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President's Perspective

By Ben Will

August brought on a return to some familiar routines with the return of kids to school and surviving the heat of summer. Thank you to all of the public works staff (public and private) who continue planning, designing, building, maintaining, and keeping our infrastructure safe through the dog days of summer.



I'd like to highlight a few items related to the chapter:

- **APWA Chapter Website** – our chapter website <https://kcmetro.apwa.org/> is up and running. We still do not have all of the elements of the old website but most items members have inquired about are up and running (standards/specs and events). Specifically, if you are organizing a chapter event, we are back to running those through our chapter website but they all need to be coordinated through Jill Wilbeck (Jill Wilbeck jwilbeck@apwa.org), Senior Manager of Chapter Services, and you should provide typical event information: [Events Content Template.docx](#). Please reach out to Allison Bruner, or Tommy Renfro or myself with any additional questions.
- **2023 PWX August 27-30, 2023** – The KC Metro Chapter was well represented at PWX in San Diego, CA August 27-30 including many from our chapter participating in national committee meetings and as speakers at the conference. We had a record turnout of over 100 attendees at our KC Metro Chapter Dinner on August 29th at PWX. Thanks to chapter vice president Nick Arena (with assist from Sabrina Parker and Nicole Woods) for organizing. We were able to get some great photos including group photos of our KC Metro Chapter Past National Top 10 winners, chapter Past Presidents and chapter board members.



Pictured: KC Metro Chapter Past Presidents (above), KC Metro Chapter 2023 Executive Committee (bottom left), and KC Metro Chapter Past National Top 10 Winners (bottom right)



President's Perspective

By Ben Will

- **2024 North American Snow Conference Involvement and Call for Presentations** – The KC Metro chapter is proud to host the 2024 North American Snow Conference in Kansas City April 28-May 1, 2024. Continue to look for ways to get involved with the snow conference to ensure our chapter puts on a great event in 2024!
- **APWA 5600 Update** – all members received a link to the Regional Stormwater Survey on August 10th. The KC Metro chapter along with MARC and more than 22 communities are working hard to get this updated.
- **Upcoming Events** – see the chapter website at <https://kcmetro.apwa.org/event/>
 - Highlights through mid-October include:
 - ◆ Winter Maintenance Certificate Training – September 7
 - ◆ YP Disc Golf – September 28, 2023 – Lee's Summit
 - ◆ Golf Tourney – October 12, 2023 – Drumm Farm
 - ◆ PWI Module I – October 17-19 – Lee's Summit Police Training Facility
 - ◆ Transportation Committee Orange Barrel Report – October 17 (time and location TBD)
- **Committee Chairs Call to Action** – if you're a committee chair or even on a committee that is inactive, not sure what to do, what has been done in the past, or what resources are available, please reach out to me. We will be organizing the annual chapter committee workshop and happy hour for late October/early November 2023. Look for information regarding this event. We are actively looking for a chapter website administrator to replace Allison Dobie. If you are interested in this role, please reach out to me.

Overall, if you want to become more active and involved in the APWA KC Metro Chapter or just want to know more about the chapter, please don't hesitate to contact me. I can be reached at 913-312-4809 or bwill@hntb.com.

Delegate Details

By Bill Stogsdill

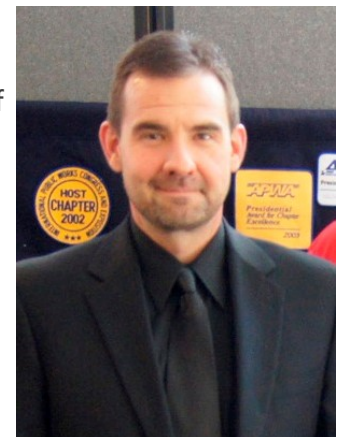
PWX

I am writing this article while at PWX in San Diego. The host chapter is doing a great job and you can't beat the location. It was nice to get out of the heat and humidity of the Midwest and to the beautiful weather of southern California. A few of the highlights are:

The opening session is always Sunday morning and the official kickoff of PWX. This year's speaker was Morris Morrison who was in KC last December as a speaker at the Chapter Leaders Training event. He is a very entertaining and motivating speaker. His message was loud and clear- Disrupt Yourself.

The Chapter dinner Tuesday night is always a great time to catch up with colleagues away from Kansas City. This year Nick Arena put together a great event at Tom Ham's Lighthouse on Harbor Island. Over 100 people gathered and enjoyed the event.

If you ever get the opportunity to attend PWX, take advantage of it. You get four days of top notch training, get to network with Public Works professionals from across the globe, and return to work revitalized.



Delegate Details - cont.

By Bill Stogsdill

Website

The website is still an ongoing issue that National is addressing. As of this writing we still are not taking online payment and we have to find alternative ways of doing business. Please check the blast email for updates.

Membership

The official membership total at the end of August was 31,975, which is over 1,000 members higher than this time last year. At PWX it was announced that we were over 32,000.

Call for Presentations

Want to present at PWX or the North American Snow Conference? The Call for Presentations is currently open for both.

- Snow Conference deadline September 8
- PWX deadline October 30

Public Works Institute- Module I.6

PW Basic Supervision Essentials. It is scheduled for October 17-19 at the Police Training Facility in Lee's Summit. Stay tuned for registration information. This is still one of the best training events that we host. I recommend it for all levels of Public Works.

Upcoming Events- Chapter

- YP Disc Golf Tournament September 28
- Public Works Institute Module I.6- October 17-19
- Holiday Party- SAVE THE DATE 12/6/23

Upcoming Events- National

- Certification testing block September 12-14
- IJJA Webinar: Learn about DOT's new Navigator Tool to Access Grant Opportunities September 13
- Public Fleet Manager Certificate- September 19
- Fleet Management Committee CLL September 28

And if you have any other APWA questions please contact Becky Bonebrake or myself and if we are not able to answer the question we will find the right people that can.

Maui Relief Fund

With the wildfire that swept Maui and devastating their community, APWA has reached out to them to see what assistance we can offer. Below is some information the Hawaii Chapter. There are 2 links below for donations to help in this effort to move forward and rebuild. Any donations to help the cause are appreciated.

[Hawaii Community Foundation](#)

[Maui United Way](#)

Past Events

Facilities & Grounds Committees Hosts First Facilities and Grounds Management Certificate Workshop August 9, 2023

Facilities & Grounds Committee Members: Dan Brown (Chair), Stephanie Boyce, and Dan Maginn

The Facilities & Grounds Committee was excited to host the first Facilities & Grounds Management Certificate Workshop August 9th at the Lenexa Fire Station #3 Auditorium. APWA National began offering this certificate in 2021 and annually hosts a virtual certificate workshop each April. The local F&G Committee wanted to host an in-person session to provide a better networking experience, and of course a great breakfast, lunch and snacks.

Two members of the National Facilities & Grounds Committee traveled to Kansas City to lead the certificate workshop - David Pinsonneault, Public Works Director with the Town of Lexington, Massachusetts, and John Warnement, Director of Public Works with the City of Webster, Texas. Both David and John were involved with the development of the certificate program. It was great having them in Kansas City to lead the workshop. We had thirteen (13) folks registered for the eight-hour program. David and John shared a lot of information, and the attendees asked great questions.

The F&G Committee would like to thank the City of Lenexa staff and City of Lenexa Fire Department for access to the event space and the great hospitality.



Upcoming Events

2023 Climate Summit

September 9, 2023 10:00 AM — 4:00 PM

Rockhurst University

1100 Rockhurst Rd

Kansas City, MO 64110

[REGISTER](#)

Join us on Saturday, September 9, 2023 from 10am-4pm for the Summit at Rockhurst University in Kansas City, Missouri! We are currently SOLD OUT, but will open up additional ticket sales if tickets become available! Thank you!

To support the work of Regional Climate Action, CAKC hosts an annual Climate Summit to celebrate successes, vision towards the future, and prioritize regional opportunities with the Kansas City metro area community. On Saturday September 9, 2023, CAKC will host its 3rd Annual Climate Summit with over 600 attendees anticipated.

The 2023 Climate Summit will focus on what lies ahead in the next 10, 20, 30 years— as Kansas City aims to reach its net zero goal by 2050. Join us for inspiring conversations with elected officials, corporate leaders, climate advocates, and other critical voices across our region.

Smooth Concrete Pavements: How to Build Them and Why They are Important

September 12, 2023 12:00 PM

Webinar

Presenters: Matt Fonte, Fonte and Company & Larry Scofield, American Concrete Pavement Association

Mr. Matt Fonte will discuss the important aspects of proper construction techniques to ensure smooth concrete pavements at the time of construction as well as pavements that will maintain their smoothness over time. The presentation will discuss project planning, what to look for during construction, proper paving procedures, potential equipment issues, inspector best practices, and troubleshooting. He will also discuss common smoothness beliefs such as the impact of dowel baskets versus inserters, stringless paving versus wireline, and the impact of today's improved mix design technologies. Next, Mr. Larry Scofield will present what goes into specifying smoothness at the design and specification stage of a project and how it varies across the country. He will also present LTPP SPS-2 data to indicate how concrete pavements perform over time including a comparison of AASHTOWare Pavement ME Design predicted performance to actual test section performance. The LTPP SPS-2 experiment was developed to determine the influence of selected design features on pavement performance. Their impact on pavement smoothness after 20 to 30 years of performance will be discussed.

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Upcoming Events

National Ready Mixed Concrete Association Innovations Webinar

September 13, 2023 11:00 AM

Webinar

[REGISTER](#)

Webinar will feature Rice Husk Ash Pozzolan and product spotlights for Solida and Alcrete.

Current & Former MCTI Directors

In-Situ Examination of GFRP Bars in Bridge Decks After Two Decades of Field Exposure: How Durable are They?

and

Increasing Pavement Sustainability via Recycled Plastic & Scrap Tire Derived Polymer Additives

September 20, 2023 12:00 PM

Webinar

[REGISTER](#)

Current MCTI Director John Myers of Missouri S&T and Founding MCTI Director Bill Buttlar off University of Missouri - Columbia will present on their current focus areas.

ACI Aggregate Soils Base Tester Workshop

September 21, 2023 11:00 AM

Kansas Technology Center

909 E Ford Avenue

Pittsburg, Kansas 66762

ACI will grant certification only to those applicants who meet both of the following requirements:

1. A passing grade on the ACI written examination
2. Successful completion of the ACI performance examination

Written Exam: 2 hour open book exam consists of 100 multiple choice questions. You must get at least a 60% correct for each of the required standards and minimum score of 70% overall.

Performance Exam: The performance exam is closed book and requires actual demonstrations of the required standards. The examinee is judged on his/her ability to correctly perform or describe all of the required procedures for each standard.

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Upcoming Events

APWA KC Metro Young Professionals Disc Golf

September 28, 2023 5:00 PM

Legacy Park Disc Golf Course

1801 NE Coneflower

Lee's Summit, MO 64086

[**REGISTER**](#)

Join us for our third annual disc golf tournament presented by the APWA KC Metro Young Professional group. \$20 ticket includes food, snacks, beverages, and disc golf. Bring your own discs although I'm sure people will have some to share for any beginners. As always, there will be a couple raffles for gift cards/prizes! Meet at Shelter 2 at Legacy Park in Lee's Summit. All skill levels welcome! This is a great opportunity to get involved with the KC Metro Chapter of APWA and meet some new people!

ACI Concrete Field Testing Grade 1

October 2, 2023 8:00 AM — 4:00 PM

Geiger Ready Mix

875 E Old 56 Highway

Olathe, KS 66061

Exam events are separated into time blocks to limit the number of participants in an area at one time. PLEASE SELECT THE STARTING TIME THAT SERVES YOU BEST. If you are not the individual taking the exam (registering for someone else), please let them know the starting time of their exam based on the ticket selected. Individuals that arrive prior to their designated start time will be turned away unless there has been a cancellation. Examinees may be asked to move to a different time slot at that time in order to facilitate full Groups.

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Upcoming Events



AMERICAN PUBLIC WORKS ASSOCIATION
APWA
 Kansas City Metro Chapter

APWA KC METRO CHAPTER 42ND ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

Thursday, Oct 12th

Drumm Farm Golf Club
 15400 E 34th Street S
 Independence, MO 64055

7:30am Registration

8:30am Shotgun Start

Lunch and Awards to Follow

Team of 4 Golfers

\$600

Individual Golfer

\$150

REGISTER NOW!

Public Works Institute, Module 1.6 Public Works Basic Supervision Essentials

October 17-19, 2023 5:00 PM

Planning has begun for an October 2023 presentation of the first module in the four-module Public Works Institute program. Registration will be available September 5 on the chapter web site. This session will be held at the Lee's Summit Police Training Facility, 10 NE Tudor Rd, Lee's Summit, MO 64086.

In the meantime, if you have any questions about the Public Works Institute program or this upcoming event, please contact Public Works Institute Directors Dena Mezger at wildcatce77@gmail.com, or Tim Ross at tross@gbateam.com.

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Chapter Leadership

APWA 2023 COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Audit & Budget - Bryan Blizzard
 Awards - Nathan Hladky & Becky Bonebrake
 By-Laws - Alysen Abel
 Chapter Meetings - Thomas Renfro
 Communications and Publicity - Allison Bruner
 Community Service - Tommy Hunter
 Diversity and Inclusion - Sheila Shockey
 Education & Training - Zach Matteo & Blake Moris
 Emergency Management - Trey Whitaker & Alysen Abel
 Engineering & Technology - Michael Haake
 Facilities & Grounds - Dan Brown
 Fleet Services - Mark Stinson & Josh Wood
 Golf Tournament - Taylor Smith
 Governmental Affairs - Trey Whitaker & Kati Horner
 Historical - Ernie Longoria
 Holiday Party - Nicole Woods & Sabrina Parker
 K-12 Student Outreach - David Smalling
 Leadership & Management - Gary Strack
 Membership - Zac Coppersmith
 Membership BBQ & Steak Fry - Jack Renfro
 MidAmX - Dan Brown & Kyle Dieckmann
 MO-KAN Street Superintendents - Paul Dunn
 Myron D. Calkins Scholarship - Erik Troy
 Myron Calkins Symposium - Alysen Abel
 National Public Works Week - Sabrina Parker and Nicole Woods
 Snow & Equipment Training Expo - Paul Dunn & Jody Malone
 Standards & Specifications - Mark Montgomery
 Student Chapter - **VACANT**
 Sustainable Infrastructure - Carla Anderson
 Transportation - Linda Rottinghaus
 Utility & Public Right-of-Way - Andy Roddy & Brent Berry
 Water Resources Management - Andrew Smith
 Webmaster - **VACANT**
 Young Professionals - Leslie Donnelly & Joey Carley

**For contact information, visit: [https://
kcmetro.apwa.org/](https://kcmetro.apwa.org/)**

Appointments, Liaisons, Coordinators, and Task Forces

Asset Management Task Force - Brandon Grover
 Calendar/Events Coordinator - Ben Will
 Construction Materials - Christy Martin
 Public Works Institute - Dena Mezger & Tim Ross
 Solid Waste Management - **Vacant**

KC APWA 2023 OFFICERS

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 Secretary - Patty Hilderbrand
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 Past President - Alysen Abel
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 Director (2nd Year) - John Cooper
 Director (1st Year) - Ernie Longoria
 Director (1st Year) - Trey Whitaker
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 Delegate - Bill Stogsdill
 Alternate Delegate - Becky Bonebrake





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- 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.