

Oregon Chapter Conference

Frequently Asked Questions

How often is the conference held?

Twice a year: spring and fall. We suggest you bookmark the [APWA Oregon Chapter Website](#), for easy access to upcoming conference information.

How do I find upcoming conference dates and information?

[APWA Oregon Chapter Website](#) takes you to the chapter "Home" page. From there, you will see "Upcoming Events" along the right side which lists the first few upcoming events for the chapter, in chronological order. You can click "More Chapter Events" to view other upcoming events. You can also click the "Events" tab at the top, and then click on "Training". If there is an event page for the event you are looking for, it will be in blue font; otherwise we do not have enough information to open the event page and please check back again.

How long is the conference?

Four days: either Mon-Thu or Tue-Fri.

Where is the conference held?

The conference is held in a variety of locations around Oregon: Bend, Canyonville, Hood River, Pendleton, Seaside...to name a few.

Do I have to be an APWA Member to attend?

No, anyone can attend. We do offer discounted rates to current members of the APWA Oregon Chapter.

How do I become a member of the APWA Oregon Chapter?

For information on how you can join the American Public Works Association and for a list of the benefits that members enjoy, visit the [APWA membership web site](#) or contact [Leslie Finnigan](#) on the Oregon APWA Membership Committee. Check out the benefits offered by the [APWA Members Library](#).

Are there any registration discounts I should know about?

The conference offers discounts for students, retirees, first time attendees, and Chapter Members. We also offer complimentary registrations for local area, small agency employees as set by the Chapter Board of Directors. For more information contact the Registration Coordinator, Peggy McCormick, at cameopeg@gmail.com.

When does registration for the conference open? (Dates are approximate)

Delegates:

Spring – February 1st

Fall – August 15th

Exhibitors:

Spring – January 15th

Fall – August 1st

What is the difference between a "Delegate" and an "Exhibitor"?

Delegate: An attendee of the conference; coming with the intent to earn PDH and/or CEUs. A Delegate of the conference are generally in a leadership role; City Manager, Engineer, Public Works Director...to name a few.



***Exhibitor:** A company that registers to exhibit and display their product or service. The company has the opportunity to send more than one representative to staff their booth and network with Delegate attendees and other exhibit representatives.*

How many CEUs can I earn at one conference?

Continuing Education Units (CEUs) are assigned by the Oregon Environmental Services Advisory Council (OESAC) based on the technical program set for each conference. Total CEUs range up to 1.0 for eight hours of sessions plus a 2-hour technical tour. Again, this varies based upon OESAC approvals. There can be additional hours if the conference offers pre-conference workshops and it can be less if the technical tour is less than two hours.

Is there a dress code at the conference?

Dress code for the conference is casual/business casual for all sessions and social gatherings other than the banquet which is business casual or business dress.

What is a First Timer?

A First Timer is a Delegate that has never attended an Oregon APWA Conference OR has attended a conference as a guest speaker, but has not been a Delegate. A First Timer does not have to be a current APWA member.

What is required to sign up as a First Timer?

To register as a First Timer at the discounted rate you are required to participate in the First Timer Program. You will be assigned a seasoned conference attendee as your mentor that you will meet at the "Get Acquainted" meeting. You will have the opportunity to meet and socialize with APWA Board of Directors and create ties that will likely last your entire career in public works.

What is the Young Professional Mixer and who can attend?

The Young Professional Mixer is a social gathering currently held prior to the Exhibitor Social. The Mixer is for young professionals up to age 35.

What is the Exhibitor Social?

The Exhibitor Social is held on the first official evening of the conference and is open to ALL conference attendees and exhibit representatives. In fact, we encourage everyone to attend as it is the networking highlight of the conference! Both Delegates and Representatives benefit from the social. There are drinks, heavy appetizers, and lots of networking and camaraderie!

I registered as an exhibitor, why do I keep get marketing emails?

Once a company registers and we send out additional marketing emails we click a button to eliminate the email from going to the email address used on the registration. If your company has several people on the marketing list, all email addresses other than the one used for registration will receive future emails. If you personally have more than one email address on the marketing list, any that aren't used for registration will receive future emails. To avoid this open the first email after you register and select the "click to respond" button and decline the invitation to register. This will remove you from future emails for this event only; and keep you on our marketing list for future events.

Golf or Disc Golf...I'm not very good, can I still play?

Yes! This tournament is for fun and prizes and anyone can play.

