

# Board Meeting Agenda

Oregon City



February 10, 2017

Time	Item	Presenter	Notes
	<u>Call to Order 10 am</u>	Russ Thomas	

## Board Members Attendance:

		Present	Absent
Russ Thomas	President	X	
Jenifer Willer	President-Elect	X	
Gordon Munro	Secretary	X	
Mike Bisset	Treasurer	X	
Dan Boss	National Delegate	X	
Delora Kerber	Immediate Past President	X	
Doug Singer	Director	X	
Nikki Messenger	Director	X	
John Lewis	Director	X	
Tim Blackwood	Director	X	
Tony Roos	Director	X	
Ashley Cantlon	Director	X	
Gregg Weston	Foundation Liaison	X	

@= Present via Conference Call

## Guests

- Krey Younger, Awards Chair

## President's Report – Russ Thomas

- Handed out the past chapter president pin to Delora.
- Russ has been signing contracts for conferences and such.
- We now have access to the leadership portal at national.
- Russ will attend the Eugene luncheon on the 21<sup>st</sup> and the OR Asphalt Paving Awards Presentation handing out the awards.

### **Secretary's Report** – Gordon Munro

- December Board meeting minutes were handed out and reviewed.
- Tony moved to accept with changes, and it was seconded by Delora. The vote passed.
- January Board meeting was canceled due to weather.
- Emails: Two concerning the Seaside conference (change food selection, Seaside Oceanfront Inn). Both sent to Maggie.

### **Treasurer's Report** – Mike Bisset

- The December budget and balance sheet was handed out.
- The January budget and balance sheet was handed out.
- Portland luncheon is in the black now.
- Year to date we are doing well.
- Transfer of signing authority has not been done yet.
- Tony moved to accept the December and January budget, and it was seconded by Nikki. The vote passed.
- Contract with Cameo has a credit/debit card. Initially Cameo had their credit card and had control of the account. National wants us to have control, so we will be setting up the credit/debt card through APWA.

### **National Delegate's Report** – Dan Boss

- The Council of Chapters are meeting next week.
- A report was sent in to national (see attached)
- Sent out notes from Jill Marilley (see attached).
- For the top ten award application Dan was requested to send a support letter for Jeanne Nyquist, which he did using the APWA letterhead.

### **Foundation Report** – Gregg Weston

- Had a phone meeting last week. See the meeting notes attached.
- Had issues last year with Clackamas Community College getting applications. However, it looks like we have a good contact now and this issue should be resolved.
- The Foundation is requesting a donation from the Board. We have \$7,350 in the budget. A motion is not required as it is in the budget.
- There is a disconnect between the bylaws of Scholastic Board and the APWA Board as to who sets the Board and officer slate. Scholastic bylaws says the APWA Board set the slate, but the APWA Board bylaws does not talk about it.
- Ken Stoneman and Matt MacRostie are new Board members.

### **Committees:**

#### Gizmo: Krey Younger

- Tony Roos and Krey Younger will take over running the gizmo fund raising. They may add something to the golf tournament.
- Talk to Russ about potential donations for gizmo.
- Talk to Mike Bisset about tax rules for the gizmo. Also, there is a person at National that can help with the rules (ask Jenifer). Need to acknowledge donations over \$600.
- Talk to the conference committee about any raffles or auctions they are planning.

#### Awards: Krey Younger

- National awards: Tony will help with the application for the young professional for Fred; Krey will talk to Kevin Timmins about submitting an application for Ashley, three project of the year awards are being submitted (Eugene, McMinnville and Gresham).
- Need to encourage everyday hero awards. Do some advertisement at the Spring conference.

- Maybe recognize Victoria with a special award or recognition. She is retiring in March. A motion was made by Nikki, second by Dan to give provide gift certificate for Victoria for \$200. Passed.
- Krey will look at National awards to see if the Bull Dog award could be submitted.

YP: Ashley Cantlon

- Had an event yesterday with AWWA and PNCWA. It was well attended.
- How do we do the reimbursement if the payment was done by someone else to make it easier to pay the bill? AWWA could send APWA an invoice.
- There is interest in doing an event in Eugene. Mike can coordinate with Ashley.
- Nikki made a motion that we give \$250 to the YP event in Eugene should they get an event going, and Tony seconded. Passed.

Water Resources

- Ashley moved to approve the \$500 donation to the Environmental Water Resources Group (EWRG) in support of the storm water symposium. EWRG is a subset of ASCE. It was seconded by Jenifer. Passed.
- EWRG is soliciting folks from APWA to help with the event which is in September.

### Strategic Plan

- Russ asked that the Board review the plan and let Russ know if there are modifications.
- Monthly luncheons have actually had 6 annual meetings in Portland and 6 in Eugene. They are not always monthly.

### Conferences:

#### **Spring 2017: Seaside Convention, Apr. 10-13 Watkins/(Willer)**

- Todd emailed updates.
- New first keynote speaker OSP's Chief Public Information Officer.
- The second key note speaker will be the public works director for Manzanita, and he will be talking about the tornado and the aftermath.
- There will be a pre-conference workshop. Josh Proudfoot, with life cycle costs.
- The community event will be painting dugouts.
- Brian Usher the APWA immediate past president will attend.
- Golf will be at the Gearhart links golf course.
- STEM students (up to 10) from the Seaside High School will attend the conference on Wednesday.
- There are going to be some tweaks to the first timers program.
- Jill Marilley has been invited to attend the conference, but cannot make it.
- There are some National web site issues with the chapter leader resources page as we are not been able to send out emails for three weeks. This has slowed down the process of calling for speakers. Jenifer was able to do a work around to send out the emails.
- Areas for talks: transportation, water/wastewater, water resource, GIS, leadership/management, public works technology, local, sustainability, and emergency management.
- We have had some issues with regard to what classes are accepted for CEU's. Steve Sagmier from Lafayette is the appointed APWA representative to OSAC which is the organization that approves classes for CEU's. He is not a member of APWA, and it is not clear he is still at Lafayette. APWA did not make that appointment. Russ is looking into this with OSAC.
- Tony is going to do a trial run with electronic tracking for the CEU's.
- On the third day there will only be two tracks.
- The banquet entertainment will be Russ Peak a mind reading/illusionist.
- Contracted for photography and then Laurie Norton will cover the evening events.

#### **Fall 2017: Pendleton, October 17 -20**

Patterson/(Willer)

NA

- Tentative commitment for the National AWWA president to attend the conference.
- Jill Marilley will attend.

**Spring 2018: Eugene/Hilton, April 2-5**

????/(Munro)

NA

The Lane County engineer might want to be chair of Eugene conference – Russ call her.

**Fall 2018: Looking at Canyonville.**

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**Exhibitors Relations: Tony Roos**

- Not doing vendor bingo.
- Doing vendor tickets similar to hello tickets.
- Might do a random drawing.

**Washington Meeting: Tony Roos**

- Swearing in of Board is done in Washington.
- They meet quarterly. They have a paid web master and lobbyist. They also have a contract similar to Cameo. Also have a publisher for the newsletter.
- Recommended that our two boards get together about leadership training and how do we fill the shoes of John and Jeanne.
- For PWX they have to raise \$250,000 to \$300,000 locally. This comes from selling local sponsorships (can't use national vendors). Sounds like they do not need help from the OR Chapter, but Tony offered to assist.
- WA is not doing the 2019 local conference, and have asked National APWA to make a contribution from National to help with the lost revenue. National was okay with that.
- Probably can't get PWX in Portland in 2023. We are putting off the exploratory efforts for getting PWX in Oregon, but still want to pursue getting Portland more involved in APWA.
- There is a question from our Board about OR doing the fall conference in 2019 as it might conflict with the National Conference. It was decided to have our local conference.
- Russ was invited to the WA conference.

**Education: John Lewis**

- Summarized what other agencies are doing with education.
- Maybe our focus ought to be towards succession planning rather than expanding our training.
- Gaps: erosion control, perhaps GIS and inspection.
- John will reach out to Bob Patterson about further GIS education opportunities.
- Maybe the education group needs to coordinate with the short schools and leadership institute.
- There are more links that we could put on the web site.

**New Business**

- **Liaison Assignment: Russ Thomas**

Awards – John Lewis

Conferences – Jenifer Willer

Communication – Doug Singer

Education – Board position John Lewis

Emergency Management – John Lewis

Fleet service - inactive

Futures - inactive

GIS/technology – Nikki Messenger

History - inactive

Leadership & management – Nikki Messenger

Membership – Tony Roos

Luncheons – Doug Singer

Scholarships – Nikki Messenger

Standard specifications – Tony Roos

Sustainability – Tim Blackwood

Transportation – Tony Roos

ULCC/one call – Tim Blackwood

Water resources – Ashley Cantlon

Young professionals – Ashley Cantlon

- **May board location moved to – Tetra Tech.** Some of the committee meetings were shifted. Russ will send out the new schedule.
- **It was suggested that board member, conference chair, foundation liaison registration fees at conferences would be waived.** These people donate a substantial amount of time to OR APWA. Ashley moved that the conference fees for these members be waived, Nikki seconded. Passed.
- **Linn Benton training program automotive:**  
They have a proposal to state legislature asking for a \$2m endowment to start a program with one full time employee, and they want our support.

We need more information before we can support this.

- **League of Oregon Cities:**

There is a \$1,000 annual fee for marketing which would get us a three quarter page advertisement/20% discount/advanced registration/\$150 discount on booth/web site.

Apparently they do not see us as a business partner. We need to put together the communication plan before making a decision.

**Board Decision made by email in January 2017**

- Approval of the Cameo Contract retroactive to January 1, 2017. The motion was made by Delora Kerber and seconded by Tim Blackwood.
- Approval of a resolution to change our education and event checking account from Columbia Bank to Pacific Continental Bank. Motion was made by Delora Kerber and seconded by Tim Blackwood. This included authorization for officers and account signers at Pacific Continental Bank for the education account as follows:

Authorized Officer - Ronald Calkins, President

Authorized Officer - Richard Stinson, Treasure

Authorizing Officer – Scott Grayson, corporate Secretary

Authorized Signatories:

Mike Bisset, Chapter Treasure

Russ Thomas, Chapter President

Delora Kerber, Immediate Past President

Noreen Vohs, Cameo Management Solutions, Inc.

Teri Newhouse, CF

- Approved sponsorship for the ASCE Oregon Engineers Week events in Portland and Salem for \$500/ea (total of \$1,000). Motion was made by Tony Roos and seconded by Jenifer Willer.

Adjourned 2:30pm -

2016 Board Meeting Schedule					
Jan 13 <sup>th</sup> Tetra Tech	Feb 10 <sup>th</sup> Oregon City	Mar 10 <sup>th</sup> Wilsonville	Apr 10 <sup>th</sup> Seaside	May 12 <sup>th</sup> Tetra Tech	Jun 9 <sup>th</sup> Roseburg
Jul 14 <sup>th</sup> Eugene	Aug None- PWExpo	Sep 8 <sup>th</sup> Kittleson	Oct 11 <sup>th</sup> Pendleton	Nov 18 <sup>th</sup> Newberg	Dec 5 <sup>th</sup> /6 <sup>th</sup> Silver Falls

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## APWA Oregon Chapter Report of Activities, Best Practices and Areas of Focus July 2016 – Present Submitted by Dan Boss Chapter Delegate

### Membership Update –

Oregon ended 2016 with 750 members which is a small loss from this time last year. Welcome packets are sent to new members. They are also listed in the chapter newsletter.

### Chapter Activities and Updates –

- Chapter Board meets monthly
- Chapter Board held its planning retreat in December
- Bimonthly lunches in the Portland and Eugene area continue
- Quarterly lunches in mid coast area
- Periodic social gatherings for YP

### Chapter Capacity Best Practice/New and Innovative Idea

- Continued support of the Oregon APWA Scholastic Foundation which will be awarding 12 scholarships totaling \$17,750.
- The Chapter created 2 new scholarships that will be awarded this year, a Past Presidents scholarship and a Veterans scholarship.
- Chapter received the PACE award again in 2016
- Chapter continues to offer discount conference registration for first timers.
- Chapter pairs mentors with first timers at conferences to be sure the first timer understands and is included in all actives and networking opportunities.

### Chapter Key Issue and Area of Focus/Challenge

#### 2016 President's Goals

##### 1. Promotion of Public Works

Promote the importance of the work being performed by the public works agencies, consultants and contractors to facilitate adequate funding and acknowledge public works personnel as first responders.

Find opportunities to provide information to elected officials, administrators and citizens showcasing the public works services delivered to our communities.

## 2. Member Involvement

Encourage more members to actively participate in Chapter events and leadership opportunities to maximize the benefits of membership.

Develop a strategy to engage members to volunteer and participate in training classes, conferences, lunches, net-working events and committees.

## 3. Policies & Procedures

Ensure efficient operation of Chapter business by documenting past practices and new initiatives.

Create or update policies and procedures essential for a well-organized Chapter and uncomplicated transition of leadership.

**Please list all educational programs and trainings conducted by your chapter within the last 6 months.**

Street maintenance & collection system short school  
October 6-8  
158 students 21 exhibitors

Chapter Fall Conference  
October 11-14  
171 delegates 70 exhibitor booths 138 exhibit reps

PW Leadership  
1/3 of the PW Institute  
October 27-30  
40 students

PW Essentials  
1/3 of the PW Institute  
December 8-11  
40 students

## TALKING POINTS

FEBRUARY 2017

### ***APWA Board of Directors Nominations***

The February issue of the *Reporter* contains information on the 2017 nominations process for APWA Board of Director positions. Open positions this year include the president-elect and director positions in Regions I and II. Also expiring are the at-large director for fleet & facilities, Region V, Region VI and Region VIII positions; however, the current representatives in these positions are eligible for an additional term. Check out the February *Reporter* article for additional details and watch your email inbox for more information.

The nominations process for committee and council appointments opens February 21. Once the process is live, an announcement will appear in the weekly "In The Works" email newsletter, a notice via the APWA Connect infoNOW communities and through the web site.

### ***Canadian Public Works Association (CPWA)***

The House of Commons resumed its work January 30<sup>th</sup> after a 6-week break.

On January 10<sup>th</sup>, **Prime Minister Trudeau shuffled his cabinet**, most notably naming Chrystia Freeland Canada's minister of foreign affairs (replacing Stéphane Dion). The move was made in anticipation of President Donald Trump's administration and mindful of NAFTA. **In late January, Prime Minister Trudeau further shuffled his team**, including naming Marc Miller as the parliamentary secretary to Infrastructure and Communities Minister Sohi. CPWA will be sending a congratulatory letter to MP Miller.

Also on January 10<sup>th</sup>, **the Office of the Parliamentary Budget Officer (PBO)**, which is a creature of Parliament rather than a government department, **released a [report by the expenditure monitor](#)** stating that actual spending has been slower than assumed by the government. The 3-4 page report shows municipalities waiting for checks, administrative delays and money transferred not being spent. **The risk, then, is that money not being spent in the year allocated won't generate economic activity.** There is also a history lesson in the report, which is that lapsed funds (money not spent in the year allocated) has historically been 15% – 40% and that this could be the result of an inability by parties to agree on how the money should be spent.

On January 25<sup>th</sup> **CPWA Director Sal Iannello presented the "Large/Metro Centre" award to National Public Works Week Awards contest-winning municipality City of Brampton, Ontario**, at its council meeting.

### ***Center for Sustainability (C4S)***

The **C4S held its winter meeting in January in Hermosa Beach, CA**. In addition to its business meeting, Thursday, January 26<sup>th</sup>, hosted by the Hermosa Beach Department of Public Works, C4S hosted a joint meeting with the Southern California Chapter, Friday January 27<sup>th</sup> at the Los Angeles Environmental Learning Center at Hyperion in Playa del Ray, with a series of presentations by LA Sanitation on its various sustainability programs. In addition to board liaison to C4S Bill Spearman, Region VIII Director Shahn Ahmad and Fleet & Facilities Director-At-Large Mary Joyce Ivers joined the meeting.

In the Know - C4S continues to highlight sustainable practices monthly on APWA's home page. Recent "In the Know" examples have included:

- December 2016 – [Next Generation Infrastructure for Cities: Building Better, not More](#)
- January 2017 – [Working Toward a Weather-Ready Nation](#)
- February 2017 – Valdosta Sustainability Programs Include Tree Memorial, Rainwater Catchment and Public Art

Feel free to **share your “tips and practices for a more sustainable future”** – contact Anne Jackson [ajackson@apwa.net](mailto:ajackson@apwa.net).

**Sustainability Blog - C4S has identified monthly themes to guide its highlights of sustainability-related events, tools, and resources throughout the year.** December 2016’s theme of “asset management” included a blog post about managing your assets by making an analogy to cars and outlining a three-phase approach to an asset management system (AMS). **Visit the C4S [Sustainability Works](#) blog for more information.**

**Chapter Outreach - C4S hosts quarterly conference calls for chapter sustainability liaisons.** At the most recent call on December 12<sup>th</sup>, C4S provided an overview of C4S activities, an overview of the Center for Sustainability Community on APWA Connect, a presentation from C4S leader and Jennings Randolph Fellow Matt Rodrigues on Vision Zero in Sweden, and participants shared chapter sustainability committee activities. Chapters represented: Arizona, Colorado, KC Metro, Mid-Atlantic, Minnesota, New York and South Carolina.

The 2017 schedule for these calls for chapter sustainability liaisons is as follows:

- Monday March 27, 2017, at 3:00 PM ET
- Monday June 26, 2017, at 3:00 PM ET
- Monday September 25, 2017 at 3:00 PM ET
- Monday December 11, 2017, at 3:00 PM ET

For more information, contact Anne Jackson [ajackson@apwa.net](mailto:ajackson@apwa.net).

**C4S Sustainability Toolkit** - Check out the C4S [Sustainability Toolkit](#) (accessible from the [C4S Resources page](#) or <http://sustainabilitytoolkit.apwa.net/>). Have a resource you’d like to contribute? Contact Anne Jackson, [ajackson@apwa.net](mailto:ajackson@apwa.net).

## ***Chapter Relations***

- A record number of chapter leaders will be in Kansas City on February 16-17 for the **2017 Chapter Leaders Training and Winter Council of Chapters Meeting**. A total of 170 chapter leaders from 59 chapters will be attending these meetings
  - Contact Rhonda Wilhite at [rwilhite@apwa.net](mailto:rwilhite@apwa.net) if you have questions pertaining to the Chapter Leaders Training. Contact Sharica Smallwood-Ware at [sware@apwa.net](mailto:sware@apwa.net) for questions related to the Council of Chapters winter meeting.
- The race is on to see which chapters will win the **Chapter Membership Achievement Award**.
  - Six months (December 2016 data) into the fiscal year and the race is competitive to see which chapters will emerge victorious. The annual Chapter Membership Achievement Award is divided into six divisions, by size, and **recognizes chapters with the greatest percentage of increase in membership during the fiscal year (July 1 – June 30)**. The chapters are put into the categories based on the membership total of July 1, 2016.

- The winners receive a \$500 award to support chapter programs along with a plaque and banner patch. Winners are recognized during the APWA Awards Program at PWX.
  - The **South Dakota Chapter leads all chapters in all divisions by showing a 22.73% increase.** The South Dakota Chapter leads the category for chapters with **100 or fewer members.** The chapter has increased its membership 20 members since July 1. The Delaware State Chapter (9.42%) is in second place followed by the New Mexico and Arkansas Chapters.
  - In the division for chapters with **101 – 200 members,** the California Central Coast Chapter is ahead of the Louisiana Chapter. The California Central Coast Chapter has an increase of 11 members, good for an 8.33% increase. The Louisiana Chapter is up 12 members, posting a 6.25% increase.
  - The Oklahoma Chapter is up 5.15% to lead in the category for chapters with **201 – 300 members.** The Oklahoma Chapter has a net increase of 12 members. The Ventura County and Indiana Chapters are just behind in that division.
  - There is a very competitive race in the division for chapters with **301 – 500 members.** The Utah Chapter is in front, with a 7.24% increase with the Illinois Chapters just behind, showing an increase of 7.05%. The Silicon Valley Chapter (6.29%) and Iowa Chapter (5.70%) are also showing significant increases in membership.
  - The Georgia Chapter has grown by 31 members, good for a 5.27% increase. This puts them just ahead of the Oregon Chapter, with an increase of 4.53%, in the division for chapters with **501 – 850 members.**
  - In the division for APWA's largest chapters, **more than 850 members,** the North Carolina Chapter is up 2.52% and has gained 25 members since the beginning of the fiscal year.
  - If you have any questions about membership or the Chapter Membership Achievement Award please contact Brad Patterson at [bpatterson@apwa.net](mailto:bpatterson@apwa.net) or (816) 595-5263. The standings will be updated on a regular basis.
- **APWA awards deadline dates approaching** - The deadline date for the Snow and Ice Control Awards has passed. March 1 (Midnight Eastern Standard Time) is the deadline for all other APWA Awards with the exception of the PACE Award. The deadline for submitting for the PACE Award is **June 1.** Chapters will be notified in March if they qualify to submit for the PACE Award.
    - Contact Rhonda Wilhite at [rwilhite@apwa.net](mailto:rwilhite@apwa.net) or 816-595-5261 with questions.
  - **Individuals interested in the upcoming 2017 APWA Board of Directors nomination process** should refer to the February issue of the *APWA Reporter*. Nominations opened February 1 for regional director positions in Regions I, II, V, VI and VIII, as well as the director at-large for fleet and facilities.
  - **Nominations for appointment to an APWA Committee will open on February 21.** Contact Teresa Hon at [thon@apwa.net](mailto:thon@apwa.net) or 816-595-5224 with questions.

## ***Education and Credentialing***

**Accreditation** - In 2017, there are **14 anticipated site visits for accreditation.** Since January 1st, Coral Springs, FL, Santa Monica, CA and Shoreline, WA have scheduled their site visits. Fifteen agencies are preparing for re-accreditation. Site visit dates have been confirmed for Peoria, AZ, Charleston County, SC, Olathe, KS, Bettendorf, IA and Springfield, MO.

**Certifications** - The 2017 Certification exam schedule is now available on the APWA website [WWW.APWA.NET/CERTIFICATION](http://WWW.APWA.NET/CERTIFICATION). **The three APWA certification programs have a total of 467 certified professionals:** 90 CPFP (Fleet), 294 CPII (Infrastructure Inspector), and 83 CSM (Stormwater Manager).

**DCS Credentials** - **Seventy-two candidates are currently working toward graduating by the 2018 PWX.**

	PWS	PWM	PWE	TOTAL
<b>Current DCS Graduates</b>	7	17	23	<b>47</b>

### **Click Listen Learn**

- January's CLL program, titled **"What You Need To Know About Road Diets,"** was presented January 19th and was sponsored by APWA's Transportation Committee and was presented in a joint effort by the Iowa LTAP, FHWA and the Transportation Road Safety Subcommittee. A recording of the program is available in the APWA Member's Library.
- February's CLL program, titled **"Infrastructure Resiliency,"** is scheduled **February 23rd** and is sponsored by APWA's Water Resources Committee.
- February's CLL program, titled **"Dynamic Employees - Programs to Recruit, Train, Develop and Retain Great Staff,"** is scheduled **February 16th** and is sponsored by APWA's Solid Waste Committee.

**Conferences** - The schedule for the **2017 Snow Conference** has been finalized and registration is now open.

**E-Learning Launch** - **APWA's first e-learning program delivered through an online learning management system (LMS) is completed and going through final testing.** The APWA Construction Inspection-Project Management program will be available for sale through the APWA online bookstore Spring 2017. A total of **24 courses are available** individually or bundled together as a program at a discounted price. For more information contact Heather Delacruz at [hdelacruz@apwa.net](mailto:hdelacruz@apwa.net) or 816-595-5215.

### ***Government Affairs***

January 26-27, **Director of Government Affairs Andrea Eales participated in the "Road to Zero" coalition meeting** held at U.S. Department of Transportation. The focus of the coalition is to develop a plan to eliminate traffic related deaths by 2047. The group was established by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and the National Safety Council in October 2016 and is comprised of more than 100 transportation and safety related organizations.

January 31, **Ms. Elaine Chao was confirmed** by the U.S. Senate and was sworn in as Transportation Secretary.

The 115<sup>th</sup> Congress is in full swing with many **hearings scheduled to delve into important subjects such as infrastructure investment, regulatory reform, and cyber security.** Please stay tuned to the *APWA Washington Report* each week Congress is in session for updates on the above mentioned subjects and others, key hearings, and important meetings the APWA Government Affairs team will have on the Hill.

February 23, **Andrea Eales will lead a lunchtime advocacy training for the Utah Chapter** in Midvale, UT.

February 28, **President Trump will address a joint session of Congress.**

April 10-13, 2017, **the GAC will be in Washington, DC for their spring meeting.** Joining the GAC this year are the following APWA technical committees: transportation, water resources, and engineering and technology. During their time in the Nation's capital, **committee members will have numerous meetings with key Congressional offices and federal agency representatives.**

Be sure to **follow APWA Government Affairs on Twitter @APWAGovAffairs.**

If you have any questions about APWA Government Affairs priorities and activities, please contact Andrea Eales, APWA Director of Government Affairs at 202-218-6730 or [aeales@apwa.net](mailto:aeales@apwa.net)

### ***Institute for Sustainable Infrastructure (ISI)***

New ISI President and CEO - **Effective January 3, 2017, John M. Stanton joined ISI as the organization's new President and CEO.** He replaced Bill Bertera, who retired effective February 1, 2017. Stanton formerly served as the executive vice president and regulatory counsel for Solarcity in San Mateo, California, the nation's largest solar energy company. Stanton also served at the Solar Energy Industries Association, the National Environmental Trust, the US EPA, the National Council of State Legislatures, and as a deputy attorney general in the Office of the New Jersey Attorney General. A noted leader in environmental law, Stanton is also an experienced executive in both public and private sector organizations. His environmental experience has extended to clean air and water issues, hazardous wastes, solar and other clean energy sources, sanitary landfills and wetland protection.

Florida Department of Transportation's I-4 Ultimate P3 Improvement Project Earns Envision Platinum - **The I-4 Ultimate Improvement Project in central Florida earned the prestigious Envision Platinum recognition** from the Institute for Sustainable Infrastructure (ISI) for its sustainability efforts of environmental, social and economic impact on the community and the 21-mile I-4 reconstruction project. This is the first project in Florida to receive recognition from ISI's Envision sustainable infrastructure rating system.

New York City's Department of Design and Construction's Sheldon Avenue Stormwater Project Earns Envision Silver - **New York City's Sheldon Avenue stormwater management project on Staten Island,** executed by the department of design and construction (NYCDDC) on behalf of the department of environmental protection (NYCDEP), **is the recipient of the Institute for Sustainable Infrastructure (ISI) Envision Silver sustainable infrastructure award.** The ISI Envision rating system rates sustainable infrastructure across the full range of environmental, social, and economic impacts. This project is the NYCDDC's first to earn an Envision award for sustainability, and the second Envision project awarded in the city overall.

Some current Institute for Sustainable Infrastructure (ISI) statistics:

- Nearly 5,300 ENV SPs (Envision Sustainability Professionals) live in 20 countries
- 26 projects have received Envision awards.

### ***International Affairs Committee***

The American Public Works Association (APWA), in association with the Eisenhower Institute at Gettysburg College (EI), is pleased to introduce the **2017 Jennings Randolph International Fellows: Evan Pratt, Aaron Putnam, and Joanne Zhang,** who will be participating in this unique international study and professional exchange opportunity to promote collaboration and the sharing of public works best practices.

**Evan Pratt, P.E., water resources commissioner/director of public works, Washtenaw County, Ann Arbor, MI, will focus on asset management in Australia and New Zealand,** and will have a strong story to share with APWA and legislators about legislative mechanisms, administrative structure, and government's role in technical support to link funding with Asset Management. He will make his presentation at the Institute of Municipal Public Works Engineering Australasia (IPWEA) Conference in Australia in August, 2017.

**Aaron Putnam, P.E., public works administrator, City of Ankeny, IA, will conduct a study tour to compare winter maintenance practices between Ankeny and three cities in southern Sweden.** The study will look at the entire winter maintenance realm from city planning to material and equipment usage, goals and priorities, staff scheduling, and public relations. The objective will be to share information, identify differences, and discuss opportunities for improvement to Ankeny's existing practices. He will make a presentation at the Swedish Association of Municipal Engineers (SKT) Annual Conference in September, 2017.

**Joanne Zhang, P.E., CCM, council/board liaison, City of Los Angeles, CA, plans to study the ways Australia is fostering a culture of innovation in public works and its effect on attracting and retaining talent and on capital project delivery.** The goal is to provide insight on how Australia has implemented successful initiatives to foster a culture of innovation with limited resources and to inform an effective Innovation Strategy or American Public Works. She will make her presentation at the Institute of Municipal Public Works Engineering Australasia (IPWEA) Conference in Australia in August, 2017.

### ***Meetings***

**Registration and Housing is now open for the North American Snow Conference. [www.apwa.net/snow](http://www.apwa.net/snow)**  
**Registration and Housing information for PWX will be available in March 2017.**

Upcoming Events:

- **2017 NORTH AMERICAN SNOW CONFERENCE**, April 23-26 in **DES MOINES, IOWA**
- **2017 PWX**, August 27-30, **IN ORLANDO, FLORIDA**
- **2018 NORTH AMERICAN SNOW CONFERENCE**, May 6-9, **IN INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA**
- **2018 PWX**, August 26-29, **IN KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI**
- **2019 NORTH AMERICAN SNOW CONFERENCE**, May 19-22, **IN SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH**
- **2019 PWX**, September 8-11, **IN SEATTLE, WASHINGTON**

### ***Membership***

**December month-end total number of members = 29,093.** That represents a .0% increase compared to same time last year and a .96% decrease (289 members) compared to previous month.

**The 2016 "1st Time Member" special offer campaign has brought in 2,629 new members so far this calendar year; 192 of those are in Canada.** That 2,629 total is about 6% (140 members) higher than same time last year. This campaign allows anyone who has not previously been a member to join APWA for \$92 USD/ \$115 CAN.

**Our overall retention (shown near bottom of the "2016 – 12 December Report") is at 86.44%,** a decrease of 0.14% compared to last month. This fiscal year's average retention is about .41% lower than prior fiscal year's.

## ***Tech Talk: A Quick List of Ongoing Projects from the APWA Technical Committees***

**Asset Management Task Force** - The Task Force met in Denver on January 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> to discuss asset management solutions. **The three solutions they are focusing on are:**

- Road Map For Asset Management Success
- Asset Management Maturity Assessment
- Leveraging the Infrastructure Report Card

**Emergency Management Committee** - The Emergency Management Committee has **five subcommittees:**

- Education & Training
- Resources
- Chapter Advocacy
- Canadian
- Special Interest/Hot Topics

If you are interested in joining a subcommittee, please contact APWA Staff Liaison Rita Cassida [rcassida@apwa.net](mailto:rcassida@apwa.net).

**Engineering & Technology** – **Activities of the committee** have been:

- reviewing proposals for PWX 2017
- preparing for the Spring 2017 meeting in Washington DC in April,
- working on topics for the Engineering and Technology issue of the *Reporter*.

**Facilities and Grounds Committee** - The Facilities and Grounds committee is **preparing for their education session at the National Facilities Management and Technology Conference** that will be done in conjunction with their spring meeting in Baltimore.

**Fleet Services Committee** - The Fleet Services Committee continues to discuss topics **for future educational opportunities – the April Click, Listen and Learn; a presentation at Government Fleet Expo; the fleet track during PWX in Orlando and the update of fleet publications.**

**Leadership and Management Committee** - The committee is **finalizing the revision of the *Public Works Administration (Blue Book)***. The new title for the book will be *Public Works Administration: Operations* (Blue Book). **The book will be a companion to the recently published *Public Works Administration: Supervision and Management (Yellow Book)***. Both publications combined will cover the 11 core units identified through the Public Works Institutes.

**Solid Waste Committee** – The committee is **hosting the “Dynamic Employees - Programs to Recruit, Train, Develop and Retain Great Staff” Click Listen and Learn on February 16<sup>th</sup>** and working on their *Reporter* articles.

**Transportation** - APWA Executive **Scott Grayson participated in the AASHTO and AAMVA Automated Vehicle Public Policy Roundtable** on January 25<sup>th</sup> in Washington, DC.

The transportation committee will meet in April in Washington, DC, with several committees: engineering & technology, water resources management, and government affairs.

**Utilities & Public Right of Way** - Abandoned underground utilities are a necessity to address in management of right of way. The clutter of usable available underground space quickly disappears with development. This is an engineering, financial, and safety issue. Without abandonment policies in place, the financial incentives for utilities favor leaving the facility underground in place. There's a whole list of cons ranging from hindering repair of adjacent facilities, a source of soil contamination, confusion with active lines, crew and equipment standby - the list goes on. **UPROW's Abandoned Utilities subcommittee is addressing the problem of underground clutter in the right of way.** To get pointed in the right direction, contact UPROW APWA staff liaison Rita Cassida, [rcassida@apwa.net](mailto:rcassida@apwa.net).

**Water Resources Management Committee** - The WRMC is planning the program for the **Public Works Stormwater Summit that will be held in conjunction with the 2017 PWX in Orlando, Florida, August 27-30, 2017.** They also urge APWA members to stay up-to-date on water quality issues by reviewing the February 2017 edition of the APWA *Reporter*. Committee members provided several articles about current trends and issues.

## For Your Convenience

Below is contact information for each of the technical committees.

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