

# PUB NEWS

## APWA KC Metro Chapter Newsletter



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## President's Perspective

By Dan Brown

Well, I'm writing my final President's Perspective and as many before me have surely felt, the time as your Chapter President has flown by. The saying, "time flies when you're having fun" definitely applies here because I have truly enjoyed serving as your President this past year. Frankly, I wish I could go another year because I feel like I'm finding my groove. Instead, I'll be serving as Past President and do anything I can to assist Shawn Graff as he takes the reins as President in 2020. We're in great hands!



We had a lot going on since the last edition of the Pub News. Some highlights are:

- 2019 Equipment Roadeo and Training Event on September 24-25.
- 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Tournament at St. Andrews in Overland Park on September 25.
- Joint Meeting with WTS on September 26.



- Public Works Institute, Module IV – Public Works Leadership Skills October 1-3.



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- APWA Student Chapter Recruitment Event on October 23.



- Orange Barrel Report on October 24.
- Winter Maintenance Supervisor Training on November 6.

In the January Pub News I listed and described my four initiatives for the year. Since we're closing down the year, let's see how we did:

*Avoid the PWX Hangover!* – The goal here was to get more people engaged on committees and reenergize some that have had little activity in recent years. We succeeded by getting new members involved with some of our committees and a couple of our committees were reenergized with new leadership, but we still have work to do. I can't stress enough how important committees are to what our chapter does. If you'd like to get connected with a Committee, please contact me at [DLBrown@walterpmoore.com](mailto:DLBrown@walterpmoore.com) or (816) 701-2109 and I'll help find a good fit for you. We have three committees who need a chair in 2020. They are:

- *Sustainable Infrastructure*
- *Diversity*
- *Mid-America Expo (for the one in 2023)*

*Continue Young Professional Engagement Efforts* – Our Young Professionals Committee did a great job this year hosting two very well attended events – the Mini Golf Tournament and a Happy Hour at KC Bier Co. We need to continue encouraging our younger staff to get involved.

*Update Chapter Strategic Plan* – I've been providing updates each Pub News on our progress. We're getting close to having something ready to present at the next Executive Committee Meeting.

*Host the 2024 APWA North American Snow Conference* – We found out at the PWX in Seattle in September that our chapter was selected to host the conference in 2024. If you're interested in being a part of the planning team, please contact Bill Billings, our Director at Large, at [bbillings@leawood.org](mailto:bbillings@leawood.org).

Finally, I'm pleased to announce that 2019-20 APWA President Bill Spearman will be the speaker at our Holiday Party on December 4 at the DoubleTree in Overland Park. I hope to see many of you there!

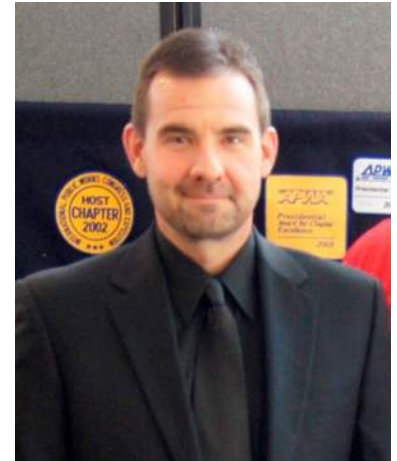
Thank you again for allowing me to serve as your 2019 KC Metro Chapter President. It's been a blast working with our Executive Committee, Committee Chairs, members and friends throughout the year. Have a blessed holiday season.

## Delegate Details

By Bill Stogsdill

2019 is almost over and winter is already at our doorstep. Is your community ready for what this winter has in store? The 2019 Equipment Rodeo and Training Event was another successful event held at the Independence Events Center and Midwest Public Risk. There were over 100 participants representing over a dozen cities at the event. Local news stations attended and reported live from the annual event. Thanks to Bill Billings, Trey Whitaker and the rest of the committee for putting on another great event.

The Holidays are around the corner which for most means time with family. For Public Works it could mean long times away from family either plowing snow or responding to some other type of emergency. The general public may not always recognize what we do but those of us in Public Works do notice it and appreciate it.



### National Membership

As of September 30, National membership stands at 30,547. The highest total...ever. The official October figures will be available in the Membership Section of the Chapter Leader Resources area on November 8. (Please note the membership figures are not official until the 8<sup>th</sup> day of the following month.)

### Council of Chapters Winter Meeting

The next National gathering will be at the Council of Chapters winter meeting that will be held on February 20 -21 at the Westin Crown Center in Kansas City. The Council meetings will be held in conjunction with the APWA technical committee meetings and National Board meeting.

### Government Affairs

November is *Infrastructure Security Month*, which highlights the importance of protecting all facets of critical infrastructure. APWA participates by raising awareness about the month and the 16 sectors of critical infrastructure that include both cyber and physical assets. For the federal government, it is the Department of Homeland Security's Cyber and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) that leads national efforts on protecting and enhancing the security and resiliency of U.S. cybersecurity, emergency communications, and critical infrastructure. Go to <https://www.cisa.gov/infrastructure-security-month> for additional information about the month, ideas for promoting the month, and steps to take in protecting critical infrastructure.

The APWA Government Affairs team is looking to expand the Advocacy Ambassadors program. The program aims to build a network of APWA members who advocate on behalf of the organization at the local, state, and federal levels. We are working to identify an Ambassador in each U.S. APWA chapter, and we are looking for interested members. Please spread the word to all APWA members. Those interested in participating may contact APWA Government Affairs Manager Sean Garcia at [sgarcia@apwa.net](mailto:sgarcia@apwa.net) for more information.

### Upcoming Events

#### National

**2020 NORTH AMERICAN SNOW CONFERENCE**, April 19-22, Cleveland, OH

**PWX 2020**, August 30-September 2, New Orleans, LA

## Delegate Details

By Bill Stogsdill

**2021 NORTH AMERICAN SNOW CONFERENCE**, April 11-14, Grand Rapids, MI

**PWX 2021**, August 29-September 1, St. Louis, MO

**2022 NORTH AMERICAN SNOW CONFERENCE**, April 10-13, Pittsburgh, PA

**PWX 2022**, August 28-31, Charlotte, NC

**2023 NORTH AMERICAN SNOW CONFERENCE**, April 16-19, Omaha, NE

**PWX 2023**, August 27-30, San Diego, CA

### Chapter

HOLIDAY PARTY, December 4, Doubletree Hotel, Overland Park

It is truly an honor to serve as your Alternate Delegate, if you have any questions please let me know and if I do not have the answer, I will get it for you. Thanks, and I hope everyone has a safe and happy holiday season.

## Recent Event

On September 25th, over 100 golfers came together at St. Andrews Golf Course for some fun on the links. Thank you everyone that made our 38th Annual KC Metro Golf Tournament possible.

Congrats to all the tournament and individual winners. And a huge thanks to our tournament sponsors.

Player Gift - Emery Sapp & Sons

Breakfast Sponsors – Affinis, BHC Rhodes, and Lochner

Lunch Sponsors – GBA, TREKK, Walter P Moore

Beverage Sponsor – Hg Consult

Tournament wouldn't be possible without the help from the following: Tawn Nugent, Katie Bushong, Tiffany Cartwright, Jason Hanson, Spencer Osborn, Laura Sanford, Autumn Schleicher, Heidi Thummel, Jonathan Tronson, and Therese Vink.



## KC Metro APWA Nominating Committee Report

The 2019 KC Metro Chapter Nominating Committee, consisting of Past Presidents Bill Stogsdill, Rob Krewson and Jason Meyers, 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 2020 administrative year:

**President Shawn Graff** City of Lee's Summit  
**Vice President Kyle Dieckmann** City of Overland Park  
**Secretary Alysen Abel** City of Parkville  
**Treasurer Ben Will** HNTB  
**Director (2nd Year) Heidi Thummel** GBA  
**Director (2nd Year) Nick Arena** City of Lenexa  
**Director (1st Year) Trey Whitaker** City of Edgerton  
**Director (1st Year) Tawn Nugent** TREKK Design Group

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

**Past President Dan Brown** Walter P. Moore  
**Director at Large Bill Billings** City of Leawood  
**Delegate Bill Stogsdill** City of Fairway  
**Alternate Delegate Becky Bonebrake** City of Overland Park

The 2019 Executive Committee has directed the election of these officers and directors take place at the Annual Holiday Party on December 4, 2019. This announcement serves as the official notice to Chapter Membership of the nomination of this slate of officers and directors for the 2020 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,  
Jason Meyers, Past President



Chair, Nominating Committee

## Orange Barrel Report

The Orange Barrel Report was held October 25 at the Founders Club Terrace located in the Burns & McDonnell office. This year, the local agencies talked about both upcoming construction work that will impact the metro area and future design projects. The meeting was a great networking opportunity to meet others in public works and hear about upcoming project opportunities. The following agency representatives gave a brief overview of their upcoming construction activities for 2020 and future design projects:

- Thankam Mathew, MoDOT
- Kevin Kellerman, KDOT
- Jason Van Nice, KDOT
- Troy Shaw, Unified Government
- David Miller, City of Kansas City, Missouri
- Becky Bonebrake, City of Overland Park, Kansas

The Transportation Committee would like to thank everyone for attending and a big thank you to the representatives for coming to give updates.



## Public Works Institute — Public Works Leadership Skills

by Larry Frevert

From October 1-3, public works supervisors, managers, leaders and others aspiring to those types of positions attended Public Works Institute Module IV, Public Works Leadership Skills.

On the final day, attendance certificates were presented to the 75 attendees, just after the following photo was taken:



This fall's module was held at the Lenexa Fire Training Center. Due to the City of Lenexa allowing us to use their facility cost-free, the Chapter was able to offer this valuable three-day training for only \$250. Thanks to the City of Lenexa for coordinating use of this site and specifically to Municipal Services Director Nick Arena and his extraordinary staff for making the arrangements and for providing us with exceptional hospitality and courtesies.

We are indebted to the talented and dedicated members of the KC Metro Chapter and the region who served as presenters for Module IV. They were:

- Tammy Bennett, APWA
- Julie Breithaupt, Shawnee
- Bill Billings, Leawood
- Becky Bonebrake, Overland Park
- Deanne Cross, APWA
- Larry Frevert, Retired
- Bob Hartnett, Lee's Summit
- Tony Hofmann, Overland Park
- Mary Jaeger, Olathe
- Sherri McIntyre, KCMO
- Tony Mesa, Raytown
- Jack Messer, Overland Park
- Dena Mezger, Lee's Summit
- Steven Miller, APWA
- Rich Profaizer, Overland Park
- Meg Ralph, Overland Park
- Dennis Randolph, Grandview
- Mike Ross, Retired
- David Rowe, Burns & McDonnell
- Mahesh Sharma, Scott County, IA
- Councilman Fred Spears, Overland Park
- Bill Stogsdill, Fairway
- Doug Wesselschmidt, Retired
- Chuck Williams, Retired

This PWI was well attended with 75 registered and attending. This fall's attendees included twelve first time attendees and brings us to a total of 261 individuals that have attended at least one of our PWI's. Thirty-nine of this fall's attendees completed their fourth module, bringing us to a total of 179 that have completed all four modules. These 39 graduates, along with the 21 who completed their fourth module this past spring will be recognized at the Chapter's December Holiday Party.



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The 39 PWI attendees who completed their fourth module of the training this fall are:

- Phil Adlich, Warrensburg
- Ryan Banks, Olathe
- Rick Bird, UGWYCOKCK
- Eva Coker, Kansas City, MO
- Jack Corcoran, Leawood
- Michael Donahoe, Raymore
- Brent Dorr, Olathe
- Robert Ehlers, Independence
- Brad Elledge, Grain Valley
- Gary Everhart, UGWYCOKCK
- Cody Ferris, Edgerton
- Derek Gruenwald, Owensville
- Darrell Hallowell, Shawnee
- Keith Haslag, Jefferson City
- Jerry Johnson, Lee's Summit
- Lemondray Jones, Kansas City, MO
- Cris Lawson, Olathe
- Derek McCannon, Warrensburg
- Art Miller, Overland Park
- Craig Miller, Leawood
- David Mosher, St. Joseph
- Timothy Murdock, Overland Park
- Rex Olinger, Belton
- Justin Paith, Raymore
- Jim Powell, Independence
- Kent Ragland, UGWYCOKCK
- John Reutter, Jefferson City
- Charles Rutledge, Lenexa
- Shane Smith, Belton
- Timothy Smith, Olathe
- Lee Sommers, St. Joseph
- Logan Stites, Leawood
- Craig Sullivan, Olathe
- Bruce Taylor, Lee's Summit
- Brad Wallace, Lenexa
- Steve Welch, Raymore
- Warren Welsh, Grain Valley
- Eric Willard, Gardner
- Phillip Wilson, Leawood

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:

1. Supervisory Techniques and Skills
2. Basic Management Skills
3. Communications Skills
4. Leadership Skills
5. Community Service/Customer Orientation Skills
6. Impact of Law on Public Works
7. Fundamentals of Government
8. Finance
9. Resource Management Skills
10. Overview of Public Works Operations
11. Creating the Future

The following are some photos taken during the three days of the October 2019 training (All photos can be viewed at <http://kcmetro.apwa.net/PageDetails/20804> (photos courtesy of Bruce Taylor of Lee's Summit))



On the first morning, Chapter President Dan Brown and Lenexa Municipal Services Director Nick Arena welcomed the attendees



The Lenexa Fire Training Center was an excellent site for the Fall 2019 Public Works Institute



After the attendees completed a DISC profile assessment, teams of attendees participated in the "Marshmallow Challenge"

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The "Marshmallow Challenge" winning team of L to R, Brent Morton (Mission), Steve Gant (Raytown), Art Miller (Overland Park) and Ryan Barta (Olathe) "won" a gift card



A new session entitled "Smart Cities" was developed and excellently presented by Dennis Randolph (Grandview), Dave Rowe (Burns and McDonnell) and Sherri McIntyre (KCMO)



A session on Municipal Planning and Urban Development presented by Jack Messer (Overland Park) was informative and interesting



Tony Mesa (Raytown) and Chuck Williams (Retired) stressed the value of managing a succession plan



Left to Right, Brent Dorr (Olathe) and Cindy DeShazo (Lee's Summit) front, Gary Everhart (UGWYCOCK), Brad Elledge (Grain Valley) and Robert Ehlers (Independence) work on an assignment



APWA staff members Tammy Bennett and Deanne Cross spoke on APWA's professional development programs



Overland Park's Public Works Director Tony Hofmann and City Councilman Fred Spear shared thoughts on improved relationships with elected officials



Meg Ryan (Overland Park) and Julie Breithaupt (Shawnee) gave tips on improving citizen/public relations



Dennis Randolph (Grandview), Dena Mezger (Lee's Summit) and Doug Wesselschmidt (Shawnee Retired) each of whom has been recognized as an APWA Top Ten Leader of the Year and led their organizations to APWA Accreditation, shared their insight on leadership



The PWI graduates honored Larry with gift cards to Top Golf. William Welsh of Grain Valley and Brent Dorr of Olathe presented the gift cards to Larry



Site Hosts are critical to the success of our PWI's. Larry showed his appreciation to Lenexa's Steve Degner, Alec Brown, Bobby Lyon, Charles Rutledge, Brad Wallace and Michael Schaller, presenting them with gift cards



Bruce Taylor of Lee's Summit served as the photographer for the three days of the PWI and was recognized with a gift card

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### **39 Fall 2019 PWI graduates completed their fourth module and will be recognized at the December Chapter Holiday Party.**

Photographed with Chapter President Dan Brown and PWI Director Larry Frevert are left to right, Row 1: Steve Welch (Raymore), Gary Everhart (UGWYCOCK), Brad Elledge (Grain Valley), William Welsh (Grain Valley), Logan Stites (Leawood), Craig Miller (Leawood), Charles Rutledge (Lenexa), Shane Smith (Belton), Chapter President Dan Brown Row 2: Larry, Derek Gruenloh (Owensville), John Reutter (Jefferson City), Jim Powell (Belton), Eric Willard (Gardner), Cris Lawson (Olathe) Row 3: Kent Ragland (UGWYCOCK), Phil Adlich (Warrensburg), Justin Paith (Raymore), Art Miller (Overland Park), Rex Olinger (Belton), Michael Donahoe (Raymore), Jerry Johnson (Lee's Summit), Lemondray Jones (KCMO), Jack Corcoran (Leawood), Craig Sullivan (Olathe), Brent Dorr (Olathe) Back Rows: David McCannon (Warrensburg), Robert Ehlers (Independence), Rick Bird (UGWYCOCK), Darrell Hallowell (Shawnee), Cody Ferris (Edgerton), Lee Sommers (St Joseph), Eva Coker (KCMO), Keith Haslag (Jefferson City), David Mosher (St Joseph), Timothy Murdock (Overland Park), Brad Wallace (Lenexa), Phillip Wilson (Leawood), Ryan Banks (Olathe), Bruce Taylor (Lee's Summit), Timothy Smith (Olathe)

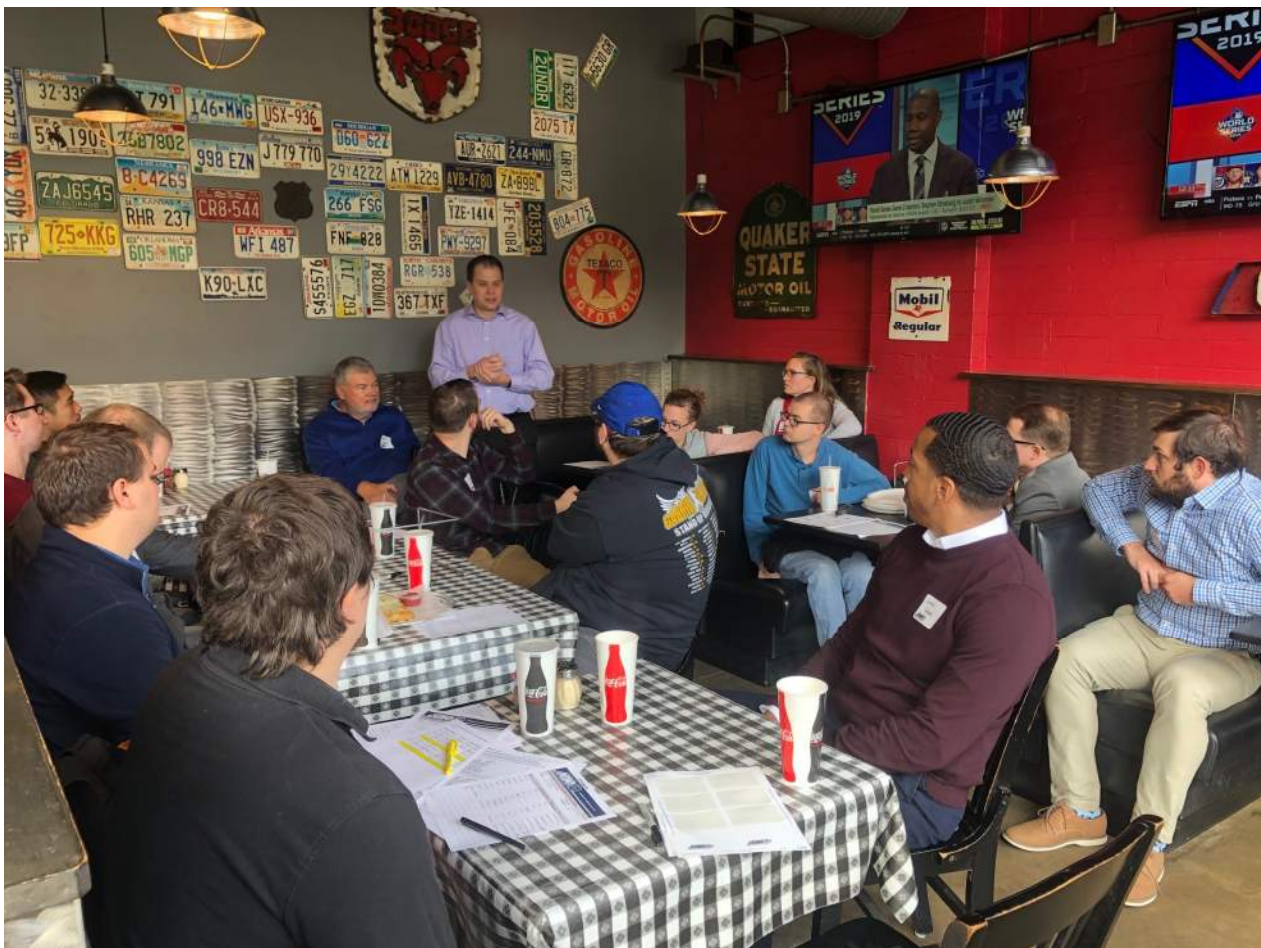
Public Works Institute Module I— Public Works Supervision Essentials is planned for April 2020 at a Missouri location and exact dates to be determined. Registration is planned for the month of March. Watch for details in future issues of the PubNews or on the chapter website: <http://kcmetro.apwa.net/>

## APWA UMKC Student Chapter

On Wednesday, October 23, The APWA Student Chapter Committee was successful in recruiting the necessary 10 student members to re-start the Student Chapter at UMKC! After meeting with a few students early in October and identifying a student leadership team, the student chapter committee held a recruiting event at Pizza 51 and invited additional students to attend to hear about the new UMKC chapter. During the meeting, the new members adopted a constitution & bylaws and selected a President, Vice President, and Treasurer for their chapter. New members also enjoyed a free meal and heard from almost a dozen public works professionals, recent graduates, and UMKC alumni about their public works careers and how the student chapter can help them connect with professionals and learn about public works opportunities.

In addition to the construction tour, the students are busy developing an event schedule for the upcoming 2020 Spring semester. Some of the anticipated events the students are planning are a Trivia Night recruiting event in January, a resume writing and interview prep workshop in February, and a Q&A panel with the Young Professionals chapter.

To close out the current fall semester, the Student Chapter is now busy planning a tour of UMKC's new Robert W. Plaster Free Enterprise Research Center that is currently under construction adjacent to Flarsheim Hall. Turner Construction's superintendent will guide the tour and the Student Chapter will host lunch and a short presentation on the UMKC APWA chapter to try and recruit additional student members. The event is open to all UMKC students and KC Metro APWA members. See the KC Metro website for additional information and registration options.



**Upcoming Events**



# HOLIDAY *Party*

**Doubletree Hotel Overland Park**

10100 College Blvd, Overland Park, KS 66210

**DEC 4, 2019**  
**5:30-9:30 PM**

- 5:30-6:30** Cocktail Reception
- 6:45** Dinner
- 7:15** Awards, addition of Lifetime Members, recognition for Public Works Institute (PWI) graduates, keynote address from APWA National President Bill Spearman, and installation of officers for 2020

**Tickets \$50**  
Includes: Two drink tickets (Beer/Wine), Salad, Dinner Entree, Dessert, Coffee/Tea, and a Door Prize Ticket

**Toy donations appreciated!**  
Every toy donation will receive an extra raffle ticket

## Chapter Leadership

### APWA 2019 COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Audit & Budget - Alysen Abel  
 Awards - Reid Catt  
 By-Laws - Jason Meyers  
 Chapter Meetings - Joe Burgett  
 Communications and Publicity - Allison Bruner  
 Community Service - Jack Renfro  
 Diversity - Abdul Yahaya  
 Education & Training - Josh Hartman & Zach Matteo  
 Emergency Management & Homeland Security (PET) -

#### **Vacant Position**

Engineering & Technology - Michael Haake  
 Facilities & Grounds - Kristian Krc  
 Fleet Services - Mark Stinson  
 Golf Tournament - Tawn Nugent  
 Governmental Affairs - **Vacant Position**  
 Historical - Ernie Longoria  
 Holiday Party - Brandon Kuehl  
 K-12 Student Outreach - David Smalling  
 Leadership & Management - Ted Semadeni  
 Membership - Scott Cogan  
 Membership BBQ & Steak Fry - Brian Ladd  
 MidAmX - Patty Hilderbrand  
 MO-KAN Street Superintendents - Bill Billings  
 Myron D. Calkins Scholarship - Phil Herrman  
 Myron Calkins Symposium - Jason Meyers  
 National Public Works Week - Heather Bray  
 Snow & Equipment Training Expo - Trey Whitaker  
 Standards & Specifications - Dena Mezger  
 Student Chapter - Aaron Castro & Tim Cope  
 Sustainable Infrastructure - JC Alonzo & Anne Schroer  
 Transportation - Jaclyn White and Linda Rottinghaus  
 Utility & Public Right-of-Way - Jeffrey Mains  
 Water Resources Management - Andrew Smith  
 Webmaster - Tiffany Cartwright  
 Young Professionals - Leslie Donnelly

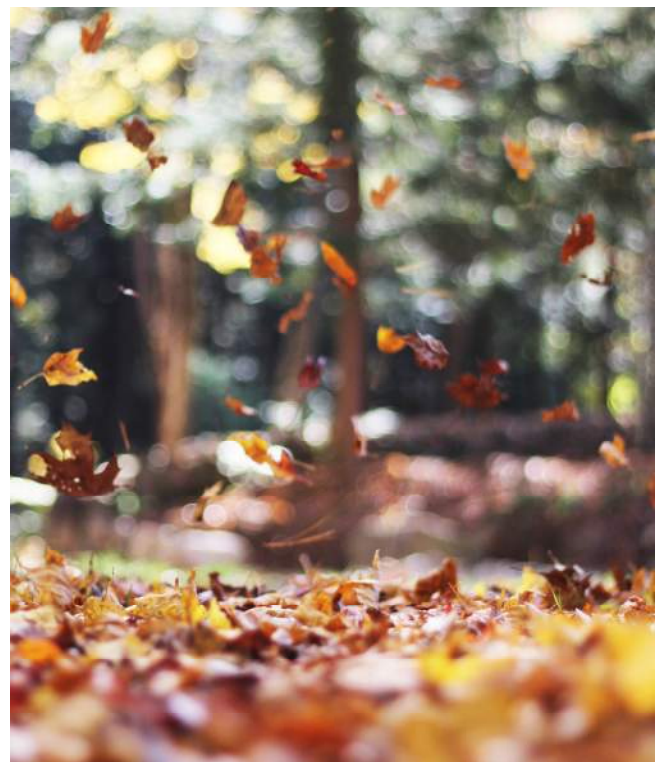
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### Appointments, Liaisons, Coordinators, and Task Forces

ACEC-APWA Liaison - Howard Lubliner  
 Asset Management Task Force - Steve Roth &  
 Chris Harker  
 Calendar/Events Coordinator - Dan Brown  
 MCIB/KCMMB - Todd LaTorella  
 Public Works Institute - Larry Frevert  
 Solid Waste Management - Lisa McDaniel

### KC APWA 2019 OFFICERS

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



## New Members

**Jeff Bogaards**, Burns & McDonnell

**Jeremy Carr**, City of Lee's Summit

**Joshua Chapman**, City of Independence

**Shar-Shahriar Dilmaghani**, City of Independence

**Robert Ehlers**, City of Independence

**Gary Everhart**, Unified Government

**Woodrow Fincher**, City of Independence

**Andy Harden**, City of Independence

**Adam Hilgedick**, City of Blue Springs

**Joe Kramer**, City of Lee's Summit

**Quentin Liebold**, City of Independence

**Raymond Lopez**, City of Independence

**Jennifer Penfield**, TranSystems

**Thomas Renfro**, GBA

**Phillip Robinson**, City of Independence

**Aaron Schneider**, VSM Engineering

**Terry Thomas**, City of Independence

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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, January 10, 2020. Deadlines will be strictly enforced. Electronic formats are preferred, but not required. Send your stories to Allison Bruner via email at [abruner@trekkdesigngroup.com](mailto:abruner@trekkdesigngroup.com).



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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.