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From the President

My year as your President is rapidly coming to a close. It has been a true life experience for me that I will always cherish. It began with the excitement of developing our chapter work

plan with the board last December. I appreciate the hard work involved in pulling together two successful conferences in Sunriver and Canyonville this past spring and fall. Thank you Mary Meloy and Christ Berquist and your staff for sponsoring these two great conferences.

Our hearts were saddened by the loss of our friend and board member Les Lyle on July 12, 2001. I still cannot talk about my friend without choking back the tears. It was truly a tribute to Les for us to win the President's Award for Chapter Excellence for our chapter activities in 2000 (the year of his presidency). My emotions bounded from excitement and honor when accepting that PACE award for the

Oregon Chapter in Philadelphia on the evening of September 10th to a state of fear, sadness and anger watching the twin towers collapse the next morning on the 11th. I am thankful everyone from Oregon got home safely from the National Congress.

The events of this year are changing our world. We all feel the impact of this emotional experience. I believe a strong organization like our Oregon APWA chapter will help us get through these trying times. Although we feel vulnerable from the terrorist actions and anthrax threats, I know if we continue to reinforce our personal relationships through our chapter and our faith, we will come through this period as stronger individuals.

Thank you for your support this year. I am honored to turn over the gavel to Bob Deuel in January. God bless everyone and have a safe and happy holiday season.

Ron Polvi

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2002 Board Elected at Fall Conference

The 2002 Board of Directors for the Oregon APWA Chapter was elected at the 2001 Fall Conference in Canyonville.

Executive officers are: President Bob Deuel from the City of Medford; Immediate Past President Ron Polvi from NW Natural; President-Elect Stephanie Reid from the City of Portland; National Delegate Hugh Kalani, retired; Secretary Ted Kyle from Clackamas County; and Treasurer Greg Miller from Washington County.

Newly elected to two-year terms as at-large directors are: Lila Bradley, Public Works Manager from the City of Lincoln City; Kurt Corey, Public Works Director from the City of Eugene; and Rick Olson, Vice-President of Spec Industries, Eugene. Ken Stoneman, State Construction and Materials Engineer from ODOT in Salem, was re-elected to a two-year term on the board. Dave Haskell from the City of Warrenton and Terry Kelsey from the City of Portland are continuing in the second year of their two-year terms. Meet the Board on page 2.

Chapter In Action

Meet the 2002 Board of Directors



Bob Deuel
President



Ron Polvi
Immediate Past Pres.



Stephanie Reid
President Elect



Greg Miller
Secretary



Ted Kyle
Treasurer



Hugh Kalani
National Delegate



Lila Bradley
Director



Kurt Corey
Director



Rick Olson
Director



Ken Stoneman
Director



Dave Haskell
Director



Terry Kelsey
Director

Community Development /Public Works Director

Milwaukie, OR

Salary: \$60,672-\$75,744 annually

Under general guidance from the City Manager, this person will plan, direct and administer all activities related to community development and public works operations involving public infrastructure improvements, such as streets, water and wastewater facilities, storm, sewer, building inspection, engineering and land use planning, economic development, urban redevelopment, and other related operations. Staff of 45 employees and a budget of \$15.2 million.

Minimum Requirements: Bachelors degree in public administration, business administration or related field and 5 years progressively responsible managerial experience in closely related field or combination thereof.

*For more information and to receive an application packet call: (503) 786-7507 or TDD #(503) 786-7555 or e-mail nagyc@ci.milwaukie.or.us. Application materials must be received no later than **4:00 PM, Friday, January 4, 2002**. The City of Milwaukie is an Equal Opportunity Employer.*

Emergency Management Program Slated

The chapter's Emergency Management Committee is planning a variety of sessions on "Terrorism and Public Works" as part of the Spring 2002 joint Washington/Oregon conference at Skamania Lodge. Regionally recognized speakers will address: New Homeland Defense, Utility Protection for Terrorism, PW Damage Assessment and Cost Recovery, and PW Terrorism Response.

The committee's "Pick of the Web" is www.pep.bc.ca. The British Columbia Provincial Emergency Program continues to provide some of the best and most thorough resources for emergency management planning on the web.

To access other emergency preparedness materials, go to www.oregonapwa.org/emergency/bretsch/index.html.

Gala 2001 Non-Event Needs Your Help

By Gene Appel, Scholastic Foundation

The Scholastic Foundation's fund-raiser for 2001 at this point needs a lot of help. Our goal was based upon participation of most of the Oregon Chapter members. You may recall that we asked each member to consider donating the cost of a night out for dinner for a couple (\$50). OK, if you're a single \$25 is reasonable. As of December 1 we've collected \$3,000 from 35 individuals and 10 companies. We are only realizing a 5% participation rate, and that just doesn't cut it.

As the Foundation Board looks at this result we think the lack of contribution is due to our failure to emphasize the complete purpose of the fund. Most of our fund distribution goes to college scholarships at PSU, OIT and OSU. An underlying purpose is to establish an awareness at the university level of public works careers. Our chapter supports this concept to keep the state educational institutions teaching courses that are relevant to the needs of our member agencies. The foundation also provides financial support to individual members taking courses that their agencies can't budget but are appropriate to their careers.

Hopefully you will be able to make a last-minute contribution before the calendar year is up and can also get a tax write-off this year. And, of course, we want to take this time to thank those who have already participated. Some of you may just need this reminder to send in your pledge made at the fall conference. Please make your check out to the Oregon Chapter Scholastic Foundation, and mail it to Event Solutions, 1298 Elm Street SW, Albany, OR 97321-2120.

Close 2001 with your support for public works and let's hope for a strong 2002!

Summary of New Laws on Web Site

Before it adjourned, the 71st Oregon State Legislative Assembly passed a number of laws of interest to public works professionals. The bills are listed and summarized on the chapter's web site, courtesy of your Oregon chapter APWA Leadership and Management Committee.

Bills listed on the web site are effective January 1, 2002, unless otherwise noted. The website also includes a reference to modified ORS chapters where known.

You can find the bills at www.oregonapwa.org (look for the link on the home page.) If you are interested in the full text of a bill or its history as it went through the legislative process, you can find that on the Legislature's web site at www.leg.state.or.us.

Scholarship Winners

Here are the recipients of this year's scholarships from the Oregon APWA Scholastic Foundation:

Engineering Scholarships

Justin Gerlitz, Oregon Institute of Technology, \$2,700

Chemelle Stark, Portland State University, \$2,700

Eric Bailey, Oregon State University, \$2,700

Continuing Education reimbursement

Mark Moser, \$250

No candidate was selected for the Lindberg Portland State University Public Administration Scholarship.



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Memories of Fall Conference 2001



Registration crew: (left to right) Sheila Cox, Vicki Luther, and Chris Berquist.



Steve Baker (left) and Terry Kelsey smile for Chapter photographer Andy Hoefer.



Bob Deuel gets a mouth-watering view of the buffet table at the Wednesday night social.



America the Beautiful at the entrance to Seven Feathers.



Jeanne Nyquist admires Dick Hogan's traffic safety display.



(Left) What are the odds of finding the hole on a course this large?

Make Plans Now to Attend Joint Spring Conference

The Oregon/Washington spring conference will be held March 26-29, 2002, in the beautiful Skamania Lodge in the Columbia Gorge. The lodge is located in Stevenson, Washington, just on the north side of the Columbia River at Cascade Locks.

Since this will be a joint conference with the Washington Chapter, the conference will start on Tuesday, March 26, with a pre-conference workshop and golf. The conference will officially start Wednesday noon for a kick-off luncheon and will end at a Friday awards luncheon. Please reserve your room early at the Lodge. The Lodge phone number is 1-800-376-9116.



The Wednesday evening ice breaker got REALLY wild when several residents from Wildlife Safari showed up.

Gene Appel gets in his licks.



Rob Dixon from Cornelius Public Works enthusiastically describes new facility.



"I know how you feel," says Eric Jones as he congratulates Stephanie Reid on winning the Gizmo.

Bowes Award Given Posthumously to Les Lyle

In a moving ceremony at the Fall Conference, Dan Boss presented the William A. Bowes Award to Tracy Lyle on behalf of her father, Eugene City Engineer Les Lyle, who died in July of a sudden illness.

The William A. Bowes Award was established by chapter in 1978 to honor chapter members who give distinguished service to the chapter and the membership. The Bowes award is the highest award the chapter can bestow to an individual.

Les Lyle joined the chapter in 1984. He served as a board member for several years, then as treasurer, secretary and then treasurer and secretary combined. He was the chapter's president in 2000.

He chaired the communications task force, setting up the chapter's web site and making it work. Les also championed the chapter's strategic planning efforts, which was a major accomplishment in that it kept the chapter focused on what was important.



Dan Boss presents Bowes Award to Tracy Lyle.

Oregon APWA Establishes Les Lyle Memorial Scholarship Fund

Thanks to many individual contributions and the generosity of the Oregon APWA Board of Directors, a perpetual scholarship fund has been established in Les Lyle's name.

The fund, with an initial value of \$10,000, will be used to provide annual scholarships for engineering students, based on criteria being developed by the Oregon APWA Board and Scholastic Foundation.

If you'd like to donate to the Les Lyle Memorial Scholarship Fund, make your donation to the Oregon Chapter Scholastic Foundation and mail it to Event Solutions, 1298 Elm Street SW, Albany, OR 97321-2120.

Les was a strong supporter of the Scholastic Foundation. He was a strong believer in keeping the boards of the Foundation and the Chapter together and was instrumental in making that happen. He became a champion for the scholarship fund-raiser, affectionately called the Gizmo, and he would work tirelessly to get people nominated. His campaign efforts earned him the Gizmo in 1997.

Les promoted recognition of chapter members. A number of members have fun awards in their offices that he gave them. He was also a major force in the chapter receiving the PACE award, a national recognition to the chapter for their efforts in serving the public.

In accepting the award, Tracy Lyle described her father as a special person. "Sometimes you could be around him and not realize how special he was," she said.

"People like my Dad can sometimes be taken for granted," she said. "You assume that they would always be there to make your life smooth. And now there is a void in everyday life for me. And I am sure there is one for many of you as well. The memories that you hold of him are the true priceless gift and thank you for sharing them with me."

APWA Seeks Comments on New ADA Rules

If you're involved in designing, constructing, or maintaining sidewalks, intersection crossings, or other pedestrian-related facilities, APWA would like to hear your thoughts on proposed new ADA guidelines for public rights of way.

The U.S. Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board is an independent federal agency responsible for developing accessibility guidelines under the Americans with Disabilities

Act (ADA) to ensure that new construction and alterations covered by titles II and III of the ADA are readily accessible to and usable by individuals with disabilities. Over the past decade, the access board has approved a number of rules related to ADA access and has taken other actions, including the establishment of the Public Rights-of-Way Access Advisory Committee in October 1999 as the first step in

developing additional ADA provisions and special application sections. Among the issues considered by the advisory committee: the need for larger dimensions in the public right-of-way; wayfinding in public rights-of-way for blind persons or those with low vision; flexibility of the standards with respect to emerging technologies; the variety of needs, sometimes competing, of users

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New Members

Valerie Dixon, Public Works Admin.
City of Eugene (541-682-5241)

Tammy Driscoll, Mgr Customer Relations
City of Gresham (503-618-2430)

Barbara Duda, Civil Engineer Otak Inc.
Lake Oswego (503-699-4548)

John Duvell, Asphalt Institute
Portland (503-234-3935)

Anita Floyd, Damage Prevention Mgr.
Utilities Location Ctr, Portland
(503-242-5138)

Ron Forsyth, Public Works Supv.
City of Medford

Timothy Fredette, Civil Engineer
Oregon DOT, Portland (503-731-8491)

Joy Gannon, Director of Public Works
City of Cannon Beach (503-436-2045)

Greg Gescher, Planning/Cap Projects
Supv., City of Corvallis (541-757-6916)

Vance Hardy, Public Works Supv.
City of Gresham (503-618-2430)

Bob Hunt, Sales, Lakeside Industries
Portland (503-222-6421)

Robert Knorr, Civil Engineer
City of Newberg (503-538-9421)

Sean Ragain, Associate, Geo-Engineers
Portland (503-624-9274)

John Shearer, Sales & Marketing Mgr
Capital Enterprise, Salem (503-363-9290)

Henry M. Allen, Hydraulics Engr, ODOT
Portland (503-731-8299)

Donald Brown, Utilities & Facilities Supv
City of Ontario (541-889-8572)

Bruce S. Council, Hydraulics Engr, ODOT
Portland (503-731-8463)

Rich Fay, Parks Manager, Lane County

Mark A. Foster, Local Agency Program
Liaison, ODOT, Portland (503-731-8288)

Rose M. Gentry, Emergency Response
Coord., ODOT, Salem (503-986-3020)

Karen L. Hofmann, Civil Engineer
City of Tualatin (503-691-3034)

Elizabeth Hunt, ODOT T2 Center
Salem, (503-986-2854)

Carl B. Jensen, CESNW Inc
Lake Oswego (503-968-6655)

John D. Jensen, CESNW Inc
Lake Oswego (503-968-6655)

Ken Johnson, Public Works Director
City of Rogue River

Ted Keasey, Federal Aid Specialist
ODOT, Salem (503-986-6903)

Alan D. Livley, Local Program Manager
ODOT, Salem (503-986-2650)

Wendy Marshall, Dev. Engr Specialist
City of Gresham (503-618-2424)

Kathleen B. McMullen, Area Manager
ODOT, Astoria (503-325-4732)

Catherine M. Nelson, Tech Services Mgr
ODOT, Salem (503-986-3305)

John E. Osborn, Area Manager
ODOT, Portland (503-731-8525)

Mike W. Swan, Special Projects Coord.
ODOT, Salem (503-986-3750)

Mark Usselman, Area Manager
ODOT, Coquille (541-396-1142)

William B. Wagner, Civil Engineer
CH2M Hill, Corvallis (541-752-4271)

Anthony R. Weller, CESNW Inc
Lake Oswego (503-968-6655)

Terry Wheeler, Managing Engineer
ODOT, Salem (503-986-3789)

Paul R. Wirfs, Urban Hydraulics Engr
ODOT, Salem (503-986-3365)

John R. Woodroof, Trenchless Tech Coord
ODOT, Salem (503-986-3366)

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with diverse disabilities; extension of the pedestrian access route into the roadway at crosswalks; the need for pedestrian access on all urban roadways; and maintenance of pedestrian access routes and accessible features.

The access board has agreed to extend its deadlines for final rulemaking on these issues to allow additional comment from the public works community, and APWA is coordinating responses to the rule. Kurt Corey, a member of APWA National's Engineering & Technology Committee, is collecting comments in Oregon. Find out more about the proposed guidelines at www.access-board.gov/provac/status.htm. If you have comments, please send them, by December 20, to Kurt Corey (kurt.a.corey@ci.eugene.or.us).

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Directory Update Under Way

By Jon Katin
Membership Committee

The Membership Committee is putting together the final touches on a new Oregon State APWA directory that is scheduled to be printed early in 2002.

We have found numerous changes in our membership base regarding individuals "title" and some employers. Several of the board members have called the larger agencies to have an agency review. This has allowed us to update more than 50% of our data base. However, we would like to be even more current.

Please log onto our APWA web site at www.oregonapwa.org and review your data. If your information is not current or complete, e-mail Barbara Duda at barbara.duda@otak.com with the correct information including your e-mail address.

Calendar - 2002 Schedule

January 16, Fresno, CA-
NPDES Phase II Stormwater Workshop \$79, call 816-472-6100 or email kbell@apwanet

February 21-22, Portland -
Construction Inspection

February 26-27, Hood River - **Preventive Maintenance for Roadway Surfaces**

March 27-29, Skamania - **Spring Conference Oregon Chapter APWA**

April 2-3, Bend - **Preventive Maintenance for Roadway Surfaces**

April 10-12, Bend -
The Developing Leader

April 17-19, Newport - **Street Maint. & Collection Systems Spring School**

May 9-10, Portland -
Pump Station Design Seminar

October 9-11, Pendleton - **Fall Conference Oregon Chapter APWA**

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

This is your last chance to ensure our Oregon membership directory has you correctly identified. The directory is well utilized, but it is only as good as the information it contains.



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