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**2014 PACE
AWARD
RECIPIENT**

**18 YEARS
IN A ROW!**

Do you have or know a student in college or trade school that is interested in a career in public works? Are you perhaps interested in continuing education to advance your career in public works? If your answer to either question is yes, see page 13!

2014 ANNUAL SPONSORS



PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE

FROM WAYNE GUDENKAUF



September and October were full of Chapter activities and the Royals ended Game 7 of the World Series with the tying run 90 feet away from home plate. The Royals delivered a season worth remembering and a season worthy of celebrating.

On September 9th, the Diversity Committee sponsored a panel discussion on the importance of work force diversity with special guest panelists called Gap Coverage: Bridging the Generational Divide. The discussion was held in the Lee's Summit, MO.

The Annual Steak Fry was held on September 17th at the Mike Onka Memorial Building in Sugar Creek, MO.

The Annual Golf Tournament was held at The Deuce at the National Golf Club in Parkville, MO again this year. The shotgun start was at 8:30 a.m. on September 23rd.

The Annual Mid-America Snow & Equipment Expo was held October 6th through 10th in Gardner, KS. The expo provides training, education, and a bit of spirited competition. If you haven't participated or observed, I recommend marking your calendar for early October 2015.

On October 14th, the Winter Maintenance Supervisor Certificate Workshop was held at Burns & McDonnell in Kansas City, MO. The workshop provides a well-rounded overview of all aspects of snow and ice control for individuals charged with supervising their winter maintenance operations.

The Leadership and Management Breakfast was also held on October 14th at the City of Westwood, KS.

Public Works Institute, Module II Public Works Supervision Skills was presented from October 21st through October 23rd at the City of Olathe, KS.

KDOT and MoDOT discussed current and upcoming construction projects in the Metro Area at the Annual Orange Barrel Report in Kansas City, MO on October 22nd.

The Chapter Planning Retreat was on October 29th at the City of Westwood, KS.

By now, you may be wondering why I listed all of these past activities and locations. By the way, I apologize if I missed any activities. During the last two months, our Chapter hosted nine activities from Gardner, KS to Sugar Creek, MO. Five were in Missouri and four were in Kansas. Our Chapter provided a similar amount of activities during the previous eight months. My point is, if you review this list and the other opportunities that were provided by the Chapter, this Chapter really does have a lot to offer and it is all possible because of the dedicated members who volunteer to make it happen. I encourage you to add coworkers to your membership rosters so they have the opportunity to join committees and attend these activities too.

The November Luncheon will be held on November 19th and the presentation will be KC Streetcar: A Vehicle for Diversity. This presentation will provide an update on the Kansas City Streetcar project. Jason Waldron, City of Kansas City, MO and Meghan Jansen, KC Streetcar Constructors will provide information on the impact a streetcar in Kansas City will have on the overall community.

This year the Holiday Party will be at the Unity Inn Banquet Facility on December 10th. Please contact Julie McNiff for additional details.

Thank you for your time, support, and involvement in the Chapter. Our Chapter is truly a great one. Thank you Past President Bob Miller for your guidance and thank you 2014 Executive Committee, Committee Chairs, and all of our members for your commitment to the Chapter. I look forward to serving on the 2015 Executive Committee under the leadership of Tim Ross.

Thank you for delivering a year worth remembering and a year worthy of celebrating.

DELEGATE DETAILS

FROM JOE JOHNSON

We are quickly coming to the end of 2014 and it seems like each year goes by faster than the previous. This year we have seen a complete change in the House of Delegates. Not only has the name changed to the Council of Chapters, but also how this group functions. Chapters are working on their By-Laws to incorporate the new name and ours should be ready to vote on by the Holiday Party.



There are several committees within the Council of Chapters. Each Delegate participates on one of the committees addressing issues affecting our Chapter. This past Congress was the first meeting of the Council of Chapters and we will meet again February 26 in Kansas City during the Leadership Training. During this meeting we will get updates on the progress these committees are making with each of their assignments. Once a committee completes its assignment the information goes to National Staff and the Board and then out to the Chapters.

At the National Level membership is holding at 28,651. Our overall member retention is at 86.47% which is consistent with last month. This year's average retention is about 1.4% lower than the prior fiscal year's. The 2014 "1st Time Member" special offer campaign brought in 1,751 new members; 192 of those are in Canada. That is about 21% (298 members) higher than same-time-last-year. The Chapters current membership is 777 up from 770 in June.

The "APWA Membership: What Can It Do for You?" PowerPoint presentation has been updated. It is available in the Members Only part of www.apwa.net, - go to Member Tools, then click on "Retention Toolkit". This presentation was originally designed as a tool for reminding members of all the programs and opportunities APWA provides, but it can also be utilized as a recruitment tool. A script is provided with the presentation. There's also a continuous loop version of the presentation which does not require a presenter, so it can be running in the background or on a side table at a display booth.

The 2015 Chapter Leadership Training is set for February 26-27 in Kansas City. The biennial event brings together leaders from most APWA Chapters. This provides the opportunity for chapters and branch leaders to network and exchange ideas with other leaders while learning more about the resources available to leaders from National.

It's not too early to think about the 2015 Snow Conference and the International Public Works Congress & Exposition. The North American Snow Conference will be held April 12-15, 2015 in Grand Rapids, MI. This unique event offers the public works/winter maintenance community the opportunity to experience the most concentrated collection of snow and ice solutions under one roof. The 2015 APWA International Public Works Congress & Exposition will be in Phoenix, AZ. August 30-September 2.

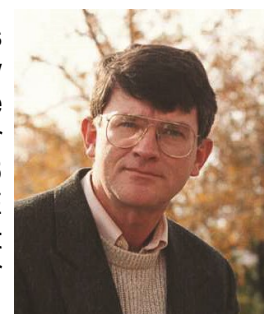
2014 is quickly fading into the past and 2015 will soon be upon us. It continues to be a pleasure representing the Chapter as your Delegate and I am looking forward to another year. As always if you have any questions about what is happening at the national level please let me know.

Happy Holidays!

TECHNO MINUTE

FROM MIKE ROSS

Tim Ross just presided over the annual Chapter Planning Retreat at Westwood City Hall. The Chapter has held these for decades - they give the new leadership group a running start for the new year. Among many other topics, we discussed the use of the website at the retreat, and encouraged all committee chairs to make full use of the website to conduct their committees business. The website provides a central location for storing documents, for managing activities, and for archiving history. We've been fortunate over the past 18 years to win the President's Award for Chapter Excellence (PACE). The application process for the PACE award benefits from our ability to document our many activities. The website makes the task of storing that record relatively easy and it provides a mechanism for retrieving that information open to all of our chapter leaders.



The website has undergone a number of changes in recent years. The KCMetro chapter migrated to the new chapter template website (CT4) late in 2013, and used it to manage the MidAm show and chapter events for this year.

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If you were frustrated by the performance of the website earlier this year you should give it another try – it's much, much faster and many bugs have been discovered and fixed. APWA continues to make improvements and have listed "Constantly improve and enhance website and tools for chapters" as a secondary priority of the National 2014-2017 Strategic Plan.

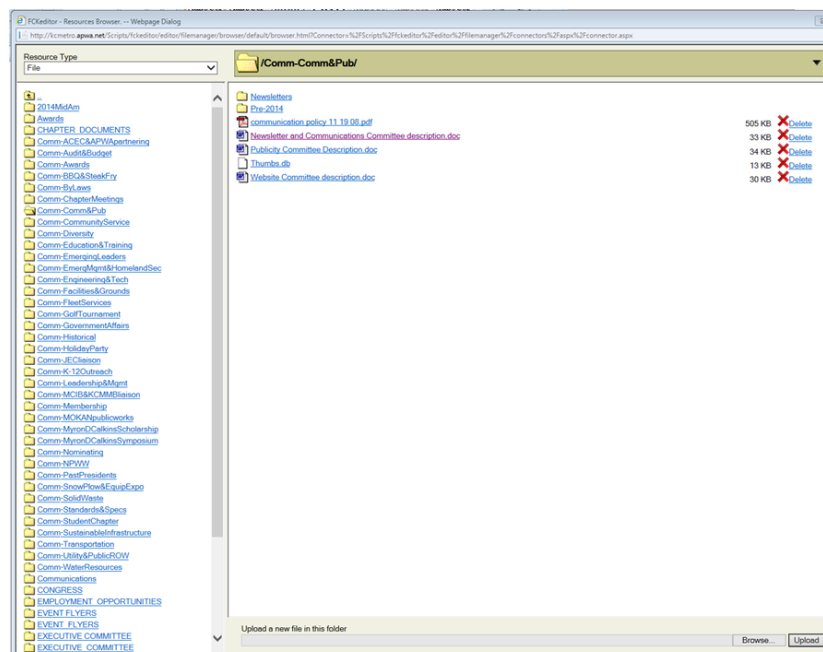
To add or edit any content, you must be an administrator and you must be logged in. To log in you must have a username and a password. If you've forgotten yours, the KCMetro site has links that will allow you to reset your password. If you've forgotten your username and you're a member, you can call APWA National at (816) 572-6100 for assistance – or you can use the Login Recovery system at Nationals website <http://www.apwa.net/Account/RecoverUserPassword/>. This does require you to know your member number – but the page gives instructions on where to find that information if you've lost your membership card. The credentials used for accessing the chapter website and the national website are the same, so if you've created an account on one, you can use it on the other.

All content editing/creation starts at the Control Panel:



After you've logged in, and if you've been given any administrative rights, you should have a "Control Panel" link at the upper right of the KCMetro webpage.

The document library provides a mechanism for organizing committee and chapter documents. In its current state, it does not allow you to preview files, and the "Delete" link does not delete any files. Solutions to these issues are on National's list of enhancements, but even in its current form this is a useful tool. This tool makes it easy to create folders and to upload files into those folders. Other creation tools have links that allow the user to connect to files stored in the document library. This screenshot shows the files stored in the folder Comm-Comm&Pub – the Communications and Publicity Committees folder.



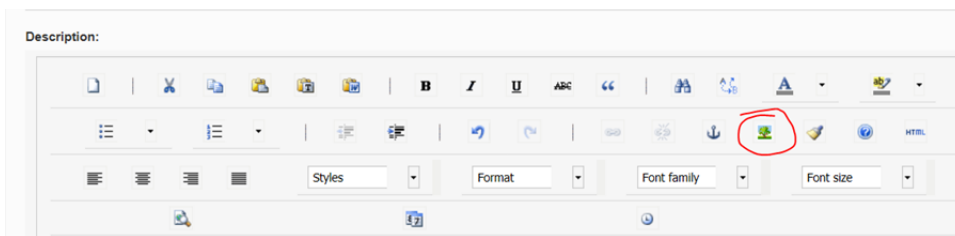
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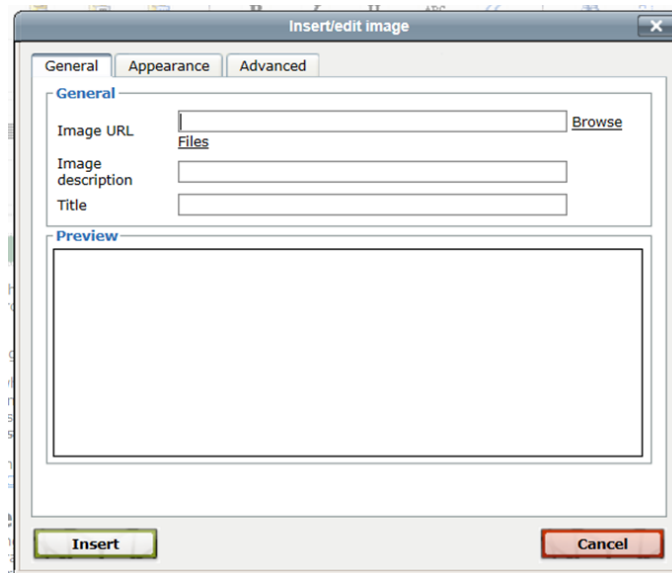
While we're waiting for the addition of a file previewer and other enhancements that would make the document library behave more like Windows Explorer, we can use an FTP site that National configured for us. This site is documented on the chapter website (under Resources). The FTP site is updated periodically, so files that you upload today may not appear until tomorrow on the FTP site. This is open to members, so committee chairs might want to distribute documents to the committee members through the FTP connection. The page provides a link to the free FTP program FileZilla. If you can download this program, I'd recommend that you do so – it will make your FTP experience much more friendly.

Administrators can create and edit new content pages (From Control Panel – Page Manager – Create New Page). We've got many "great" minds in our chapter, and because they often think alike, please conduct a search for your content page prior to creating a new one – use the search box and any part of a page title to search for content.

The content page editor is a "what you see is what you get" (WYSIWYG) style editor. By clicking on the "Image" tool you can add hyperlinks to documents stored in the document library to your page. Here's the content page editing toolbar with the image tool that does this circled in red:



After clicking the image tool, the Insert/edit image dialog opens:



If you then click the "Browse" link, the document library will open from which you can select a file to insert into the content page. Sounds like a lot of steps, but once you do it a few times it's really very easy.

The Specifications Page is an example of a content page constructed using these tools. Note that because we are currently unable to delete files we also are unable to replace older files with newer ones. The workaround is to add dates or serial numbers to the filename. Hopefully National will add this capability in the near future. They aren't charging us for storage, so aside from the digital clutter, we can't complain.

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APWA is constantly improving and updating the code behind the website. If you encounter problems with the website, you might try another Internet browser. I use Google Chrome, but find that Microsoft Internet Explorer works better. If you find problems and report them to me, I'll forward them on to National. I was sending Ashley Wilson a lot of emails during the period leading up to the MidAm, and she always responded very quickly often with a resolution to the problem we were encountering. A documented list of steps to reliably cause the problem is extremely helpful to the developers assigned the task of fixing the problem.

Feel free to contact me at michael.ross@opkansas.org if you have questions, if you've been assigned the task of adding content for a committee and need administrative rights, or if you've discovered a bug. Also feel free to use the website – it's a great collaborative tool for the chapter.

RECENT EVENTS

2014 APWA Snow & Equipment Expo

The 2014 APWA Snow & Equipment Expo was held October 6-10th in Gardner, KS. Congratulations to the team competition winner, the City of Topeka!

2014 Competition Top Finishers

Weather or Not CDL Skills Competition
KC Bobcat Skid Steer Competition
Murphy Tractor Backhoe Competition
Key Equipment Street Sweeper Competition
Summit Truck Group Mechanic Competition
Murphy Tractor Wheel Loader Competition
Victor L Phillips Excavator Competition
American Equipment Snow Plow Competition

Jim Fincham, City of Topeka
Alex Schell, City of Topeka
Daniel Williams, City of Kansas City, MO
Dennis Fenoughty, Johnson County
Jeff Brotherton, City of Olathe
Mark Koehn, City of Overland Park
Jimmy Wincham, City of Olathe
Jim Fincham, City of Topeka



Annual Steak Fry in Sugar Creek- from Bob Miller



The annual Steak Fry was held September 17th at the Mike Onka Building in Sugar Creek. The weather cooperated once again as the evening temperatures were in the seventies. The meal was plentiful and included the usual smoked sausage appetizer along with garlic toast on the grills, followed by a seasoned rib-eye steaks, large baked potato, salad, green beans and dessert.

Members of the Steak Fry committee gathered to cut and season the steaks the night before. Ed Layton, Sugar Creek Public Works Director, Kathy Marinovich, and other Sugar Creek personnel did their usual fantastic job of decorating the building, setting up the tables and bringing in the grills. Many thanks for their part in making the Steak Fry a successful event.

The attendance has been decreasing each year and this year's Steak Fry was attended by eighteen Chapter members. There will not be a Steak Fry next year (2015) based on the recent attendance trend and the minimal attendance this year. The BBQ/Steak Fry committee will reevaluate the event and determine if it should continue in 2016. The Steak Fry is unique to the KC Metro Chapter and the committee would like to see the event continue. If you would like to see the Steak Fry continued or have ideas to make this event sustainable, please contact Bob Miller at rjmiller@transystems.com.

Golf Tournament— from Heidi Thummel

September 23 was a gorgeous fall day with 116 players in the annual KC Metro Golf Tournament held at The Deuce at the National Golf Club in Parkville, MO. A big thank you again to all tournament sponsors, players, volunteers, and companies that provided donations to make this such a successful event! Following are the tournament results:

Flight A

- 1st Place – Aerotek
- 2nd Place – TREKK Design Group
- 3rd Place – Burns & McDonnell

Flight B

- 1st Place – SAK/SPR
- 2nd Place – Vance Brothers
- 3rd Place – Olsson Associates

Flight C

- 1st Place – CDM Smith
- 2nd Place – BHC Rhodes
- 3rd Place – TranSystems

Pin Prizes:

- Closest to the Pin: Riley Piles, Tawn Nugent, Dick Martely
- Longest Drive Men: Brian Johanning
- Longest Drive Women: Heidi Thummel



Public Works Institute- Public Works Supervision Skills– from Larry Frevert, PWI Director

The Kansas City Metro APWA Chapter's Public Works Institute presented Module II – Public Works Supervision Skills, October 21-23, 2014 at the Olathe Service Center. Thirty-nine 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 was taken:



Kneeling, First Row, Left to Right: John Belger – Mission, Tom Wooddell – Riverside, Jake Worden – Lenexa, Rodney Richards – Grandview, Jason Feuerstein – Lee's Summit, Marco Leal-Herrera – Lenexa, Kenny Oshel – Edgerton, KS, Juan Campos – Lenexa, Ton Mesa – Raytown, Norman Buescher – Riverside, Larry Sanchez – Olathe, Kevin Taylor – Shawnee
Kneeling, Second Row, Left to Right: Guy Porter – Leawood, Shane Hill, Lenexa
Standing, Left to Right: Matt Willier – Jackson County, Charles McAllister – Johnson County Wastewater, Jason Stewart – Leavenworth, Clinton McNemie – Atchison, Andrew Weber – Lenexa, Guy Vincent – Grandview, Tim Morgan – Overland Park, Paul Dunn – Leawood, Trey Whitaker – Mission, Kenneth Davis – Lee's Summit, Abe Forney – St. Joseph, Eric Patterson – Harrisonville, Beau Ford – Spring Hill, David Frazier – Belton, Trent Wempe – Spring Hill, Ed Obrock – Lenexa, Scott Jennings – Olathe, Robin Carbrey – Olathe, Joe Don Harrell – Belton, Larry Brunsky – Lenexa, Preston Phillips – Raytown, Ted Korgol – Shawnee, Brian Bond – Shawnee, Tommy Dempsey – Belton, Chris Dankenbring – Olathe and Larry Frevert PWI Director

The KC Metro APWA Chapter and its Public Works Institute appreciate the City of Olathe's gracious and complimentary use of their Service Center's training room for the presentation of the three day training. We also express appreciation to the Olathe staff for their courtesies and assistance.

The KC Metro APWA Chapter's Public Works Institute is one of 18 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:

- Supervisory Techniques and Skills
- Basic Management Skills
- Communications Skills
- Leadership Skills
- Community Service/Customer Orientation Skills
- Impact of Law on Public Works
- Fundamentals of Government
- Finance
- Resource Management Skills
- Overview of Public Works Operations
- Creating the Future

The KC Metro Chapter plans to present Public Works Institute Module III on public works management and Module IV on development of public works leadership skills in April and October, respectively, of 2015. Watch for advance notice in a future edition of PubNews and on the KCAPWA website: <http://kcmetro.apwa.net/>

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Three of this module's attendees, Shane Hill and Ted Korgol of Lenexa and Tony Mesa of Raytown completed their fourth modules of the training and along with David Burton of Lenexa and Donnie Scharff of Olathe, each of whom completed in the spring, will be recognized at the Chapter Holiday Party in December as PWI Graduates.

The following are some photos taken during the three days . All photos can be viewed at <http://kcmetro.apwa.net/PageDetails/4260>



Lenexa Municipal Services Director and APWA Region 6 Director Chuck Williams discussed Public Works Supervision



PWI Director Larry Frevert presents Lee's Summit Public Works Director with a speaker's gift after her presentation on Managing Workplace Stress



David Frazier of Belton describes his Written Communications homework subject



The last session of the PWI, the Maintenance Managers' Panel Discussion, is always popular. Nick Arena of Lenexa, Ron Ditmars of Olathe, Shawn Graf of Lee's Summit and Rich Profaizer of Overland Park were the panelists



Several of the sessions included small group or "team" discussions. Here, Tommy Dempsey of Belton, Eric Patterson of Harrisonville, John Belger of Mission and Trey Whitaker fo Mision develop their recommended approach to an assignment



Chapter President-Elect Tim Ross joined us on Thursday afternoon and spoke to the attendees before assisting with presentaiton of the attendance certificates

K-12 Outreach Committee talk Public Works with Olathe 8th Graders - from David Smalling



Mark Montgomery, City of Kansas City, MO talks to Olathe 8th Graders about Public Works

On October 29th, K-12 Outreach committee members participated in the Olathe School District's 8th Grade Career Expo at Johnson County Community College. The event spanned from 8:30am to 2:30pm in which all 2,180 eighth graders from the Olathe School District attended. Mark Montgomery (City of Kansas City, MO), Ashley Scherzer (City of Lenexa), David Smalling (BHC Rhodes), Michelle Wirth (City of Olathe), and Abdul Yahaya (City of Gardner) answered questions such as, "What is Public Works?", "What do you like about your job?", and "What is the starting salary of a Public Works employee?" Additional discussions included the importance of academics, work ethic, and specific courses they should consider in high school. Thanks again to our APWA volunteers!

UPCOMING EVENTS



APWA
KC Metro Chapter
*Holiday
Party*

SAVE THE DATE

Wednesday, December 10, 2014

5:30—9:00 p.m.

Unity Inn Banquet Facility
1901 NW Blue Parkway
Unity Village, MO 64065-0001



Please contact Julie McNiff at
jmcniff@burnsmcd.com additional details

17th Annual Concrete Pavement, Parking Lot & Flatwork Seminar

Who should attend?

- Public Works Officials
- Engineering Consultants
- City Managers & Council Members
- Inspectors
- Paving Contractors/Subcontractors
- Architects
- Project Managers
- Facilities Managers
- Developers
- Supervisors
- Parks & Rec. Officials
- Related Concrete Industry Personnel
- Anyone interested in Concrete Pavement

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Mark Your Calendar!

Upcoming Seminars & Conferences

February 4, 2015
MO/KS Chapter, ACPA
Municipal Streets Seminar
St. Louis, MO

March 3 - March 5, 2015
MO/KS Chapter, ACPA
35th Annual Concrete Paving Workshop
Sheraton KC at Crown Center
Kansas City, MO
Note New Location!

17th Annual Concrete Pavement Parking Lot & Flatwork Seminar

November 6, 2014
8:15 am to 4:30 pm

Ritz Charles Conference Center
9000 W. 137th Street
Overland Park, KS

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UPCOMING EVENTS

17th Annual Concrete Pavement, Parking and Flatwork Seminar Cont.

Morning Session

7:30 am - 8:15 am **Registration and Refreshments**

Moderator

Michael Young - Executive Director
South Central Cement Promotion Association (SCCPA)

8:15 am - 8:30 am **Welcome**

Todd LaTorella, P.E., Executive Director
MO/KS Chapter, ACPA

8:30 am - 9:00 am **JOCO Gateway Project Overview**

Burt Morey, P.E., Project Director
Kansas Department of Transportation

The I-35/I-435/K-10 Interchange is critical to the safe and efficient movement of 230,000 vpd, and continued strong economic growth in Johnson County, KS. Hear an overview and progress update on KDOT's first high-profile design-build project to be completed in 2016.

9:00 am - 9:45 am **CSI: Kansas City**

Kristen Freeman, Geologist/Petrographer
Ash Grove Cement Company

Learn firsthand about Concrete Scene Investigation (CSI) and the petrographic study of concrete. Just like on the TV shows, science and testing equipment can tell us a lot about the concrete we produce and place. Plus it's pretty cool!

9:45 am - 10:10 am **Joining Realities**

Todd LaTorella, P.E., Executive Director
MO/KS Chapter, ACPA

An overview of concrete pavement jointing and a look at "real-world" concrete pavement/flatwork jointing practices through the eyes of a concrete pavement promoter. It's amazing what you can learn by looking at what you walk and drive on every day.

10:10 am - 10:30 am **Break**

10:30 am - 11:15 am **Specialty Jointing Applications**

Eric Ferree, EIT, Technical Services
ACPA

Learn the principles, and how to design and layout joints, for specialty concrete pavement applications to include: Intersections, Roundabouts, Cul-de-sacs and Diverging Diamonds Interchanges (DDI).

11:15 am - Noon **Cementitious Mat's - Availability, Application & Mitigation**

Mark Luther, Sr. Technical Service Manager
Holcim (US) Inc.

Learn how and why Supplementary Cementitious Materials (SCM) such as Class F and C Fly Ash, Slag Cement, and Metakaolin are being used to enhance the properties of concrete and improve the long-term durability and performance.

Afternoon & Breakout Sessions

Noon - 1:00 pm **Lunch (provided)**

1:00 pm - 2:30 pm

PAVING PROJECT SESSION

Concrete pavement is a long-term economical solution for a wide variety of municipal paving applications. Listen to discussion of three recently constructed concrete paving projects covering streets, parking lots, flatwork, and trail applications. Learn about the design and construction similarities and difference between the applications.

Venture Park in Lawrence, KS

Neal Saskowski, Vice President - Pavers, Inc.
Hear about the design and construction of concrete streets for the new Venture Industrial Park in Lawrence, KS.

Tomahawk Ridge Community Center Parking Lot & Paving Project

Kyle Dieckmann, P.E. - City of Overland Park, KS
Learn about the design and construction of the reconstructed concrete parking lot and paving at Tomahawk Ridge Community Center in Overland Park, KS.

Line Creek Trail Project

Wes Minder, P.E. - City of Kansas City Public Works
Hear about the design and construction, and lessons learned, from the Line Creek Trail project in the City of Kansas City, MO.

2:30 pm - 3:00 pm **Municipal Design/Build Projects**

Jamie Fain, P.E.
Olsson Associates

Agencies and owners continue to use the Design-Build process to deliver projects more efficiently and economically. Hear how local area design-build projects are being administered and how they can open the door for innovative pavement solutions to be incorporated.

3:00 pm - 3:20 pm **Break**

3:20 pm - 4:00 pm **Best Practices for Concrete Flatwork**

Rusty Owings, Technical Sales Representative
Euclid Chemical Company
Dale Eason, General Sales Manager
Talon & Quicksilver Ready Mix

The success of a concrete pavement project hinges on using a durable, economic, and workable mix, as well as a proper sampling/testing regimen, proper construction practices, and enforcement of the specifications. Learn about *Concrete Flatwork Best Practices* and how to insure your projects are a success!

4:00 pm - 4:15 pm **Questions & Discussion**

4:15 pm - 4:30 pm **Wrap-up & Adjourn**



Registration Form

Continuing Education Credits
5.75 PDH's for Professional Engineers
4.0 Hours for Contractor Licensing

Name _____
 Name _____
 Name _____
 Name _____
 Name _____

Company Name _____
Contact Person _____
Address _____
Email address for main contact _____
Phone _____

Registration Fee:

\$ 95.00 per person, payment received by Nov. 3, 2014
Major Credit Cards accepted when registering on-line
(www.moksacpa.com/reservations)

\$125.00 per person, pay at the door (Cash or Check)

Concrete Pavement Resource Materials included with registration (publications & software).

Total Fees:

of participants: _____ @ \$ 95.00 each = \$ _____

of participants: _____ @ \$125.00 each = \$ _____

Total = \$ _____

Please make checks payable to: MO/KS Chapter, ACPA

Please keep a copy of this form for your records and return with payment to:

Cindy Allen at cindy@moksacpa.com

MO/KS Chapter, American Concrete Pavement Assoc.
10707 Barkley, Suite A
Overland Park, KS 66211

MO/KS ACPA Phone: 913-381-2251
Fax: 913-381-4958
email: cindy@moksacpa.com
website: www.moksacpa.com

November Luncheon - KC Streetcar: A Vehicle for Diversity

APWA
Kansas City Metro Chapter
Hosted by:
The Diversity Committee

NOVEMBER LUNCHEON
KC STREETCAR: A VEHICLE FOR DIVERSITY

Wednesday
NOV. 19, 2014
11:30am-1:00pm

The Grunauer
101 W. 22nd Street
KCMO 64108

Lunch Cost
\$30 Per Guest

Community Service:
Bring Non-Perishables
for Harvesters

KC STREETCAR

PRESENTERS

Jason Waldron
KCMO

Meghan Jansen
KC Streetcar
Constructors

COMMITTEE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Community Service Committee - from Shawn Graff

The Community Service Committee partnered with Bridging the Gap Sunday October 26, 2014 to promote recycling before the Chiefs game. The committee took part in the Chiefs "Extra Yard for the Environment" Recycling Outreach in an effort to divert trash from going into landfills. Volunteers educated tailgaters and passed out recycling bags before the game.

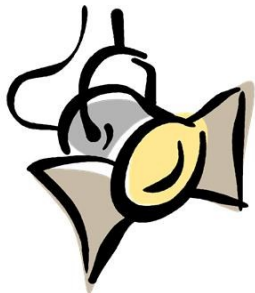
The committee will collect non-perishable food items at the Chapter's November lunch. The food collected will be donated to Harvesters.

The Toys for Tots organization is scheduled to collect toys at the Chapter's Holiday Party. The committee would like to encourage participants to donate a new, unwrapped toy during the event. More information can be found on the Toys for Tots website at <http://kansas-city-mo.toysfortots.org/local-coordinator-sites/lco-sites/Default.aspx>

From Left to Right: Shawn Graff, Terry and Bonny Parsons



Diversity Committee - from Rebecca Bilderback



Member Spotlight



Zach Hardy
Field Operations Manager, Public Works Department, City of Olathe

Why did you choose public works as your career field?

My parents were teachers and I think that desire to serve others and my community were instilled in me early. I enjoy the opportunities my position gives me to interact with citizens and serve my community.

What would someone find interesting about your job?

Every day is different. I manage the City of Olathe's Street Maintenance, Utility (Water and Sewer) Maintenance and Vehicle Maintenance Sections so every day brings a new set of opportunities and challenges.

What is your hobby or outside interest?

I enjoy spending time with my wife, two boys and our dog.

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

Diversity is recognizing and appreciating the differences we all bring to the table. Diversity, when ignored, causes conflict within the workplace. Appreciating diversity, encouraging diversity and building a culture of understanding reduces conflict and increases employee morale... this is important always... but especially important when managing a large division or group of employees.

Want to recognize a recently promoted employee?

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

Submittals of an announcement (with photo if possible) can be sent to the Pub News editor, Caitlin Gard, via e-mail: cgard@cityofshawnee.org.

KC Metro Chapter Myron D. Calkins Scholarship



Each Spring, the Kansas City Metro Chapter solicits applications for the Myron D. Calkins scholarship. This three part series, leading up to the 2015 call for applications, will highlight the history of Myron Calkins and the scholarship, provide information on eligibility and purpose of the scholarship, and finally conclude with application details.

Part 1: Scholarship History

The KC Metro chapter established the Myron D. Calkins Scholarship fund in 1985 in recognition of the extraordinary service of Mr. Calkins to the Chapter and the Association and most importantly his impact on the careers of public works professionals across the Kansas City Metro area.

Who was Myron D. Calkins, and why recognize him with a scholarship?

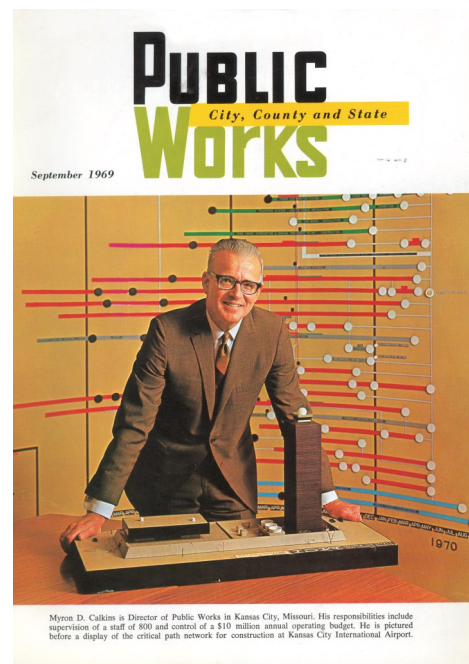
Myron was born in Tacoma, Washington in 1919. In interviews conducted with Myron, he admitted to being a poor student throughout high school. He went to college at Washington State primarily following in his father's footsteps because he didn't know what else to do. After his freshman year, he took a break and worked in farming.

Realizing that farm work wasn't for him, he got a job as a rod man on a survey crew. This is where he learned what civil engineering was about and, armed with a better idea of what he wanted to do, he returned to Washington State. With a new focus, Myron graduated with honors from Washington State University with a degree in Civil Engineering.

After spending some time with the US Geological Survey and the US Navy he began his career in public works. Myron worked for the City of Tacoma as a civil engineer for sixteen years before moving to Kansas City where he served as the Director of Public Works for the City of Kansas City, Missouri from 1964 until 1986. During this time he had a hand in many prominent projects including the construction of the Kansas City International Airport, Bartle Hall Convention Center and Kemper Arena. For his work in public works, Myron was recognized as a 'Top Ten Public Works Leader of the Year' by APWA.

Myron Calkins' influence extended well beyond his duties as Director of Public Works. In 1955, prior to coming to Kansas City, Myron joined APWA and quickly got involved with the Washington State Chapter eventually serving as Chapter President. When he moved to Kansas City, he began to work with two other local engineers to develop a local affiliate organization of APWA encompassing the KC Metro area. In 1965 the KC Metro chapter separated from the Missouri and Kansas Chapters. Myron served as President of the KC Metro chapter and later served APWA regionally and then nationally as a national officer and president.

Why did the Chapter establish a scholarship recognizing Myron Calkins? Because Myron holds a special place in the history of the KC Metro Chapter and in the public works profession. As Myron was nearing retirement co-workers and friends wanted to honor him and as a result decided to establish a scholarship in his name. Myron was a mentor and leader to many who have served in public works throughout the Kansas City metro. The scholarship fund is a fitting tribute to the life and career of one man who profoundly influenced the practice of Public Works in the Kansas City metro area and nationally.



NOMINATING COMMITTEE LETTER

Nominating Committee - from Robert Miller

Kansas City Metro Chapter Members

The 2014 KC Metro Chapter Nominating Committee, consisting of Past Presidents Tom Rottinghaus, Dena Mezger, and Bob Miller, in accordance with the Chapter By-Laws has nominated the following individuals to serve as officers and directors on the Chapter Executive Committee for the 2015 administrative year:

President	Tim Ross	George Butler Associates
Vice President	Bill Stogsdill	City of Fairway
Secretary	Jason Meyers	Burns & McDonnell
Treasurer	Rob Krewson	HNTB
Director (2nd year)	Shannon Jeffries	City of Lee's Summit
Director (2nd year)	Dan Brown	Walter P. Moore
Director (1st year)	Therese Mersmann	City of Olathe
Director (1st year)	Cory Clark	George Butler Associates

Other ex officio and appointed members of the Executive Committee include:

Past President	Wayne Gudenkauf	City of Overland Park
Director at Large	Rob Kluender	City of Olathe
Delegate	Joe Johnson	City of Leawood

The 2014 Executive Committee has directed the election of these officers and directors take place at the Annual Holiday Party on December 10, 2014.

This announcement serves as the official notice to Chapter Membership of the nomination of this slate of officers and directors for the 2014 Executive Committee and of the intent to hold elections. A copy of the By-Laws Article XIII – Election of Officers, is included for reference. This article outlines the election process, including the process by which Chapter members may nominate other candidates for the Executive Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert J. Miller, Past President
Chair, Nominating Committee

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Spread the word about your good works!

Has your organization volunteered time or provided resources to help out others? If you'd like to highlight your outreach event, send information to the Pub News editor, Caitlin Gard, via e-mail: cgard@cityofshawnee.org. Photos are encouraged.

NEW MEMBERS

Adam Hahs (Vance Brothers)

Aaron Norris (McAfee Henderson Solutions, Inc.)

NOMINATING COMMITTEE LETTER

Nominating Committee Cont.

ARTICLE XIII - ELECTION OF OFFICERS

SECTION 1. The President shall appoint a Nominating Committee of the three most recent past presidents having current membership in the Chapter. The most recent Past President who is available shall serve as Chair of the Nominating Committee. If a past President is unable to serve as Chair or member of the Nominating Committee, then the President should appoint a past member of the Executive Committee as Chair or member of the Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee shall report the names of its nominees for each office standing election to the Executive Committee by October 1. The names of the nominees shall be made available to all voting members a minimum of 15 days prior to the election or distribution of ballots in order for self nominations to be declared. One or more nominations shall be made by the Nominating Committee for each office. No persons serving on the Nominating Committee shall be eligible for nomination except by written declaration presented to the Nominating Committee.

SECTION 2. The Executive Committee shall prescribe the form of ballot, schedule and other details of the election procedure. The annual election shall be held at a time and place determined by the Executive Committee. Additional nominations for any office shall be made in writing, officially signed by not less than five Chapter members and shall be filed with the Secretary not less than one week prior to the annual meeting.

SECTION 3. Newly elected Officers and Directors shall assume office at the beginning of the administrative year with the Vice President elected the previous year becoming President.

SECTION 4. In the event of extraordinary and extenuating circumstances, the Executive Committee shall have the power to declare the term of office of any or all Chapter Officers and Directors extended for one full term.

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

APWA Construction Specifications Updates

Wilson & Company Updates APWA Construction Specifications

The KC Metro Chapter Standard Specifications have been used for many years by communities for construction projects in the metropolitan area. The intent of having these common standards is to promote consistency across the metro area and allowing more efficient bidding which can result in cost savings to the communities. The standards also assist communities to comply with current federal regulations. A common standard can also benefit all communities by sharing the knowledge and experience of multiple communities through the development of the standards. However, most sections of the current documents have not been updated for many years to reflect current practices, materials and regulations, thus diminishing the value of the common standards.

This questionnaire is seeking comments from a wide variety of sources for possible revisions of the existing documents.

- Update of the technical specifications, Sections 2000-2900, along with the General Conditions, Section 1100, and construction related Standard Details for obvious updates, inaccuracies, etc.
- Identify items that need to be updated to correctly reference or comply with current state and/or federal regulations as well as other standards such as current ASTM, AASHTO, MoDOT, and KDOT.
- Review a variety of standards documents used by metro cities that use modified APWA documents or totally separate standards and identify differences and commonalities with APWA.
- Prepare a list of deficiencies or needed updates and make recommendations on what revisions should be made, including sections to be added or deleted if appropriate. The list will include possible new products, materials, or methods that may need to be added to the documents.

On behalf of the APWA Specifications Committee, thank you for your answers to our questions and comments to update our specifications. The questionnaire should take between 5 to 10 minutes to complete. The survey will close at 6:00 PM on Wednesday, November 19, 2014. Address to Survey Monkey questionnaire: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/APWASPEC>

CHAPTER LEADERSHIP

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Delegate - Joe Johnson
Alternate Delegate - Steve Hansen

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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 January. The deadline for the next issue will be Friday, December 26th, 2014. 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.

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