To all the Members of the American Public Works Association, Nebraska Chapter.

I would like to introduce myself; My name is Bill Herr, Project Administrator, Sarpy County Public Works. I was elected as your President of the Nebraska Chapter of APWA for 2018 at the Fall Conference November 7, in Kearney.

I would like to mention a couple of things that are happening in the chapter and what I see as going forward.

If you were not aware the past year our chapter partnered with the Kansas City Metro Chapter, Missouri Chapter, Kansas Chapter, and the Iowa Chapter in planning the 2018 National Congress PWX in Kansas City, Missouri. This is an exciting time for the chapter.

The Nebraska Chapter has the opportunity to show support for APWA with your attendance to the 2018 National PWX. The dates for this meeting will be August 26th – 28th, 2018, Kansas City, Mo. I would like to see many of our chapter members attend this event, it is a great opportunity to meet and talk to people from other parts of the country. You will find that certain issues that you have do not just pertain to your city or town, but by talking to these other attendees you will find that they have the same issues that you may have. This may be the opportunity to get some ideas on solutions to many problems that we face.

One of my first items is to send to all of the members a list of committees for consideration to serve on. It would be great to have as many of you on these specific committees as possible since, the more individuals we get on these committees the more ideas these committees will have. We all have ideas or talents that would provide some great insight to these committees. By doing this we are promoting Public Works at its best.

I would also like to create an outreach committee; this would be a committee of individuals from all parts of the state that could occupy an APWA booth at various conferences throughout the state. Yes, there would be some traveling and possibly overnight stays (since most of the conferences are multiple days) to be able to promote our Public Works to the attendees. One of the duties of this committee would be to promote Public Works during National Public Works Week, also work with Public Works departments throughout the state to hold an event where there are all types of equipment that the public could look at and possibly get in. Please note that the kids would have to be able to turn on lights and honk the horns. By doing this we can get them interested in a career in Public Works.

I would also like to thank the persons that volunteered to be on the Executive Committee for the Nebraska Chapter for the upcoming year. I know that we have a great group and we will be looking for your help in the upcoming year to promote and encourage interest in the Nebraska Chapter of APWA.

Thank you,

Bill Herr
President of APWA Nebraska Chapter
CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2017 AWARD WINNERS!

Leader of the Year
Marty Leming
City of Papillion – Public Works Director
CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2017 AWARD WINNERS!

Project of the Year
(Structures – Over $2.5M)

Blair Public Library and Tech Center

Agency – Blair Public Library Foundation
Contractor – Weitz Company
Consultant – The Clark Enersen Partners

Hundreds attend Blair Public Library and Technology Center opening ceremony

More than 700 people attended the Blair Public Library and Technology Center dedication ceremony April 1st. Gov. Mike Parzybik and U.S. Rep. Jeff Fortenberry spoke at the dedication of the 24,000 square-foot building, which is off North U.S. Highway 77 at 2800 Civic Drive. The facility offers an all wireless network available to the public, study rooms, expanded genealogy room, maker space room, youth meeting areas and public meeting rooms.

“This is a tremendous asset and opportunity for the citizens of our community,” Mayor James Reddy said. “The new facility, technology and partnership with the library foundation will help keep the City of Blair as a leader among Nebraska communities in providing our citizens with up-to-date technology and an ever-changing world.” Mayor Reddy said the facility is a remarkable example of a public-private partnership with the private community foundation and city working in unison with state and federal government partners.

The building cost more than $6.1 million and was built as a cooperative venture from the Nebraska Community Development Corporation and the Tri-County Community Development District.

The building includes 14,000 square feet of library space, 9,000 square feet of technology center space and 5,000 square feet of meeting space. The technology center includes maker space, computer labs and a community resource center.

Mayor Reddy said the new facility is a reflection of the city’s commitment to providing quality services to its citizens.

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Project of the Year
(Structures – Under $2.5M)

Hebron South Emergency Bridge Replacement

Agency – Nebraska Department of Transportation
Contractor – A.M. Cohron & Son, Inc.
Consultant – HDR, Inc.
CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2017 AWARD WINNERS!

Project of the Year
(Environmental – Over $2.5M)

Florence Howell Filter Plant Improvements

Agency – Metropolitan Utilities District
Contractor – Hawkins Construction Company
Consultant – HDR, Inc.
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Project of the Year
(Environmental – Under $2.5M)

Big Papio Levee Culverts Project

Agency – Papio-Missouri River NRD
Contractor – Nelson & Rock Contracting Inc.
Consultant – FYRA Engineering
The Annual Nebraska APWA Golf Tournament was held on Thursday, August 10th, 2017 at the Ashland Country Club. Thank you to all of our sponsors!

Congratulations to our winners!

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Hole Prizes:

- **Hole #1 - Closest to the pin 2nd shot**: Miron Kaiser
- **Hole #2 - Closest to the pin**: Jon Lindley
- **Hole #3 - Long Drive**: Andy Harmsen
- **Hole #4 - Longest Putt**: Pat Dowes
- **Hole #5 - Longest Drive**: Nicole Frankl
- **Hole #6 - Longest Putt**: Megan Patent Nygren
- **Hole #7 - Closest to the pin**: Kevin Meier
- **Hole #8 - Longest Drive**: Jason Hurt
- **Hole #9 - Closest to the pin**: Chris Eggen
- **Hole #10 - Longest Putt**: Josh Reiling
- **Hole #11 - Closest to the pin**: Kevin Meier
- **Hole #12 - Longest Drive**: Dave Beyerdorf
- **Hole #13 - Closest to the Water w/o going in**: Jon Lindley
- **Hole #14 - Closest to the pin 2nd shot**: Rocky Henkel
- **Hole #15 - Closest to the pin**: Brad Huyck
- **Hole #16 - Longest Putt**: Bob Stubbe
- **Hole #17 - Closest to the pin 2nd shot**: Chris Eggen
- **Hole #18 - Longest Drive**: Brad Huyck

MAKE PLANS TO JOIN US NEXT YEAR!
MAKE PLANS TO JOIN US IN KANSAS CITY!

PWX provides a first-class multimodal learning experience designed for professionals at all levels and across the entire spectrum of public works. Come prepared to see, hear, touch, and discuss in a variety of traditional and interactive sessions, seminars, workshops, and networking opportunities. Attendees can also spend time on North America’s largest exhibit floor for public works equipment and services - we’ve carved out generous portions of non-compete time so you don't miss any sessions. Kick tires, talk about technology, or get the scoop on new products. You can even step in front of a video camera and tell your very own public works story. To take advantage of everything PWX has to offer with more than 5,000 public works colleagues from North America and beyond, meet us in Kansas City!

With PWX so close to home, we look forward to seeing many of our Nebraska Chapter members take advantage of this opportunity.

More details to come regarding Nebraska Chapter events at PWX...

To Find Out More
Visit:
pwx.apwa.net

Dates & Location
August 26-29, 2018
Kansas City Convention Center
Kansas City, Missouri
CENTER FOR SUSTAINABILITY (C4S)

In the Know - C4S continues to highlight sustainable practices monthly on APWA’s home page.

RECENT ‘IN THE KNOW’ EXAMPLES HAVE INCLUDED:
November 2017 – Ontario, OR Public Works Recognized for Sustainability Practices
October 2017 – Fairfax County, VA invites residents to ‘Take the Meadow Home’
September 2017 – City of Red Deer, Alberta unveils a clean energy bus fleet

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. Check out October’s blog ‘Making the Most of Street Space’. Visit the C4S Sustainability Works blog for more information.

Chapter Outreach - C4S hosts quarterly conference calls for chapter sustainability liaisons.

Education and Credentialing
Accreditation - Upcoming Self-Assessment workshops are scheduled to be held at the City of Hampton, VA on February 2, 2018. If your agency or chapter would like to host a workshop, providing the opportunity for all your staff to learn about the self-assessment process and using the software, contact Tracy Quintana at tquintana@apwa.net.

Applications received from agencies applying for their initial Accreditation include:

City of Kansas City, MO Public Works Department
Wayne County, MI Department of Public Services
City of University Park, TX Public Works Department
City of Frisco, TX Public Works Department
City of Leon Valley, TX Public Works Department
City of Aventura, FL Public Works/Transportation Department
Charlotte County, FL Department of Public Works

Click, Listen & Learn — The following CLL program(s) are open for registration:
1/25/2018 – “National Weather Service and Public Works, a Natural Partnership” (sponsored by the APWA Emergency Management Committee)

2/22/2018 – “Innovative Financing for Water Resources” (sponsored by the Water Resources Management Committee)
Education and Credentialing (cont...)

In addition to being available for public agencies and consulting firms to take advantage of, these CLL offerings are excellent opportunities for chapters to host “Lunch & Learn” programs for their members.

Recordings of Recent CLL Programs - Available in the Members Library:

“Technician Staffing and Facility Needs” (sponsored by the APWA Fleet Services Committee)
“Self-Assessment = Accreditation” (sponsored by the Accreditation Council)
“Constructing and Maintaining New Athletic Fields” (sponsored by the APWA Facilities and Grounds Committee)
“UFO or UAV? The Welcome Invasion of Drones in the Public Works World” (sponsored by the APWA Engineering and Technology Committee)

Conferences – 2018 PWX — The 2018 PWX Call for Presentations is closed! No further extensions will be accepted. The response was tremendous with over 350 submissions. Over the next few weeks the PWX Program Review Committee will begin the process of reading and ranking the submitted proposals. Submitters can expect to receive a decision notice in March 2018. The conference education team would like to thank everyone for all of their hard work.

2017 PWX Education Session Recordings — The 2017 PWX was a tremendous success providing a first-class learning experience for professionals at all levels and across the entire spectrum of public works. If you were not able to attend the 2017 PWX, you may purchase access to the education session audio recordings at: www.APWA.DIGITELLINC.COM.

APWA eLearning Portal — APWA’s eLearning Portal was launched in June 2017. APWA’s eLearning Portal allows our members to access their eLearning purchases, view content, complete evaluations and track and report their progress from any digital device. Courses are available for sale through the APWA online store and can be purchased separately or in a program bundle at a discounted price! For more information contact Heather DelaCruz at hdelacruz@apwa.net.

Construction Inspection 201 is designed for individuals who are interested in building their skillset in project management — as it applies to work performed in the construction inspection profession. It provides general guidelines for the various areas needed to maintain professionalism and competence. This 24-course program is delivered online, via the APWA eLearning Portal. Please visit the Construction Inspection 201: Project Management webpage for information about content, pricing and purchasing options; also check out YouTube video: https://youtu.be/Wq5FOe6GMq.

Ethics in Public Works 101 & 102 (coming soon) these two courses were developed for individuals who are looking for practical advice on ethics, and they emphasize the importance of ethical behavior in personal and professional interactions.
**Education and Credentialing (cont...)**

**DCS**—The DCS credentialing program will end August **2018**. All those previously credentialed through DCS will continue to be recognized. No new applicants have been accepted into the program since August 2016.

Twenty-six candidates continue to work toward graduating by the **2018 PWX** under the current program requirements. **The next requirement for continuation is December 1, 2017, to submit the Final Project.**

In order to ensure everyone has an opportunity to graduate by August 2018, **there will be no exceptions to the submission deadlines.**

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**Emerging Leaders Academy**—The Emerging Leaders Academy-Class XI had a great **kick-off retreat** at the APWA Kansas City Office October 26-28, 2017. The Class’s retreat was instrumental in laying a foundation for their year-long experience and kick-starting the development of their capstone project, a presentation at PWX 2018.

Additionally, the Leadership and Management Committee will revisit the ELA application process during its November call. **Applications for 2018-2019 ELA will be available in early Spring 2018,** extending the application process by several months. It is the hope that this allows more members to learn about and consider applying for the program in the coming year.

For questions about ELA or for more information, contact Deanne Cross at dcross@apwa.net.

**Institute for Sustainable Infrastructure**

**Envision v3 Public Review and Comment**

The Institute for Sustainable Infrastructure (ISI) gathered feedback on its latest version of the Envision sustainable infrastructure framework, known as Envision v3, through a public review and comment period that closed November 1, 2017. ISI will compile and analyze the feedback received and finalize the Envision v3 framework for official launch in Q1 2018. Visit the [ISI website](#) to download the draft Envision v3 credits.

Some current Institute for Sustainable Infrastructure (ISI) statistics:
Since 2012, 37 infrastructure projects have received Envision awards
Globally, there are more than 6,400 Envision Sustainability Professionals (ENV SPs)

**Membership**

**September month-end total number of members = 30,057.** That represents a **4.38% increase compared to same time last year** and a **0.21% increase (63 members)** compared to previous month.

The **2017 “1st Time Member” special offer campaign has brought in 2,241 new members so far this calendar year; 207 of those are in Canada.** That 2,241 total is about 0% (7 members) higher than same time last year. This campaign allows anyone who has not previously been a member to join APWA for $95 USD.
A Quick List of Ongoing Projects from the APWA Technical Committees

**Emergency Management Committee**
The committee is working on a Click, Listen and Learn with the National Weather Service titled “National Weather Service and Public Works, a Natural Partnership.” It will be on **January 25, 2018**, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Central. Visit the following website for more information:
https://www.apwa.net/6hpApwa/Events/Event_Display.aspx?EventKey=CLLL2518

**Transportation Committee**
The Transportation subcommittees are reviewing and updating the *Roadway Maintenance Guide*. The new Connected Vehicles Subcommittee is chaired by Tim Austin. The Connected Vehicle Subcommittee will outline their mission and goals for this year. The Road Safety Subcommittee is developing a presentation for the Transportation Research Board conference on the use safety analysis software. The Winter Maintenance Subcommittee presented the October Click, Listen and Learn on “Change – Successfully Navigating the Unknown,” which will soon be available on the Members Library for those members who were unable to attend.

**Asset Management Task Force**
The Asset Management Taskforce has developed a work plan for the next year including:

- A report to the Board of Directors to be presented at PWX 2018 Board Meeting outlining what has been accomplished and what the taskforce sees as additional work that would benefit our membership.
- Supporting and providing input into an accreditation chapter on asset management
- An Asset Management Guidebook
- A generic presentation on asset management that could be given to city/county managers or at ICMA Conference
- Support to APWA chapters perhaps in the form of a generic presentation the chapters to use and others could present to the chapters as well
- A website area for asset management
- Explore a partnership with Effective Utility Management (EUM) products to encourage people to use the tools which are focused on the utility industry
- Further development of benchmarking for asset condition measurement methods
Engineering & Technology
The Engineering and Technology Committee has three new members this year: Greg Baird, Hesha Gamble and Saidur Rahman.

Greg Baird is the new chair of Underground Infrastructure Asset Technology Subcommittee. This subcommittee is focused on the design, maintenance, and management of the underground infrastructure—water mains, sanitary sewers, storm sewers, combined sewers, and the associated structures—with the purpose of bringing forward new and emerging technology for those focus areas. New and emerging technology includes, but is not limited to, advancements in engineering, trenchless installations, inspection, assessment, modeling, investigations, and monitoring. The subcommittee is comprised of professionals in the industry including engineers, consultants, public works personnel, and manufacturer representatives. If you are interested in joining this subcommittee, please contact Rita Cassida - rcassida@apwa.net

Facilities and Grounds Committee
The Facilities and Grounds Management committee is developing an educational session for PWX 2018 on growing and maintaining healthy grass. They are also developing a panel discussion and presentation for PWX 2018 which dives into planning for terrorism threats/incidents at public events facilities.

Fleet Services Committee
The Fleet Services committee is developing additional content for the update of the Spec Writing 101 publication.

Leadership and Management Committee
The Leadership and Management Committee is working on developing benchmarking and performance standards within public works technical areas. This will be a yearlong focus for the committee. In 2018 it will also kick off a new focus of “Leading from the Frontlines” highlighting leadership and followership from a frontline employee perspective. They kicked off their project management plan by meeting with the Leadership and Management Knowledge Team to get feedback and solidify a plan for moving this important project forward over the coming year.

The committee has also been busy developing the March 2018 Click, Listen, and Learn program, which will be a highlight of their 2017 article series, “How’d They Do That?” with a lessons learned focus, to help other professionals learn from the highlighted projects and successes.

Solid Waste Committee
The Solid Waste Management Committee is focusing on resiliency. What resiliency looks like and how it is defined for solid waste is targeted for focused research.
Utilities & Public Right of Way

The Utilities and Public Rights-of-Way Committee is developing a “Rapid Fiber Deployment Lessons Learned Whitepaper.” The purpose of the whitepaper is to share the experiences faced when rapid fiber deployment occurs in the rights-of-way. It is a collection of points summarized from discussions with municipalities that have experienced rapid fiber deployment and small cell tower installations in their rights-of-way and the associated disturbance that resulted. If just one of the points shared helps a municipality to be better prepared, more successful in managing their rights-of-way and effective in coordinating the increased stresses placed on staff, then there is value added by utilizing this Whitepaper.

Water Resources Management

The Water Resources Management Committee will be presenting a Click, Listen and Learn Program in February titled Innovative Financing for Water Resources.

Water Resources Management Knowledge Team - In an effort to expand volunteer opportunities to those that may be interested in contributing to the Water Resources Management Committee, the committee has created a Water Resources Management Knowledge Team. Members of the Knowledge Team will commit to working on projects to share information with APWA members through working on projects such as writing articles, presenting Click, Listen, and Learn sessions, speaking at PWX and other conferences and other methods.

Water Resources Management Knowledge Team members will have a unique opportunity to share their input with the Water Resources Management Committee. Knowledge Team members should be knowledgeable in any of the following areas: water, wastewater, and stormwater. In particular, the committee is looking for representation from the water, wastewater, and reuse sectors as well as members from the west coast.

Participating in this team will also give added visibility to those interested in serving on the Water Resources Management Committee in the future as committee positions become open. If you are interested in joining the team, please contact Rita Cassida rcassida@apwa.net.
UPCOMING EVENTS

2018

- April 18: Nebraska Chapter Spring Conference: La Vista, NE
- May 20-26: National Public Works Week
- TBD (August): Nebraska Chapter 13th Annual Golf “Tournament”
- August 26 – 29: PWX: Kansas City, MO
- TBD (November): Nebraska Chapter Fall Conference: Kearney, NE

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