Consult, Walter P. Moore, Anderson Engineering, Benesch, City of Olathe, and BHC Rhodes.



# UPCOMING EVENTS



### SATURDAY, AUGUST 25 Check-in: 7:00 a.m., Shotgun Start: 8:30 a.m.

TIFFANY GREENS GOLF CLUB 6100 NW Tiffany Springs Parkway Kansas City, MO 64154

Snacks and Drinks on Golf Course!

Buffet Lunch and Awards after the round.

PLAYER COST (Before July 16) \$100.00

PLAYER COST (After July 16 - if spots open) \$125.00

\*Sign up as an individual or as a team

Bus transportation provided from conference hotel.

Contact Cory Clark for any questions at (913) 449-9568 or cclark@gbateam.com



Thank you to our continued sponsors of this event: Anderson Engineering, Affinis, Benesch, BHC Rhodes, Burns & McDonnell, Emery Sapp & Sons, GBA, HDR, HG Consult, HNTB, Olsson, Terracon, TranSystems, TREKK, Vance Brothers, & Walter P Moore.

For more information and to register or sponsor, visit <u>http://kcmetro.apwa.net/EventDetails/15405</u>.



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# WALKING BREWERY TOUR

# SATURDAY, AUGUST 25 4:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Join us on our KC Brewery Tour in the vibrant Crossroads Art District at 2018 PWX. We will be visiting <u>Double Shift Brewing Co.</u>, <u>Border Brewing Co.</u> and <u>Brewery Emperial</u>, with a KC BBQ feast at International Tap House.

> Streetcar transportation available from conference/downtown hotels

> > **Give Aways Included**

Tour open to first 75 participants

INDIVIDUAL COST (Prior to June 30) \$50.00

INDIVIDUAL COST (After June 30) \$60.00

Contact Chris Lockey at (816) 547-3224 or chris.lockey@kcmo.org





## Public Works Institute Module II Public Works Supervision Skills

This is an advance announcement that the next module of the KC Metro Chapter's training for public works supervisors and managers "Public Works Supervision Skills" has been scheduled for October 23-25, 2018 in the 2nd Floor Ballroom of the Memorial Hall in downtown Kansas City, KS – 600 N. 7th Street Trafficway, Kansas City, KS 66101.



Photo from Module I, Spring 2018

Registration for the Public Works Supervision Skills module can be done during September on the website: <u>http://kcmetro.apwa.net/</u> <u>EventDetails/15852</u>. Further details regarding the training subjects, speakers, driving directions to and parking arrangements at Memorial Hall will be posted on this website as the September registration dates approach. Also, more details will be available in the September PubNews.

Please refer any questions to Larry Frevert, PE, PWI Director at <u>lwfrevert@gmail.com</u> or 816.582.9236.

# **5K FUN RUN & WALK**

TUESDAY, AUGUST 28 7:00 - 8:30 a.m. \$30/person (early bird - register by June 30)

\$35/person after June 30

Streetcar transportation available from conference/downtown hotels

### T-SHIRTS & MEDALS FOR PARTICIPANTS!

Join us and run at the PWX 5k! The 2018 PWX Fun Run 5K will be located conveniently at Berkely Riverfront Park, a one-of-a-kind expanse of greenspace filled with cultural and recreational amenities.

Contact Heather Bray at (816) 686-6776 or heather.bray@kcmo.org

# EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

The City of Shawnee is hiring a Project Engineer - Storm Drainage.

The City of Shawnee is hiring an Engineering Technician - Engineering Division.

The City of Shawnee is hiring an Facility Program Specialist.

The City of Edgerton is hiring a Public Works Director.

To advertise employment opportunities, please contact our webmaster <u>Tiffany Cartwright</u>.



#### SCHEDULE

Wednesday, October 24 8:00 am - Registration 8:30 am - 4:30 pm - Training 5:00 pm -7:00 pm - Optional Facility Tour and Reception

Thursday, October 25 8:00 am -12:00 pm - Training

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How to Maintain

Maximize the ROI

of Your Pavement

Investment

#### How to Rehabilitate Proactive Pavement Rehabilitation Options

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#### Instructors

Tim Murphy, PE, President Murphy Pavement Technology, Inc.



Tim promotes best practices within the asphalt industry on local, regional, and national levels. He works collaboratively with agencies, associations, consultants, suppliers, and contractors to ensure quality asphalt construction at the most economical price.

#### Michael L. Groh, Principal Pavement Consulting/ LLC



Michael has been associated with the paving industry for four decades. His experience has been as a contractor, material supplier, and consultant with over twenty of his 40+ years working in the consulting industry.

#### Dan Staebell, Northcentral Regional Director Asphalt Pavement Alliance

Dan has 35 years+ of asphalt paving knowledge working in all facets ranging from estimating, project management, construction, liquid binder technologies, and marketing. Dan works with APA partners; NAPA, AI and the Regional State Asphalt Paving Associations.

#### Join us October 24 & 25, 2018

#### Commercial and Industrial Parking Lot Training

University of Missouri-Kansas City Atterbury Student Success Center Pierson Auditorium 5000 Holmes - Kansas City, MO 64110 of PDH credits for Professional Engineers will be provided with training.

10 Hours

Space is limited. Click <u>here</u> to reserve your spot today or contact the Asphalt Pavement Alliance regional office – Dan Staebell at <u>dstaebell@asphaltroads.org</u> or 563.927.3044.

# **PAVEX**press

"Great course. Presenters were professional/ knowledgeable and very informed. Overall very satisfied with the length of class, presenters and material covered." - Previous attendee Pavement design training using PaveXpress software



# COMMITTEE ANNOUNCEMENTS

## KC Metro Chapter APWA—Policy Clarifications

The Executive Board of the KC Metro Chapter of APWA truly appreciates all of its members. Whether that be a college intern, a staff member who just received their PE, a retired engineer, and all of our private corporations. Therefore, the following decisions have been made regarding special "announcements" in the PubNews:

- We are always sad to lose a member, so in memoriam, if someone would like to write (or share) an obituary from another member's passing, we would be happy to share.
- We like to celebrate with you during one of the biggest steps you are going to take in your professional career retirement! We would be happy to share an announcement for you! This only applies to retirements, we will not post for promotions or changes of employment.

Questions? Contact Jason Meyer at <u>imeyers@burnsmcd.com</u>.

# NEW MEMBERS

John Batchelor, TranSystems Brandon Kuehl, Burns & McDonnell Kenny Loy, City of Platte City Dan Merkh, City of Edgerton Robert Turner, City of Prairie Village



 We have set up the volunteer sign up portal for all those that are interested in being part of this amazing event. We will need several hundred volunteers to make this event a success. This is a very exciting time for our chapter and our region and we cannot make 2018 PWX the Best Show in Public Works without your support, so please register now!



# CHAPTER LEADERSHIP

#### **KC APWA 2018 OFFICERS**

President - Jason Meyers Vice President - Dan Brown Secretary - Shawn Graff Treasurer - Kyle Dieckmann Past President - Rob Krewson Director (2<sup>nd</sup> Year) - Cory Clark Director (2<sup>nd</sup> Year) - Alysen Abel Director (1<sup>st</sup> Year) - Ben Will Director (1<sup>st</sup> Year) - Ben Will Director (1<sup>st</sup> Year) - Becky Bonebrake Director-At-Large - Bill Billings Delegate - Joe Johnson Alternate Delegate - Bill Stogsdill

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 <u>cgard@cityofshawnee.org</u> 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 May. The deadline for the next issue will be Friday, August 31, 2018. 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.

#### **APWA 2018 COMMITTEE CHAIRS**

Audit & Budget - Alysen Abel Awards - Becky Bonebrake and JD Reitinger By-Laws - Bill Stogsdill **Chapter Meetings - Joe Burgett** Communications and Publicity - Caitlin Gard Community Service - Jack Renfro Diversity - Abdul Yahaya Education & Training - S. Joji Calabro and Jacob Deiter Emergency Management & Homeland Security (PET) -Scott Ward Emerging Leaders - Kati Horner Gonzalez Engineering & Technology - Michael Haake Facilities & Grounds - Michael Coats Fleet Services - Howard Mann Golf Tournament - Tawn Nugent Governmental Affairs - Travis Levitt Historical - Ernie Longoria Holiday Party - Julie McNiff K-12 Student Outreach - David Smalling Leadership & Management - Nick Arena and Jose Leon Membership - Scott Cogan Membership BBQ & Steak Fry - Brian Ladd MidAmX—Patty Hilderbrand Mo-Kan Public Works Association - Bill Billings Myron D. Calkins Scholarship - Phil Hermann Myron Calkins Symposium—Tim Ross National Public Works Week - Dan Brown Nominating Committee - Bill Stogsdill Past President Committee - Bill Stogsdill Snow & Equipment Training Expo - Randy Fine Standards & Specifications - Dena Mezger Student Chapter - Aaron Castro and Tim Cope Sustainability - JC Alonzo Transportation - Jaclyn White and Linda Rottinghaus Utility & Public Right-of-Way - Matthew Schmitz Water Resources Management - Chad Johnson

Appointments, Liaisons, and Coordinators

ACEC-APWA Liaison - Howard Lubliner Calendar/Events Coordinator - Kathy Ruth Joint Engineers Council - Howard Lubliner MCIB/KCMMB - Todd LaTorella Solid Waste Management - Lisa McDaniel

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

This policy was approved by the Executive Committee on November 19, 2008.