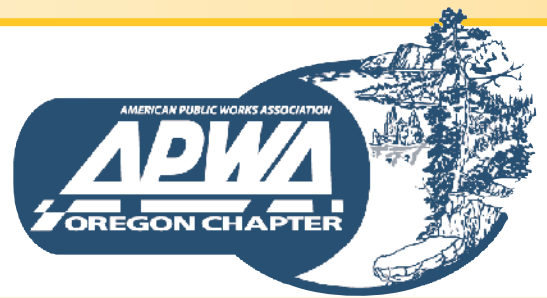


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FROM THE PRESIDENT

As I write this, several thoughts cross my mind.



First and foremost is heartfelt thanks for all we have. Then I think of those less fortunate, especially our brothers

and sisters on the Gulf Coast dealing with the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, and those across the face of the earth cursed with wars and various natural disasters. Then my thoughts go to how we cope with the adversity that life sends our way, and how we proactively work to make life better for ourselves and our fellow man.

The core of this is volunteering. Government will respond to some of our needs, usually with unintended side effects, and not very efficiently. Corporations will contribute, but not enough. What really makes things work are volunteers – you and I, and our friends – doing those extra little things that make our communities and our world tick. Without volunteers, much of what we know and love would collapse.

Where would our wonderful state and its scenery be without programs like Adopt-a-Road, and SOLV? Disaster strikes and the Red Cross shows up – almost all volunteers. Your county fair, the Fourth of July parade, the list goes on and on.

Do you volunteers from Oregon Trout, Trout Unlimited, and Northwest Steelheaders, work to restore habitat and often are the ones who raise and stock fish so we can catch them later. Natural areas in our neighborhoods – many are created and maintained by volunteers. Schools? - teachers couldn't do it alone, especially with today's constrained budgets.

Even government – all those advisory committees, neighborhood committees, even our elected officials (no, we do not pay many of them a living wage) – we could not do what we do without them, and they are volunteers! They connect our bureaucracies to people's needs.

So what's your point, Miller? The point is, we all have to do our part. Give of your time, and your resources, to help make this a better place to live. APWA is all volunteers. We need your help, to help our association do more for you, the members. This can be a labor of love for our profession. If you are interested, check out the web

site (www.oregonapwa.org), and call me, a board member, or a committee chair. It's fun and very rewarding.

There are a couple of other things I'd like to mention. While you are watching the hurricane coverage (boy I'm glad we don't have those here) think of how the lessons from there could

apply to us in the event of a major earthquake. Do you have a plan in your community to find and care for folks in nursing homes or those who can't

evacuate themselves? Where will you take them? Do you know where you can get food and water for them for a couple of days until more help shows up? What will you do with all the volunteers who show up?

A final note on volunteers: Lots of folks on the Oregon coast pitched in to plan a great conference at Salishan October 11-13. You need to be there. I hope to see you all then.

Greg Miller

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STATE ISSUES NEW TRAFFIC CONTROL HANDBOOK

The Oregon Transportation Commission adopted new traffic control standards for all public roads in July, including a new "Oregon Temporary Traffic Control Handbook for 3 Days," also known as the

"pink book." The changes are extensive.

By mid-September, every city public works department should have received a copy of the new handbook. The publication is also available

on ODOT's Traffic Engineering and Operations web site www.oregon.gov/ODOT/HWY/TRAFFIC/publications.shtml (scroll to the "Work Zone Related" heading near the bottom of the page).

If you have any questions, the ODOT contact is Jan Gipson, phone 503-986-3573. Public agencies can order the handbook for \$5 per copy by phoning ODOT's Contractor Plans Unit at 503-986-3720.

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SCHOLASTIC FOUNDATION AWARDS SCHOLARSHIPS

By Jeanne Nyquist, Scholastic Foundation President

The APWA Scholastic Foundation provides college scholarships to students studying civil engineering and public works as well as continual learning scholarships to employees of APWA member agencies. The Scholastic Foundation Board recently awarded scholarships to the following students:

- John Murphey – OIT, Civil Engineering
- Christopher Goins – OSU, Civil Engineering
- Renee Bogin – PSU, Public Administration, Lindberg Scholarship
- Colleen Jenkins – PSU, Civil Engineering
- Baphady Pollick – Blue Mountain Community College, Civil Engineering Technology, Les Lyle Memorial Scholarship

Congratulations to the scholarship recipients. The recipients have been invited to attend one of the Chapter conferences in the coming year. Please welcome them to the APWA family.

Everyone in the chapter was saddened by the recent passing of Merle Langley, long-time chapter member and friend to many of us. Merle was instrumental in starting the Scholastic Foundation and supported it throughout the years. The chapter and its members generously contributed over \$10,000 to establish a memorial scholarship in Merle's name. The Foundation Board is currently considering potential schools to receive the Langley memorial scholarship.

Dave Vargas, Scholarship Committee chairman for

many years, recently passed the baton to Bob Deuel. Bob has taken on the responsibility of being the liaison with the colleges and the students to coordinate the scholarship applications. We thank Dave for his years of excellent service and welcome Bob as our new chairman.

The Foundation has provided the financial support to help many young people complete their educational programs. We are planning some new fund raising programs this coming year, including a casino night slated for the fall conference at Salishan in October.

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FALL CONFERENCE PREPARES US FOR THE ROAD AHEAD

The Oregon APWA 2005 Fall Conference will be held October 10-13 on the beautiful Oregon coast at Salishan Lodge in Gleneden Beach just south of Lincoln City.

Our block of rooms at Salishan Lodge are full. However, rooms can still be reserved at nearby local accommodations, including Waters Edge, Siletz Bay Lodge, Looking Glass Inn, and the Bestwestern Landmark Inn.

More information about the conference, including online registration and links to local hotels, can be found on the Oregon APWA web site: www.oregonapwa.org.

APWA UPGRADES WEBSITE

On September 1, the American Public Works Association upgraded its website at www.apwa.net to provide enhanced security and functionality. To access the "members only" section or perform a transaction online, all members will be prompted to create a new login. This login will include a username and password of your choice. You will only need to create this login one time.

If you experience any problems creating your login or accessing the members only section, please contact our web team at webteam@apwa.net.

2005 CALENDAR

Oct. 10-13, APWA Fall Conference, Gleneden Beach
Oct. 19-21, Street Maintenance & Collection Systems Fall School, Redmond
Nov. 1-3, Public Works Leadership, Cannon Beach
Nov. 30 & Dec. 1, Contracting for Success, Wilsonville

2006 CALENDAR

Feb. 1 & 2, Construction Inspection, Wilsonville
March 7, Preventive Maintenance for Roadway Surfaces, Redmond
March 14-17, Developing Leader, Bend
March 28-31, APWA Spring Conference, Vancouver, WA
April 12-14, Street Maintenance & Collection Systems Spring School, Newport

For more information or to register online visit
www.oregonapwa.org/training