

## From the President



The year is coming to an end, and I think it has been a good year for the Oregon Chapter of

APWA. As president, it has been my pleasure to lead us through 2004, but the real credit goes to the entire membership because it is the association's effort that counts. I want to personally thank everyone who helped make our association work this last year. Of course, recognizing all 700-plus members here would be a difficult. Your board members and committee chairs deserve special recognition because they have been carrying most of the load. Thank you.

We saw a few changes this year, and we reached some milestones along the way. The leadership and management committee started a very successful conference mentoring program that has brought new active members to our association. National brought us a new logo and a new look to our association. We initiated a new award in Oregon for sustainability, the Julian Prize, named for Julius Cesar, one of the best road builders of all time. We received 12 nominations, all of which were compelling. Our education program continues to reach hundreds of public works professionals statewide. I know that members continue to contribute

their time and effort to help improve our profession. Thank you all.

What does the future look like? We face challenges every day in delivering essential services to our communities. Inadequate funding, stricter regulations, and community controversy are challenges we have met before, and I see no end to them in sight. Yet I see some positive constants in public works as well. Our communities need us. They need fresh, clean water to drink and wash with. They need roads to get to work and to carry goods to market. They need a safe and clean environment. We provide these services and more, and none of these basic services are going away soon. Public works is in it for the long term.

Since we are in it for the long term, shouldn't we be concerned about how we will sustain our communities over the long term? We cannot continue to consume more from our environment than we or nature replaces. In public works, this means changes in every service we provide. We must find ways to clean up our stormwater. We cannot take so much water from our rivers that fish cannot survive. We must provide for our transportation needs in ways that don't degrade air or water quality or use up our fuel supply. We must be able to build projects without mining our limited resources, and

yes, gravel is becoming a limited resource. Reuse, recycle, and eliminate waste are the keys to a sustainable future.

Today, the price of unsustainability may seem like a minor inconvenience, a higher cost of services as we reach deeper into the environment for the resources we need. But someday, future generations may pay a much higher price if they just plain run out of resources.

The future is forever and that's very long term — way beyond my lifetime or even my grandchildren's lifetimes. I hope that in the future there will still be communities to serve, roads to travel, and a clean environment to enjoy. We are making that future now. Let's be smart about it. Think and act sustainably.

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# Scholastic Foundation Awards \$10,400 to Students

The Oregon Chapter's Scholastic Foundation recently awarded scholarships to four students in the Oregon higher education system. Receiving \$2,800 scholarships are:

**Chris Goins** is a senior at Oregon State University in the College of Civil Engineering with a focus in geomatics (for you oldtimers, geomatics is now the term used for surveying). Chris is a graduate of Stayton High School, and he

began his career with a 2004 summer internship

working with Mark Sheppard, City Engineer in Albany. Following graduation, Chris intends to pass the FE exam and continue his career in municipal engineering/



surveying. He and his wife, Ariane, were able to attend the fall conference where he made several good contacts.

**Christie Moore** returned to university studies after raising her family and is focused on an engineering career. She began her studies at Portland Community College, followed by additional technical coursework at Mt. Hood Community College. She then transferred to Portland State University, where she is taking upper division courses. She has previously been honored for her academic and volunteer work and looks forward to "... the day when I may apply my experiences and newly acquired knowledge and training to bettering life here in the Pacific Northwest."

**Erich Schaal** is a senior engineering student at Oregon Institute of Technology's Klamath Falls campus. He is active in several clubs on campus and serves as the

vice president of activities for the ASCE/AGC Student Chapter. Outside his study schedule, Erich finds time to volunteer with Habitat for Humanity and help with cleanup of a highway segment adopted by the ASCE Student Chapter. His post-college goal is to work in public works in Oregon.

**Laurie Harris** received the \$2,000 Michael Lindberg Scholarship in support of her work as a second-year student in the Masters of Urban Regional Planning Program at the School of Urban Studies and Planning at PSU. She expects to complete her studies and graduate in June 2005. Laurie enjoys river rafting and says she is particularly interested in land use and stormwater management. During the summer of 2004, she did research to identify possible funding mechanisms and their evaluation criteria for cities faced with Phase II NPDES stormwater requirements.

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## Chapter Adds Life Members to Roster

Four longtime Oregon APWA members received life membership awards at the fall conference in Welches. To be eligible for life membership, a person must have a continuous membership for 30 years or have continuous membership for 20 years and meet other age and retirement criteria. Those tapped for the honor were:

- Carlos Von Ellsburg, retired, former Lane County Public Works roads maintenance manager
- Pat Napolitano, city engineer for the City of Hermiston
- John Lang, former Portland public works director and currently marketing manager with HDR Engineering
- Jim Gilmer, senior associate with David Evans & Associates

## Oregon APWA Elects 2005 Board

The Oregon Chapter of the American Public Works Association elected its 2005 board of directors at the chapter's fall conference in Welches.

Greg Miller, county engineer for Washington County, will serve as board president. President-elect is Lila Bradley, public works director for Lincoln City. Kurt Corey, public works director for the City of Eugene, was tapped as secretary. Rick Olson, vice president of Spec Industries in Eugene, was named treasurer.



*President, Greg Miller*

Elected to two-year terms on the Oregon APWA Board of Directors were Gregg Weston, principal with Otak, Inc., of Lake Oswego; Chris Berquist, retired and formerly public works director for the City of Roseburg; Sam Johnston, manager of the Local Government Section of the Oregon Department of Transportation in Salem; and Bob Patterson, public works director for the City of Pendleton. Continuing as board members are Yvonne McClain, Northwest Region president for CMTS, Inc., in Portland; and Jim Carnahan, Bend office manager for David Evans Associates, Inc.

Ted Kyle, planning and engineering manager for Water Environment Services, is immediate past president, and Hugh Kalani, retired, is the chapter's national delegate.



*President Elect,  
Lila Bradley*

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*New Board Member,  
Bob Patterson*

## Bowes Award Goes to Ron Polvi

Ron Polvi, director of district engineering for Northwest Natural, received the William A. Bowes Service Award at the 2004 fall



chapter conference in Welches. The award is the Oregon Chapter's highest honor.

The Bowes Award was established in 1978 to honor a chapter member for "distinguished service given to the chapter and its members."

Ron has been a member of APWA for more than 20 years. He served in a number of positions on the chapter Board of Directors and was chapter president in 2001. He currently is vice-president of the Oregon APWA Scholastic Foundation and is immediate past president of APWA National's Utility & Public Right of Way Committee. Ron also is current president of the Oregon Section of the American Society of Civil Engineers and is past president of Professional Engineers of Oregon. He is also president of Oregon MATHCOUNTS, a nationwide program designed to improve math skills for middle school students.

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## Fall Conference Rocks the Mountain

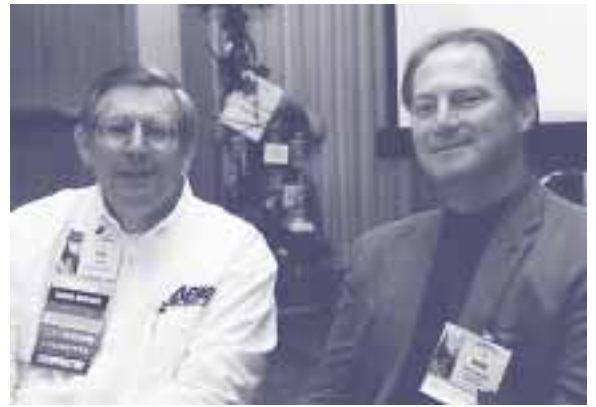
Welches was a great gathering spot for the fall 2004 chapter conference. Fun, friendship and professional development abounded as can clearly be seen in the photos below. In spring 2005, Oregon APWA will team with the Oregon Emergency Management Association for a joint conference April 26-29 at Seven Feathers in Canyonville.



*Dave Haskell and Michael Adams converse at a mentorship session*



*Ted Kyle and Bob Freudenthal present Julian Award to Alison Cable, City of Gresham*



*Outgoing Oregon Chapter President Ted Kyle with incoming APWA National President Bob Freudenthal*



*Billy's Brass Band definitely got people up and moving, including Wendy Marshall of Gresham*



*Andy Hoefler took his last photos as official conference photographer*



*Kurt Corey won the Gizmo and seemed mightily pleased about it, judging from the smiles he shared with former Gizmo recipient Gregg Weston*



*Life membership awardees (holding plaques, from left) John Lang, Pat Napolitano and Jim Gilmer*

## Short School is Long on Learning

Twice a year, people interested in the learning more about the operational side of public works have the opportunity to attend one of the chapter's "short schools" (also known as the Street Maintenance and Collections School). The fall 2004 short school was held in Redmond, and the next Street Maintenance and Collection Systems School will be April 13-15, 2005, in Newport. Contact ESI at 541-926-0044 for sign-up information.



*Jack and Phyllis Foust, Oregon T2 Center, at the registration desk*



*Bob Raths, Director of Oregon T2 Center, helps with registration*



*Time management and customer service speaker, Rick Ianello of Ultrablock*



*Roads scholars hard at work in math class*

# Saturday Academy Seeks Mentors for Apprenticeships

The Apprentices in Science & Engineering Program (ASE) is recruiting mentors for the summer 2005 program. The deadline for volunteering to mentor is January 14, 2005.

The ASE Program is part of Saturday Academy at Portland State University and Oregon Health & Science University. ASE places high school students with a practicing professional for a full-time, eight week summer experience. ASE has just completed its 15th summer of serving high school students in Oregon and southwest Washington.

The program provides the complete infrastructure to best match students to the professional's area of practice. This allows the scientists and engineers to focus on mentoring while ASE takes care of the administrative details. The mentor describes the summer work/project and makes a selection from a pool of student applicants specifically interested in the respec-

tive position. A position will not be filled if no applicant is found who is suitable to the mentor.

Most considerations of mentoring focus on the benefits received by the apprentice, and they are significant. However, the benefits to the mentor are equally important. Mentors in all fields including engineering have the satisfaction of helping a student succeed. Mentoring is an opportunity to honor our mentors by multiplying and returning the benefits we have received to the next generation. Younger mentors also have an opportunity to begin development and application of supervisory skills especially if they are included in the student selection process and the student progress evaluation during the experience.

Started in 1990, the ASE Program has since helped 2,377 high school students test and refine their interest in the sciences and engineering as they chart their future

education and employment path. The summer 2004 ASE Program served 146 student apprentices through collaboration with 62 employers and their volunteer mentors in a wide variety of science and engineering disciplines. The 146 students were selected by the mentors from 450 applicants. Of the 146 apprentices, 48.6% were female. The average GPA of these apprentices was 3.75. ASE makes special efforts to ensure that low-income and minority students apply.

High school freshman, sophomores and juniors are also invited to apply to the ASE program. They can receive application information by visiting the ASE website. The deadline for student applications is January 20, 2005.

For more information, call (503) 725-2340, email [ase@pdx.edu](mailto:ase@pdx.edu), or visit [www.aseprogram.org](http://www.aseprogram.org).

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## New Award Recognizes Sustainability

Three programs that model sustainability received the first-ever Julian Prize at the Oregon Chapter's fall conference in Welches.

The Julian Prize for Sustainability was created by Oregon APWA to recognize outstanding examples of sustainability in the areas of policies, practices, and projects.

Winners of the 2004 Oregon APWA Julian Prize were:

- The Tualatin Valley Water District in the policies category
- The City of Gresham's "Great Business" program in the area of practices
- The City of Eugene's West Eugene Wetlands in the projects category

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## Scholastic Donations Welcome

Enclosed in this issue of the chapter newsletter is an envelope that makes it really easy to donate to the chapter's scholastic foundation. Making a tax-deductible gift to the foundation is a great way to start off the new year.

Select the amount that's right for you. You can designate your gift to the Foundation's general fund, or earmark it one of several tribute accounts. Then use one hand to write a check to APWA Scholastic Foundation, place it in the envelope, and put a stamp on the envelope, and use the other hand to give yourself a pat on the back.

More information about the Scholastic Foundation can be found on the web at [www.oregonapwa.org/foundation](http://www.oregonapwa.org/foundation).

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## 2005 Calendar

February 23-24, **Construction Inspection**, Wilsonville

March 16-18, **Developing Leader**, Bend

March 22-23, **Preventive Maintenance for Roadway Surfaces**, Redmond

April 13-15, **Street Maintenance & Collection Systems Spring School**, Newport

April 26-29, **Spring Conference** Seven Feathers, Canyonville

October 10-13, **Fall Conference**, Salishan

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## Survey Seeks Comments on Specifications

The chapter's Standard Specifications Committee would like to get your feedback on the 2002 Oregon Standard Specifications and Drawings.

A survey form is enclosed in this issue of the chapter newsletter. Please fill it out and return it by January 14.

For more information, contact Paul Klope or Dale Detherage (their email addresses are listed on the enclosed survey).

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