



November 2018 Region V



Director's Message

One of the important things about being your Regional Director is to attend the Chapter events, observe, participate and give advice, if asked. I have been invited by every chapter over the past four years and continue to appreciate all that each chapter and its leaders offer the members through advocacy, educational opportunities, mentoring, and having a passion for all that is done by public works personnel everywhere.

In my opinion our association is growing because of this. We are interested in not just our members, but the employees of members who just might be a member next year. Make sure you include them.

I had the opportunity to be a guest of the Wisconsin Chapter's Fall Conference, where the education sessions were outstanding. President Scott Solverson titled his President's Comments in the Chapter newsletter as "The Times—They Are A-Changin'" and yes they are. What is impressive to me as I talk to the various members of APWA is how we create change and embrace it not just for the sake of change but changing things to make it better! And the Wisconsin Chapter Conference was all about it.

I will be off to the joint leadership meeting/retreat of the Chicago Metro Chapter and Illinois Chapter. This meeting occurs every other year and allows the opportunity to share plans and experiences. Sean Garcia from the APWA Washington DC office will be there to give the attendees a primer on ADVOCACY. Brad Patterson

will also be there from our Membership Department and APWA President David Lawry will be there as well.

Our National APWA Board Meeting will occur November 28-30. That agenda is being formulated as I write this but I am sure to have its highlights next month.

Membership

Membership in APWA stands at 29,456 (as of October 30). The official figures will not be available until November 8. The official figures will be available in the Membership Section of the Chapter Leader Resources area on November 9.

Seven APWA chapters have more than 1,000 members. The top seven chapters in membership (as of October 30) are:

- Texas – 1,647
- Florida - 1,535
- Chicago Metro – 1,461
- Washington State – 1,459
- Southern California – 1,339
- Minnesota – 1,052
- North Carolina – 1,019

Please note the membership figures are not official until the 8th day of the following month, and as I have said, we show the drops on the last day of the month.

Canadian Public Works Association (CPWA)

Members of Parliament and Senators returned to Ottawa October 15 from their Canadian Thanksgiving Break **and will sit until the Remembrance Day Break on November 12.**

Minister of Finance Bill Morneau is expected in the coming weeks to release the Government's Fall Economic Statement, which serves as a "mini-budget" and update on Canada's finances. In advance of Budget 2019 (expected in February), CPWA submitted budget priorities to the House of Commons Standing Committee on Finance:

- Emergency Management and Disaster Mitigation
- Asset Management and Canada's Municipalities
- Autonomous and Connected Vehicle Municipal Infra-

structure Policy

- Water Management and First Nations Communities

Executive Director Scott Grayson, CPWA President Steve Blaney, and Director of CPWA Advocacy Anne Jackson were in Ottawa November 5 - 6 to meet with Members of Parliament and other stakeholders to discuss these priorities.

Statistics Canada has released two components of *Canada's Core Public Infrastructure Survey, 2016*. CPWA and its partners on the Canadian Infrastructure Report Card (CIRC) Steering Committee provided input on the design, reporting and partnerships required to complete a complex project of this magnitude. Statistics Canada is releasing the data and analysis in "tranches."

It is anticipated the remainder of the data sets and analysis will be released in 2019. For more information:

- August 28 release: Roads, bridges and tunnels

Municipalities in Canada own more than 68% of all roads in the country, excluding highways. In addition, one in four kilometers of road in Canada has been constructed since the year 2000.

- October 9 release: Culture, recreation and sports facilities, public social and affordable housing

More than 250,000 publicly owned social and affordable housing units are spread over 40,000 locations across the country. There has been very little new construction of publicly owned social and affordable housing units since 2000 in Canada, but more than half of jurisdictions and owners have asset management plans for the units.

Minister of National Defence Harjit Sajjan announced the launch of the **Canadian Centre for Cyber Security** on October 1. This initiative will assist businesses who own critical infrastructure, as well as Canadians and other levels of government that deal with emerging cyber threats. This initiative is part of Canada's National Cyber Security Strategy.

Minister of Infrastructure and Communities, François-Philippe Champagne, and Nova Scotia's Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal, Lloyd Hines, co-chaired a Federal-Provincial-Territorial Infrastructure Ministers meeting in Halifax, NS, September 27 to discuss the federal long-term infrastructure plan, the investments made to date, what the agreements for the next decade will bring and the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead. On October 3, the Government completed signing bi-lateral agreements with all provinces and territories.

April 3: Alberta

April 2: British Columbia

June 4: Manitoba

March 15: New Brunswick

September 14: Newfoundland and Labrador

April 10: Nova Scotia

March 7: Northwest Territories

March 28: Nunavut

March 14: Ontario

August 16: Prince Edward Island

June 29: Quebec

October 3: Saskatchewan

May: Yukon

Canada, the United States and Mexico completed negotiations of the newly minted U.S.-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA) on September 30. The deal was fourteen months in the making and has been a full-time priority of the Canadian government. USMCA does make some significant changes in some sectors of the economy. However, the Government Procurement Chapter is largely unchanged from the previous NAFTA rules. The agreement is complicated, and the reaction has been mixed.

Center for Sustainability

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

- November 2018 – Kingston, NY Activates Electric Vehicle Charging Stations in Municipal Lots
- October 2018 – Vancouver, BC launches its first green bond
- September 2018 – SolSmart Introduces the 2018 City and County Challenge for Solar Energy

Feel free to share your 'tips and practices for a more sustainable future' – contact Anne Jackson <ajackson@apwa.net>.

Sustainability Blog - C4S has identified monthly themes to guide its highlights of sustainability-related events, tools, and resources throughout the year. 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 September 25th, the following chapters participated: Chicago Metro, Ventura County and Wisconsin.

Calls for Chapter Sustainability Liaisons are scheduled for the remainder of 2018 as follows: Tuesday December 11, 2018 at 4:00 PM ET.

For more information, contact Anne Jackson <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>.

Institute for Sustainable Infrastructure (ISI)

ISI's new website is live – check it out for information about:

- ENV SP credential maintenance program
- v3 online training course and exam for ENV SPs
- v3 project registration and verification
- Applicant guidance and policies for the verification program

Recently announced Envision Project Awards:

- City of Davis' Wastewater Treatment Plant Earns Envision Silver
- Los Angeles' Hyperion Water Reclamation Plant Digester Gas Utilization Project earns Envision Platinum

International Affairs Committee

Applications are being accepted for the 2019 Jennings Randolph International Fellowship program. Applicants will be eligible to attend public works conferences and conduct public works study tours in Australia, Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Mexico, and Sweden. Application materials can be found on the APWA website at <www.apwa.net/JRFellowship>. **The deadline for applications is November 16, 2018.**

Government Affairs

The House and Senate are out of session until after the November 6, midterm election. Both chambers return to Washington, D.C. on November 13 to complete the business of the 115th Congress. The next *APWA Washington Report* will be sent out on November 12. To stay informed about happenings on Capitol Hill, please be sure to check out *Advocacy News* at <www.apwa.net> and follow APWA Government Affairs on Twitter @APWAGOVAFFAIRS.

November 11 to 17, 2018, is National Traffic Incident Response Awareness Week (NTIRAW). As a member of the Federal Highway Administration's (FHWA) Executive Leadership Group on Transportation Incident Management (ELG TIM), APWA will be participating in an event being held on the National Mall on November 15, to recognize NTIRAW. APWA will also be promoting the week via social media. APWA Member Harry Weed of Long Island, NY serves as APWA's member representative to the ELG TIM and Andrea Eales, APWA's Director of Government Affairs, provides staff support on behalf of APWA. The next meeting of the ELG TIM will be held on November 14 at the U.S. Department of Transportation headquarters in Washington, D.C. The group meets in person two times per year and holds quarterly conference calls. Dozens of events will be held throughout the U.S. during NTIRAW. For additional information, please click on TIM.

On November 8, APWA Government Affairs Manager Sean Garcia will be leading a session on advocacy during the Chicago Metro Chapter's and Illinois Chapter's Joint Leadership Conference at Starved Rock State Park in Illinois.

On November 8-9, in Phoenix, AZ the second meeting of the APWA Big Cities/Counties group will be held. APWA Executive Director Scott Grayson is coordinating the meeting of the group which brings together public works leaders from cities and counties with populations of 500,000 or more to discuss their unique programs, priorities and challenges. Director of the City of Phoenix, AZ Public Works Department, Ginger Spencer, is hosting the meeting. Andrea Eales will be participating in the meeting as well. The Big Cities/Counties group first met in Washington, D.C in May 2018 where 10 of the cities participated in a roundtable discussion on Capitol Hill as part of National Public Works Week. Also, during their time in D.C., the group held its first meeting, and participated in a tour hosted by DC Water at its Blue Plains Advanced Wastewater Treatment Plant.

APWA Government Affairs wishes you and your families a safe and enjoyable Thanksgiving holiday.

APWA NEEDS YOUR STORIES! Please remember to Tell Your Story through the APWA "Tell Your Story" project. Simply go to <www.apwa.net> and click on "Tell Your Story" which is located under the Government Affairs tab.

If you have any questions about APWA Government Affairs activities and priorities, please contact Andrea Eales, at 202-218-6730 or <aeales@apwa.net>.

Education and Credentialing

Follow the Education and Credentialing Department via our new blog for innovative and ground-breaking education content, newly released program announcements, career development insights, and much more: <<http://www3.apwa.net/Education/Blog/Posts>>.

Accreditation - The City of Fairway, KS Public Works Department achieved Accreditation status October 12, 2018, becoming the 147th agency to be awarded this designation. The agency is the sixth in the State of Kansas. With a population of 3,969, it is the smallest agency to become accredited.

The Township of King, Ontario, held their accreditation site visit in October. Three agencies, Engineering, Public Works & Building Department, Planning Department and Parks, Recreations & Culture Department completed the self-assessment process. Recommendation for Accreditation is pending approval by the Accreditation Council.

A re-accreditation site visit was held in the Town of Smithfield, VA, Planning, Engineering and Public Works Department. Re-Accreditation is pending approval by the Accreditation Council.

The Village of Schaumburg, IL, Engineering and Public Works Department was approved for their fifth re-accreditation. In addition to having 153 practices in Full Compliance, eight Model Practices were identified during the site visit.

The City of Fort Worth, TX Transportation and Public

Works Department, Village of Cherry Hills, CO Public Works Department and the City of Fishers, IN Department of Public Works were approved for re-accreditation for another four-year period.

Upcoming November site visits include:

- Accreditation – City of Lafayette, CO
- Accreditation – City of Lincoln, NE
- Re-Accreditation – San Luis Obispo County, CA
- Re-Accreditation – City of Chesapeake, VA
- Re-Accreditation – City of Newport News, VA
- Re-Accreditation – Village of Skokie, IL
- Re-Accreditation – City of Naperville, IL

A Self-Assessment workshops is scheduled for November 14 for the City of Citrus Heights, CA.

Certifications - The APWA certification programs continue to grow. The launch of the new CPWP-S and CPWP-M appears to have generated interest in the legacy certifications. By the end of the November testing block, 117 candidates will have sat for an APWA certification examination, which is 9 more than the entire fiscal year 2018.

To accommodate the increased volume, changes are being made to the testing block schedule for 2019 to provide more testing opportunities for the candidates. Details will be on the certification page of the APWA website by the end of the year.

If you would like more information on the CPII (Certified Public Infrastructure Inspector), the CPFPP (Certified Public Fleet Professional), the CSM (Certified Stormwater Manager), the CPWP-M (Certified Public Works Professional-Management) or the CPWP-S (Certified Public Works Professional-Supervision), please contact <certification@apwa.net>.

Click, Listen & Learn - Upcoming Click, Listen & Learn webinars:

- Building a Successful National Public Works Week Celebration on November 29, 2018 presented by the Young Professionals Committee

A recording of the September Click, Listen & Learn webinar titled Spec Writing 101 is now available in the Members' Library. For more information on APWA Click, Listen & Learn programs, please contact <education@apwa.net>.

Conferences – 2019 PWX and North American Snow Conference - In 2019, APWA will continue its long tradition of providing leading-edge information, education, networking, and collaboration opportunities for public works professionals via our premier conference events. The North American Snow Conference will be held in Salt Lake City, Utah, May 19-22, 2019. The annual PWX will be held in Seattle, Washington, September 8-11, 2019. Planning for these two events is well-underway. In the coming months, visit <www.apwa.net> for updates on the topics that will be discussed and the networking opportunities that will benefit you in your professional de-

velopment and growth.

APWA eLearning Portal - APWA's eLearning Portal allows our members to access their eLearning purchases, view content, complete evaluations and track and report their progress from almost any digital device. Courses are available for sale through the APWA online store and can be purchased individually or in a program bundle at a discounted price:

- Construction Inspection 201: Project Management
- Ethics for Public Works Professionals
- Ethics for Public Works Supervisors
- Public Works Math 101: Calculating Concrete and Asphalt

For more information contact Heather Delacruz at <hdelacruz@apwa.net>.

Emerging Leaders Academy - Members of ELA Class XII kicked off their ELA experience with a retreat in Kansas City, October 25-27, 2018. The Class not only had a great time getting to know one another, but they also had wonderful conversations and learned about the complexities of leadership. They began discussing their final project, to be presented at PWX 2019 in Seattle.

For questions about ELA or for more information, contact <education@apwa.net>.

Public Works Institutes - Work on a video series to support Public Works Institutes addressing: Starting an Institute, Addressing Common Challenges, and Sustaining an Institute will begin this Fall.

Top Tech - In support of APWA's 2018 Top Tech initiative, a new webinar series called Talking Top Tech kicked off in June. This series consists of a panel discussion format and focuses on looking at each of the identified 2018 Top Tech through different lenses, including public works, industry, policy, legislation, and international. The last edition in the webinar series for 2018 is:

- December 06, 2018 -Talking Top Tech: Global Positioning System (GPS)/Automatic Vehicle Location (AVL) Edition

The Talking Top Tech webinars are available on YouTube on the apwatv channel <https://www.youtube.com/user/apwatv>:

- Talking Top Tech: Autonomous and Connected Vehicle Edition
- Talking Top Tech: Asset Management Edition
- Talking Top Tech: Geographic Information System (GIS)/Mapping Edition
- Talking Top Tech: Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS)/Drones Edition **Coming Soon**

Finally, get an up-close view of Top Tech at work via the

Roving Reporter Education Series. To view the first episode in the series, visit: <<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KpaPcahkKig&t=2s>>.

If you have questions on any of these programs, please contact <education@apwa.net>.

Meetings

Upcoming Events:

- **2019 NORTH AMERICAN SNOW CONFERENCE**, May 19-22, **Salt Lake City, Utah**
- **2019 PWX**, September 8-11, **Seattle, Washington**
- **2020 NORTH AMERICAN SNOW CONFERENCE**, April 19 – 22, **Cleveland, Ohio**
- **2020 PWX**, August 30 – September 2, **New Orleans, Louisiana**
- **2021 NORTH AMERICAN SNOW CONFERENCE**, April 11-14, **Grand Rapids, Michigan**
- **2021 PWX**, August 29 – September 1, **St. Louis, Missouri**
- **2022 North American Snow Conference**, April 10-13, **Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania**
- **2022 PWX**, August 28 – 31, **Charlotte, North Carolina**
- **2023 North American Snow Conference**, April 16-19, **Omaha, Nebraska**

Chapters

Registration is now open for the Chapter Leaders Training workshop.

- The biennial Chapter Leaders Training event will be held in conjunction with the Winter Council of Chapters Meeting on January 31-February 1, 2019, in Kansas City.
- Use this link to go to the CLT page to find the registration information and a tentative agenda: <www.apwa.net/clt>.
- Please contact APWA at <ChapterSupport@apwa.net> for additional information.

It is “that time of year” for the election of new officers for chapters. New functionality has been added to the Chapter Website Template to allow chapters to hold elections online.

Click here <<http://www2.apwa.net/DR/index.asp?ID=8735>> for a “*How-To Set up your Chapter Elections*” document to walk you through step-by-step for setting up your 2019 Officer Elections.

The new officers elected to chapter/branch positions for 2019 should be reported to APWA by December 31. Please send this information to Rhonda Wilhite at <rwilhite@apwa.net>.

Deadline for the Excellence in Snow and Ice Control Award has changed this year from February 1 to De-

ember 3, less than a month away. The judging now includes some changes to accommodate a preliminary review and still be able to choose the winner(s) in February.

All other awards excluding the PACE (Presidential Award for Chapter Excellence) are due March 4, 2019. The PACE deadline will be June 3, 2019. To qualify to submit for the PACE, a chapter that has more than 500 members needs to submit a Top Ten Public Works Leader candidate and three other award nominations of their choice. Chapters with 500 members or less need only to submit one award nomination of their choice.

Please contact Rhonda Wilhite at <rwilhite@apwa.net> for examples of nominations from chapters that have been awarded the PACE, please contact Rhonda Wilhite at <rwilhite@apwa.net>.

And just to let you know there are 3 more pages of reference material.

Tech Talk —A Quick List of Ongoing Projects from the APWA Technical Committees

APWA Technical Committees have recently set up a schedule to review all APWA-published publications on a 3-year cycle. Technical Committees are currently reviewing the following publications in 2018-2019. Reviews will be completed by June 30, 2019. Committees will determine if the publication is still current, should be discontinued or requires an update. If you have an interest in participating in the review or update of these publications, please contact the committee's staff liaison or chair.

Publication	Committee
<i>Getting the Most Out of Your Infrastructure Assets</i>	Asset Management
<i>ICS Pocket Guide</i>	Emergency Management
<i>Construction Inspection: A Review Participant Guide</i>	Engineering & Technology
<i>Demonstrating the Value of Your Fleet Management Program</i>	Fleet Services
<i>The Concise Manual for Calculating Public Fleet Rates</i>	Fleet Services
<i>Public Relations Manual - NEW</i>	Leadership & Management
<i>Roadway Maintenance Guide</i>	Transportation
<i>The Hole Story</i>	Transportation
<i>Taking It to the Streets</i>	Transportation
<i>How to Book on Utility Coordination Committees</i>	Utilities and Public Rights-of-Way
<i>Why Manage the Right of Way</i>	Utilities and Public Rights-of-Way
<i>Financing Stormwater Utilities</i>	Water Resources Management
<i>Stormwater Learners Guide</i>	Water Resources Management

APWA Technical Committees – Explained!

The American Public Works Association has several volunteer committees to assist in the management of the association and its work. The most substantial of these are the Technical Committees that deal with specific public works areas. APWA Technical Committees are the “centers of expertise” for the assigned subject areas, and their primary purpose is to provide direction and oversight to programs, services and products within the technical area of expertise in support of the strategic plan and APWA goals and objectives.

Technical Committees are responsible for articles in every issue of the *Reporter*, PWX/Snow Conference presentations, Click, Listen & Learn webinars, APWA Publications, and support of APWA Certification programs for fleet, stormwater and construction inspection.

Technical Committee and Task Force Mission Statements:

Asset Management Committee

To support APWA members that operate, improve and maintain public works and infrastructure through advocacy, education, resource development, and member engagement in the field of asset management.

Emergency Management Committee

To provide APWA members with resources and a forum for exchanging and developing ideas, knowledge, and technologies for, mitigating from, preparing for, responding to, and recovery from all hazards (manmade and natural disasters). The committee also intends to foster recognition of public works’ important role (s) in emergency management.

Engineering and Technology Committee

To encourage sharing and application of knowledge about engineering and technology and advancing these practices in public works, pursuing APWA’s mission to develop and support the people, agencies, and organizations that plan, build, maintain and improve our communities.

Facilities and Grounds Committee

The mission of the Facilities and Grounds Committee of the APWA is to provide APWA members with the resources for exchanging and developing ideas, information, skills, knowledge, and technologies for the operation, management, and maintenance of public buildings, grounds, and parks. The committee also recommends and advances APWA policies and positions con-

cerning public facilities and grounds issues.

Fleet Services Committee

The Fleet Services Committee’s mission is to support excellence in fleet management, through advancing the leadership, education and promotion of fleet proficiency to APWA members, agencies and organizations.

Leadership & Management Committee

To advance Public Works professionalism through research, application and advocacy of innovative leadership and best management practices. To provide resources to public works professionals in management and leadership.

Solid Waste Management Committee

The Solid Waste Management Committee serves its members by supporting APWA’s role as the recognized leader in public works by providing its members with the resources for exchanging and developing ideas, information, skills, knowledge, and technologies for the operation, management, and maintenance of solid waste facilities.

Transportation Committee

To provide APWA members with resources for exchanging and developing ideas, information, skills, knowledge, and technologies for the advancement of APWA’s transportation objectives and to develop and promote environmentally sound, sustainable, cost effective, and safe systems that enhance the livability and quality of life in our communities through active public involvement.

Utilities and Public Right-of-Way Committee

Provides education and information raising awareness about utility-related issues and promoting the best use of the public rights-of-way.

Water Resources Management Committee

On behalf of APWA members, we promote and provide education on best management practices for water resources to achieve resilient and sustainable systems.

For more information, contact Deanne Cross, Senior Education Manager, at dcross@apwa.net or 816-595-5216.

For Your Convenience

Below is the **UPDATED CONTACT INFORMATION** for each of the Technical committees .

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