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**2014 PACE
AWARD
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**18 YEARS
IN A ROW!**

Save the Date for these Upcoming Events:

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PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE

FROM TIM ROSS

The summer has drawn to a close, and as winter approaches there will be a lessening of the orange cones, construction vehicles and other visible signs of the repairs and construction that many of us in the Chapter work on every day. Soon our attention will turn to snow and changes to our seasonal work forces.



Though the most visible aspects of our work change dramatically with the seasons, we know that our mission is more continuous. With our constant attention to planning, use of resources, execution, operation and maintenance, **we are growing sustainable communities** and protecting our infrastructure. Consequently, **the KC Metro area is a great place to live** and visit, and we are part of that success!

So, **let us pause and celebrate** during the fall, especially during the baseball playoffs. We should acknowledge each other's accomplishments because, just like the Royals, **we know what small pieces working together** to get the job done can accomplish.

Speaking of celebration, I thought our 50th Anniversary Party on Thursday, July 23rd, at Burns & McDonnell's auditorium was fun. It was a nice night with family and friends, food, drink, movie and terrific cake. What a wonderful way to mark such a milestone for the Heart of America Chapter.

I hope anyone who attended the 2015 APWA International Public Works Congress and Exposition found it to be beneficial. Many of us are at Congress as this newsletter is being published, and we will be taking notes on our perceptions and experiences. **We welcome your comments** on what you did and didn't like about the programs, logistics, and social events, because we want the 2018 Kansas City Congress to be the best it can be.

Sign up soon! On October 27 to 29, we will conduct Module IV of the Public Works Institute—Public works Leadership Skills—at the Shawnee Town Hall. This is one of the best leadership sessions you will find.

I look forward to seeing our leaders at the 2016 Planning Retreat at Westwood City Hall on October 13. We will talk about our committees' accomplishments in 2015 and goals for 2016. Committee Chairs will be describing opportunities for new committee members, and we will share those results with you so **you can find the best place to offer your talents**.

Let's go, Royals! Let's go, KC Metro Chapter!

Tim

DELEGATE DETAILS

FROM JOE JOHNSON

It's hard to believe summer is coming to an end and school back in session. It seems it was just yesterday when school let out and summer activities began, where does the time go. As you read this I will have returned from APWA National Congress in Phoenix. The weather was warm and it's nice to be back in a more comfortable climate.



This marks the end of the first year of the Council of Chapters. As the Council of Chapters moves into its 2nd year the focus will still be on Advocacy, Chapter Mentoring, Infrastructure, Membership, Donald C. Stone, and Public Works Leadership for the Future. Delegates from across the Country and Canada serve on these committees and others. The outcome of their work will be provided to all within the organization.

During our meeting, the Council of Chapters will also work with the National Board and the Technical Committees to determine future topics that need to be addressed. During this time each Region will also meet to discuss items that impact their regions and topics the Council of Chapters should take on. Each Region will also look at their Chapter's best practice to learn what each of us is doing and where we can help each other.

As always, I am here to communicate with National and our Chapter any concerns or issues that you have may regarding APWA. Please let me know if I can assist you.

TECHNO MINUTE

FROM MIKE ROSS

I believe that most of the cities require a professional engineer to design or approve street improvements, but I have encountered various city officials that feel that engineering adds unnecessarily to the project cost for street maintenance – especially where they felt that they knew exactly what was needed. If it is true that engineering adds to the cost of our infrastructure projects, I'm embarrassed for the engineering profession. Competent engineering should solve problems in a way that protects the public's interest and safety and that ultimately saves money for the client. This should be true whether the engineer is a staff engineer or an outside consultant. That engineers are considered by some to be a wasteful expense is a bitter pill for me to swallow.



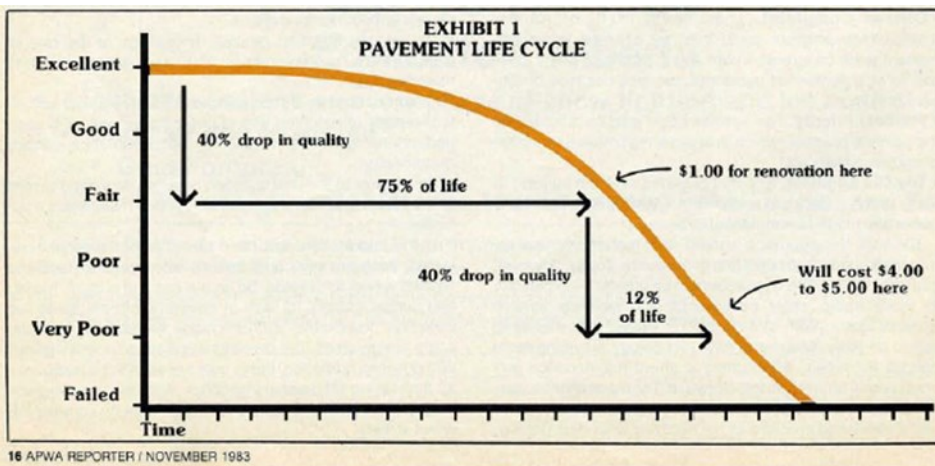
Taking the simple overlay project, here are several questions that should be answered:

Is the base of the road structurally sound? If there are base failures, should these be spot repaired, or should the entire base be replaced? Is there a subgrade issue that may have contributed to the failed section? Are there utilities, such as manholes or valve covers, that need to be adjusted? Since this is an overlay subject to ADA requirements, do sidewalk ramps need to be constructed or reconstructed to comply with the current requirements? Are there pavement markings? What is the appropriate material to replace them with? How long will they be gone, and should temporary markings be installed? Should the markings be replaced as they were, or has the MUTCD changed? What material should be used for the overlay? Are the speeds or volumes high enough to require additional skid resistance considerations? Is the road profile adequate, or should the milling operation reshape the profile to restore appropriate cross slope or section? If the profile is being changed, do the varying thicknesses require the use of a "wedge" course, or can the material be placed in one lift? If a wedge course is used, should the asphalt spec be changed to allow for thinner lifts? Are there drainage issues that need to be addressed, especially at intersections? Are there sections of curb or shoulder that need to be replaced with the overlay? Are there traffic control inductive loops that will need to be replaced?

Despite the long list of questions above, the design of a treatment is a fairly simple process. Selecting the appropriate treatment, recognizing how effective the treatment will be, what the return on investment is and setting the timing for the treatment to better manage the street network is a more complicated process. Most folks employ what they consider common sense and then wait until the road has failed to apply some treatment. Worse, they prioritize maintenance so that the worst roads are their highest priority. By doing so, they may spend their entire budget on a few failed roads ignoring the maintenance necessary to keep their good roads good using inexpensive surface treatments.

Street maintenance done right requires the creation of an inventory; it requires a system of measuring condition that is consistent, accurate and repeatable; it requires the discipline to perform measurements frequently enough to be able to use the data to accurately predict future conditions; and it requires the mathematical skills necessary to optimize treatments so that the condition of the overall network meets some goal. Benefits of pavement management systems include the ability to evaluate the effectiveness of treatment methods and ultimately will provide the most cost effective method for maintaining a road network.

APWA featured pavement management in the November 1983 issue of the APWA Reporter – so this is certainly not a new concept. The curve below appeared in an article in that magazine to illustrate the problem with deferred maintenance. The shape of this curve



will vary with the individual road network and class of roadway, but the concept is that it is less expensive to maintain the surface of a road than it is to maintain the lower layers. The \$1.00 point corresponds to the lower limit for "good" which happens to be a PCI of 55 in PAVER. The "Will cost \$4.00 to \$5.00" point is at a location on the curve that is better than "failed." In our experience, surface treatments are at least 50 times less expensive than total reconstruction.

Figure 1 – PAVER deterioration rate curve

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The two photographs below are of Lamar at about 65th Street. It was inspected on June 4th of this year. The pavement condition index (PCI) for this street was a 54.4 at the time of the inspection. In PAVER, this is the “point of no return,” also the “\$1.00 for renovation here” point on the graph. The rate of deterioration will accelerate, and the cost of restoring this road to very good condition will increase if maintenance is deferred past this point. An inexpensive surface treatment now will save some costly base repairs later. Note that this road looks fairly good – in PAVER it is just below the lower limit for a “good” rating.



Figure 2 - PCI=54.4 – Lamar near 65th Street



Figure 3 - PCI= 54.4 – Lamar near 65th Street

The photograph below is of another street in the area, taken in mid June. This street has a PCI of 0.0. That PCI corresponds to a road with no salvageable structure left. In order to restore this road to like new conditions, it would need to be rebuilt from the dirt up. As it happens, and thanks to a complete history of every road in town, we know that this road was built 60 years ago using a Mission Township standard that would not satisfy any reasonable or recent design process. It's lasted 60 years so, despite that fact, you could argue that it has performed very well – although we don't know how many times it has been patched over the past 60 years (we only recently started to keep that information). This 0.0 PCI corresponds to a “failed” condition. Unfortunately, this is the condition point that most of our residents would start paying attention to – a condition reached years after the roads condition passed through a PCI of 55. Because it doesn't have potholes, some would consider crossing their fingers and overlaying this street. They would discover in a few short years that the road was back to a failed condition as the cracks visible here reflected back to the surface due to the lack of structure in the base layers.



Figure 4 - PCI = 0.0 - Failed condition

So while it may be true that the wrong solution to a particular problem is less expensive if an engineer isn't used, and some correct solutions are arrived at by blind luck and without an understanding of the issues involved, the right solution, based on a competent engineering analysis, coupled with a cost analysis that looks at alternatives, will save money over the long term.

Perhaps we should adopt the proverb used by attorneys:
“A man who is his own *engineer* has a fool for a client”

Sadly, like attorneys, we engineers are sometimes viewed as an unnecessary expense.

RECENT EVENTS

KC APWA Metro Chapter 50th Anniversary Party - *from Jason Meyers*

Excitement and happiness filled the summer time evening as guests were welcomed to the smell of popcorn. Hosting the 50th Anniversary party were Chuck William, Region 6 Director of APWA and President of APWA KC Metro Chapter. The Auditorium of Burns and McDonnell was filled with the smell of fresh popcorn, appetizers and anniversary cake. This no cost event on July 23rd was funded by the KC APWA Metro Chapter.

Dress for the approximately 80 people attending was casual. Those attending had the choice of wine, beer, soda and water. Tim and Chuck had a sword duel before the cutting of the cakes. Both cakes, chocolate and white were prepared by Cakes by Bernadette. The cakes were covered with almond butter frosting.



An exciting and swashbuckling movie was presented to the guests. The movie, Pirates of the Caribbean “Curse of the Black Pearl” was shown on the large overhead projectors.

Before the movie started speeches were given by Chuck and Tim. They both spoke of the great accomplishment of the chapter and what a great future the chapter has for the next 50 years. Past presidents were then asked to stand and be recognized for their past service to the chapter. A 50th anniversary certificate was presented to Tim by Chuck. All those attending had an enjoyable evening and traveled home safely.



UPCOMING EVENTS



Save the Date!!!



**ANNUAL KC METRO GOLF TOURNAMENT
SEPTEMBER 23RD, 2015 AT PRAIRIE HIGHLANDS GOLF CLUB**

**Save the date!
2015 Holiday Party**

Tuesday, December 8, 2015
Grand Street Café, 4740 Grand Avenue
5:30– 9:00PM

FYI—With Congress and the Golf Tournament coming up, there will be no chapter luncheon in September.

2015 ANNUAL PLANNING RETREAT

The 2015 Annual Planning Retreat will be held on October 13th at Westwood City Hall.

SAVE THE DATE FOR KAUTC MEMBERS

Please make sure the KAUTC Fall Meeting is on your calendar. The meeting will be **October 7th, 2015** in Kansas City, Kansas. The exact location is yet to be determined. The preliminary agenda items include:

- Local Update
- Operation Green Light Update
- Gateway Project Update
- K-7 and I-70 Interchange Project
- Downtown Streetcar Transit Signal Priority using Adaptive Signal Control Technology

The complete agenda and any additional information will be sent out closer to the meeting date. As a reminder, annual membership dues are \$5. You can now pay 2015 and/or 2016 membership dues with a credit card via PayPal at the web-site, www.kautc.org, or you can pay by cash or check at a KAUTC meeting.

Is the Emerald Ash Borer affecting your community? Look for the Facility & Grounds Committee's upcoming seminar on issues around the Emerald Ash Borer.

Location and date TBD

2015

Mid-America Snow and Equipment Expo

APWA

October 5-9, 2015

It's time for the annual 2015 Mid- America APWA Snow and Equipment Expo! Employees and leaders from all across the metro area are welcome to participate in an event designed around training, education, and a bit of spirited competition.

This year's offerings include Flagger Training Certification, CDL Skills, Mechanics The Calm During the Storm, and Weather Safety along with outstanding competitions (which can be found on the attached registration form).

Register Now!

Questions? Contact Chris Porras at cporras@cityofshawnee.org or visit our website at www.midamericasnowrodeo.com



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2015 Winner's Trip

Sponsored by Key Equipment & Supply Co., Weiler Equipment & Murphy Tractor.

The Winner's Trip for the 2015 APWA Snow and Equipment EXPO took place in April with an educational trip through the John Deere factory, Weiler factory, and Elgin factory. On the trip back, Columbia, MO provided the group with a tour of their department. Top finishers in the EXPO events participated in these facility tours and educational demonstrations. It was a memorable experience for all.



2 New Events!

Severe Duty and Heavy Duty Snow Plow Competitions

We are proud to announce the addition of a brand new event to the 2015 Expo: The American Equipment Company **Heavy Duty (HD) Snow Plow Competition**. This event is aimed at another important segment of the snow fighting contingent, those 1-ton trucks equipped with plows and spreaders we rely on to clear parking lots, clean up cul-de-sacs, and clear side streets. We are excited about offering an opportunity for a new group of municipal operators to demonstrate their skills! The rules for this new event are as follows:

- Truck GVW shall not exceed 19500 lbs (Ford F550, Ram 5500)
- Truck GVW shall not be less than 8500 lbs (Ford F250, Ram 2500, Silverado 2500)
- Truck can have single or dual rear wheels
- Truck can be configured with a standard truck bed, flat bed, dump bed, or combo body.
- The truck shall be equipped with a V-box spreader in the bed or configured for spreader operations if combo body
- Material in the spreader box is NOT required, but permitted
- The plow will be a straight blade with a minimum width of 8' (measured at the bottom of the moldboard)
- A V-plow may be used, but must be used as a straight blade with an 8' minimum width (measured at the bottom of the moldboard)

The addition of this new event necessitated a new name for our legacy Snow Plow Competition, now known as: The American Equipment Company **Severe Duty (SD) Snow Plow Competition**. Rules for this event remain unchanged and are available on the following page.

These events will take place on the same course with the same scoring criteria. However independent scoreboards will be maintained for each event. Scores for the new event will contribute to the overall team championship trophy like all other events.

The Public Works Directors Snow Plow Competition

For the Friday Finale there will not be a snow plow run-off. The SD and HD Snow Plow Competitions will be finalized on Thursday. For this year, the Snow Expo Committee is introducing a new twist, **The Public Works Directors Snow Plow Competition**, where the Directors will have the opportunity run the same snow plow course their personnel did and have their scores count towards the team trophy. The rules:

- All competitors will operate the same 1-ton truck fitted with snow plow and spreader.
- If the Public Works Director is unavailable, a substitute may be made, but they **MUST** be a Municipal Administrative employee (relying on the honor system with this one)
- If the Public Works Director does compete, it is worth a 5 point bonus to his/her team's final score.
- The competitor may have one of their Municipality's normal plow operators accompany them as co-pilot to talk them through the course, but they are NOT allowed to assist in any other way.

This event is a fun way to include those individuals who allow this event to happen, and we look forward to seeing them on the course!

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2014 Individual Event Winners			2014 Rookie Winners		
American Equipment	Snow Plow	Jim Fincham	Topeka	Ben Yoder	Belton
Murphy Tractor	Wheel Loader	Mark Koehn	Overland Park	Jason Reed	Olathe
KC Bobcat	Skid Steer Loader	Alex Schell	Topeka	Dustin Gillespie	Olathe
Murphy Tractor	Backhoe	Daniel Williams	Kansas City	Jaron Rucker	Kansas City
Weather or Not	CDL Skills	Jim Fincham	Topeka	Daniel Vandembos	Olathe
Key Equipment	Street Sweeper	Dennis Fenoughty	Johnson Co.	Dennis Fenoughty	Johnson County
Summit Truck	Mechanic	Jeff Brotherton	Olathe	Preseton Handy	Overland Park
Victor L Phillips	Excavator	Jimmy Whichman	Olathe	Bardon Vallejos	Olathe
Team Competition			Topeka		

Severe Duty (SD) Snow Plow Competition Rules & Regulations

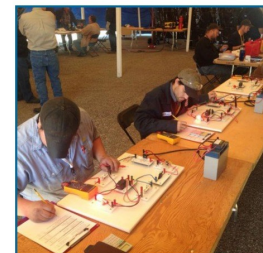
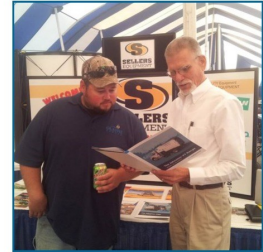
Each driver must be registered prior to the beginning of the event competition. **Seat belt use is required!** A minimum of 12 participants is required in each event or only the first place finisher will be awarded the 2015 destination prize. Vehicles and equipment used in all events **except snow plow** will be provided by the vendors.

Severe Duty Snow Plow Vehicle Rules

The vehicle must be one standard configuration dump truck with a cab-to-axle length of 84" and a minimum gross weight of 26,002 pounds. Protruding knobs attached to the steering heel are NOT permitted. A minimum 10' snow plow (measured at the bottom of the moldboard) mounted to the front of the vehicle is required. The salt/sand spreader must be mounted. Integral spreader and dump beds are accepted but must be in place. Material in the spreader box is not required, but is permitted if you choose.

Exams

This phase consists of multiple choice and true/false questions based on current driving rules, new CDL regulations, and safe equipment operations. Each member will take the test in a secured area with a proctor. Communications between teams and teammates is strictly prohibited while the test is in progress.



Training Information and Event Details

Flagger Certification. Two separate sessions are available for this training. This course will certify your employees for their ATSSA Certification.

CDL Training. The Kansas Highway Patrol will facilitate a hands on and educational course with a written exam. Participants will be tested in current CDL regulations.

Weather School. Learn from the meteorologists at Weather or Not how to interpret the many weather forecasting tools for your operational decisions: Internet maps, apps, NWS and television broadcasts.

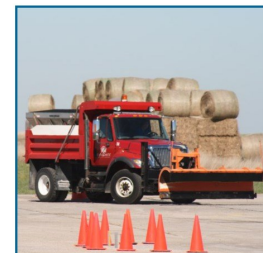
The Calm During the Storm – Maintaining Effective Communication Between Operators and Technicians During a Snow Event. This class is for **BOTH** plow operators and the mechanics who work on them. Participants will be educated on the steps they can take prior to and during a snow event to minimize plow downtime through productive communication between the two. Learn the right questions to ask and the right way to frame answers to expedite repairs, keeping the trucks rolling and nerves calm.



Basic Welding a Torch Training. Airgas will be teaching the basics of welding and torch safety. Everyone will be eligible to compete in a competition/test in the afternoon.

Team Competition. This is an opportunity for your employees to combine their scores and compete as a team, there are no fees to compete as a team, but you must be registered in 6 of the 7 events. You must register prior to the start of the EXPO.

Equipment Events. Participants in all of the equipment events will have their skills and knowledge put to the test. All events will consist of a hands on operational test using their basic skills to maneuver equipment through a challenging obstacle course and an in-depth written exam based on current CDL regulations and safe equipment operation.



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Registration Form

For registration information please contact Caitlin Gard at cgard@cityofshawnee.org
 For vendor information please contact Chad Courtois at ccourtois@olatheks.org
 For general information please contact Chris Porras at cporras@cityofshawnee.org

Agency _____ Dpt _____ Contact _____
 Address _____ City, State, Zip _____
 Phone () _____ Email _____

Number of Participants for Each Event:

Mon, Oct 5, 2015 7:30 a.m.
 ___ CDL Skills Course ___ Skid Steer Loader
Tue, Oct 6, 2015 7:30 a.m.
 ___ Wheel Loader ___ Backhoe ___ Street Sweeper
 ___ Mechanics
Wed, Oct 7, 2015 7:30 a.m.
 ___ Severe Duty Snow Plow ___ Excavator
Thu, Oct 8, 2015 7:30 a.m.
 ___ Heavy Duty Snow Plow ___ Severe Duty Snow Plow
Fri, Oct 9, 2015 8:00 a.m.
 Snow Plow Director's Competition

___ **Total Number of Event Participants x \$85** ___

Number of Participants for Training Classes:

Mon, Oct 5, 2015
 ___ KHP Lash and Load CDL \$20 AM/PM
 ___ Trenching & Shoring \$20 All Day
Tue, Oct 6, 2015
 ___ Flagger Certification \$40 AM
Wed, Oct 7, 2015
 ___ Weather School \$20 AM
 ___ Trenching & Shoring \$20 All Day
 ___ Mechanics: Calm During the Storm \$20 All Day
Thu, Oct 8, 2015
 ___ Flagger Certification \$40 AM
 ___ Basic Torch and Welding Training \$20 All Day

Total Training Cost = \$ _____

Extra Lunches:

Extra lunches for non-participants are available each day.
 Mon-Thu for \$8 and Fri for \$10.

Please indicate the number of lunches below:

___ Mon, Oct 6 ___ Wed, Oct 8
 ___ Tue, Oct 7 ___ Thu, Oct 9
 ___ Total Extra Lunches (Mon-Thu) x \$8 = ___
 ___ Total Extra Lunches (Fri) x \$10 = ___

Judges:

Judges are needed to make the competition a success. Fill in the number of judges your agency will furnish:

___ Mon, Oct 6 ___ Wed, Oct 8
 ___ Tue, Oct 7 ___ Thu, Oct 9
 ___ Fri, Oct 11

Judges must be registered one hour prior to contestant registration. Lunch is provided.

Total Amount Enclosed:

Make checks payable to
 KC APWA

\$

Yes, we would like to enter the **Team Competition**

**Please detach this page and return by:
 Friday, September 18, 2015**

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Government Affairs Committee invites you to

A luncheon with

Stephen R. Miller

**Chairman, Missouri Highways and
Transportation Commission**

Monday, Oct. 26th

11:30AM – 1:00PM

Burns & McDonnell

9400 Ward Parkway

Kansas City, MO 64114

(in the 9300 Auditorium)

\$20 a person, lunch will be provided.

Please register online

Questions, please contact Travis Levitt

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**Public Works Institute Scheduled
Module IV – Public Works Leadership Skills
Tuesday-Thursday
October 27-29, 2015**



Overland Park City Councilman John Skubal and Public Works Director (now retired) Doug Brown discuss public works staff relations with elected officials in a previous Module IV presentation

Presentation of the Kansas City Metro APWA Chapters Public Works Institute Module IV has been scheduled for Tuesday through Thursday, October 27-29, 2015. It will be held at the Shawnee Town Hall, 111600 Johnson Drive, Shawnee, KS. Module IV is entitled Public Works Leadership Skills and tentatively, the subjects to be presented include:

- Career Self Assessment
- People Skills (includes identification of a personality profile)
- Leadership Core Competencies
- Creating Partnerships
- Public Works, APWA and KC Metro APWA Chapter History
- Council, Employee and Public/Citizen Relationships
- Cultural Awareness and Community Service
- Professional Development
- Panel Discussion – Excellence in Public Works Leadership

Registrations are \$250 and are being accepted now on the KC Metro APWA Chapter's website <http://kcmetro.apwa.net/EventDetails/5802> through October 9.

COMMITTEE ANNOUNCEMENTS

APWA KC Metro Chapter Fall 2015 Awards

This is a reminder that the following award applications are due
November 2, 2015.

*We all know people we work with who are deserving candidates.
Please submit their names or give them an application.*

Please submit applications via e-mail to: awardsapwa@gmail.com

Applications for the Fall 2015 Awards are available from the KC Metro Chapter Website by clicking on the following link: <http://kcmetro.apwa.net/c/awards/>.

- **Field Supervisor Excellence Award**
- **Operations Program Excellence Award**
- **Public Works Excellence Award**
- **Samuel A. Greeley Local Service Award**
- **Ken Cardwell Heart of America Award**

Field Supervisor Excellence Award *(APWA membership is not required for recognition)*

Recognizes outstanding leadership and dedication in the *operation of public works related field activities*, whereby their services and achievements have had a positive effect on the efficiency and effectiveness of governmental operations and has improved the quality of life for those who live and work within that community. The 2014 award winners were Jeff Hunt of Overland Park KS, Larry Sanchez of Olathe KS, and Shelby Williams of Kansas City, MO.

Operations Program Excellence Award *(APWA membership is not required for recognition)*

Recognizes outstanding public works *operation programs* which improve the efficiency and effectiveness of governmental operations and which improves the quality of life for those who live and work within that community. The 2014 award winners were the City of Raymore – Snow Removal Program, the City of Lenexa – Native Plant Propagation and the City of Olathe – Residential Curb Replacement.

Public Works Excellence Award *(APWA membership is not required for recognition)*

To acknowledge excellence and dedication in *public service* by recognizing the outstanding achievements of an individual public works employee. The 2014 award winners were Ron Freyermuth of Shawnee KS and Gary Steinly of Kansas City MO.

Samuel A. Greeley Local Service Award

Recognizes individuals with 30 years of continuous employment in public and/or private service and at least 15 years of continuous APWA membership.

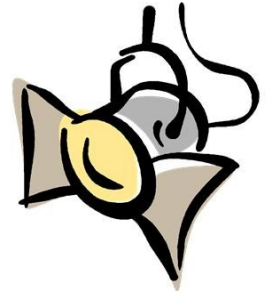
Ken Cardwell Heart of America Award

This prestigious award recognizes individuals who have served the Chapter in an exemplary manner and through their efforts have bettered the public works community. The 2014 award winner was Steve Schmidt. Please present your nomination for this award to a KC Metro Chapter Executive Board member or the Awards Committee Chairperson by **October 2, 2015**.

*Winners of the KC Metro Chapter Fall Awards
will be recognized at the Chapter Holiday Party in December.*



Member Spotlight



Caitlin Gard, MPA
Assistant Public Works Director
City of Shawnee, Kansas



Why did you choose public works as your career field?

I think it's kind of the other way around - Public Works chose me. My ultimate goal is City Management. Public Works provides excellent exposure to many of the items a City Manager would have to have knowledge about.

What would someone find interesting about your job?

I wear a lot of hats. At Shawnee, we do more with less. From facility management to environmental issues to budgeting to performance measures. The list goes on and on.

What is your hobby or outside interest?

Sports. Since I retired from swimming after college, I now like to be spectator. Big Royals, Mizzou, and Chiefs fan!

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

Diversity is important in any workplace. It allows you to learn and appreciate different points of view and different lifestyles. An appreciation for diversity makes everyone better-rounded.

NEW MEMBERS

Dana Augustine, Lochner
Christopher Davis, HDR Engineering
Vytanis Drunga, City of Olahte
Chris Faddis, City of Shawnee
Raymond Herweg, Lochner
Brian Johanning, Shafer Kline & Warren

Patrick Joyce, BHC Rhodes
Will Kirby, Burns & McDonnell
Ken Murphy, City of Grain Valley
Steve Petty, City of Shawnee
Donnie Scharff, City of Roeland Park
Jeff Yuran, City of Shawnee

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Facilities & Grounds Committee is Looking for Members!

Are you interested in participating more in APWA KC Metro Chapter and have an interest or specialty in facilities and grounds? This is the perfect opportunity for you! The Facilities and Grounds Committee is looking for members!

While new infrastructure projects and other aspects of public works management may get all the “glory,” the professional management of public facilities and grounds is of equal importance to the safety, livability, and growth of our communities. We have the responsibility to both our employees and the citizens to maintain efficient and functional public buildings, and to sustain safe and attractive community forests, parks, and other public landscapes.

For more information contact Tom Audley at taudley@lenexa.com.

Like KC Metro Chapter APWA on Facebook

To receive the most up to date information about recent and upcoming events and network with other KC Metro Chapter APWA members, like us on Facebook! Just login and search for “KC Metro Chapter APWA”!



City of Shawnee, KS Seeking New Public Works Director

The city of Shawnee is now advertising for the position of Public Works Director, four months after the retirement of Ron Freyermuth.

For more specific information on this position, please access the [public works director recruitment page](#) on the City of Shawnee website.

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.



CHAPTER LEADERSHIP

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Emerging Leaders - Rob Kline
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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
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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
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Snow & Equipment Training Expo - Chuck Walston and Chad
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Standards & Specifications - Dena Mezger
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Transportation - Jim Wingert
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