



FROM THE PRESIDENT



*Rick Olson,
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On behalf of your Board of Directors, I extend a sincere thank you for the opportunity to serve you, the members, in the upcoming year. As your president, I take seriously the leadership role that is before me and I am fully committed to the goals and objectives you have identified as important to our chapter.

The Oregon Chapter of the American Public Works Association is in great shape as we start 2008. On behalf of the chapter I wish to thank Past President Kurt Corey for his strong leadership and dedication to the chapter in 2007. The foundation of his efforts and those before him will help us to continue the forward progress of the chapter during this coming year.

As a board, we have started the year with a full agenda of exciting programs and opportunities. Last November, your board enlisted the help of Brian Van Norman from the National APWA office to help us commence a full strategic plan initiative. During this process we surveyed the membership for their thoughts and performed an in-depth look at our current goals and objectives as they relate to our current mission statement. The results of our efforts have been very positive and exciting. At our spring conference in April we will present a more detailed summary of our tactical plan and the features and benefits that it will bring to the chapter.

Communication is a vital link in our program, so here are a few thoughts on how you can become more involved:

Board members are contacting the various standing committees of our chapter to identify where we need to seek new members or chairs for each of the active committees we have. This is a great

opportunity for you to get involved. As a member of a committee you provide a valuable resource to our chapter and we need your talents to help move our organization forward.

If you have not visited our website www.oregonapwa.org please do. It will become the center of our communication efforts during the year. On the site you can learn about our chapter activities, read our board minutes and most importantly see our committees and where they will be going during the year.

Our 2008 education committee is currently looking to expand our educational offerings and is seeking new members to be involved in presenting or planning of these programs.

National Public Works Week is May 18-24. As the Oregon chapter we have submitted a proclamation for the governor to sign, and each of you should consider getting your local government officials to help recognize this very important week.

Our local chapter and the national association continue to be involved in legislative and advocacy policy issues at both the state and national level. You can help us by supporting and identifying future issues.

You can always e-mail me directly Rick@spec-industries.com and I will help get you involved.

Here's to a successful 2008!

Rick Olson

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at the*
**SPRING 2008
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Valley River Inn
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OrWarn Works

By Mike Gotterba, City of Salem

It had been 50 years since Detroit has seen a snow event like the one last January. The half-mile road up to their water treatment plant was no long passable...or plowable. The area had no power and the propane-powered emergency generator that was keeping their water treatment plant on line would run out of fuel in a day or so. A propane delivery was vital and they were living on borrowed time.

Marion County's available resources were fully committed and it would be another day or two before they would be able to assist Detroit. Detroit remembered that it was a member of ORWARN (Oregon Water/Wastewater Agency Response Network) and requested aid.

Coordinating with the City of Detroit, Marion County Emergency Management, and Marion County Public Works, the City of Salem Public Works Department organized an immediate response that included two 4-wheel-drive backhoes, two 10-yard trucks/plows, four operators, and a team leader.

The first day, the backhoe crews reopened a life line to Detroit's water plant. The propane delivery made it in time.

A subsequent email from the City of Detroit read: "There aren't words big enough to thank you for the incredibly quick response in our time of need. ORWARN WORKS."

ORWARN is an intrastate mutual aid program available to all water and wastewater utilities, public and private, that can be activated with or without a formal disaster declaration. There is no cost to join. Are you a member yet? Go to www.orwarn.org or contact Neil Kennedy at 503-848-3049 or Mike Gotterba at 503-588-6347.

2008 OREGON STANDARD SPECIFICATIONS MANUALS AVAILABLE IN APRIL

Proofs for the new 2008 Oregon Standard Specifications manuals were delivered to the printer the first week in March, and copies will be available for purchase in April. This is the first major update to the joint APWA-ODOT standard specifications published in 2002, and is the result of many months of hard work and collaboration between contractors, public agencies, consultants and ODOT staff. The 2008 version of the Specifications is provided in two volumes. Volume One contains the general conditions, the 100 series specifications, and Volume Two contains the technical specifications; the 200's through 3000's. The new specifications include new legal requirements, updates to materials and construction specifications and new sections for sanitary sewer rehabilitation. Updates to the new Oregon Standard Drawings have already been posted to the ODOT website, egov.oregon.gov/ODOT/HWY/ENGSERVICES/roadway_drawings.shtml. If you need further information, contact Paul Klope, City of Eugene, 541-682-5246, or Dale Deatherage, ODOT, 503-986-3777.

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2008 CALENDAR

March 12, **Sustainable Stormwater Management for Public Works**, City of Wilsonville, Willamette Room

April 15-18, **Oregon APWA Spring 2008 Conference**, Valley River Inn, Eugene

April 23-25, **Street Maintenance & Collection Systems Spring School**, Resort at the Mountain, Welches

April 29-30, **Preventive Maintenance**, Eagle Crest, Redmond

August 17-20, **National APWA Congress and Exposition**, New Orleans

October 21-24, **Oregon APWA Fall 2008 Conference**, Resort at the Mountain, Welches

November 5-7, **Street Maintenance & Collection Systems Fall School**, Best Western Agate Beach, Newport

Nov.18-21, **Public Works Leadership** (one of three classes of the NW Public Works Institute), Cannon Beach

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