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NEWSLETTER

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Greetings from OAPWA President Hank Gulich



Thank you to 2014 President Bob Myers and the entire board for a job well done. Judging from the many goals and initiatives that have been set forth for 2015, the bar will remain set high. With branch goals ranging from Central establishing a sustainable revenue stream to SW strategic outreach initiatives to NW emphasizing water treatment education to the newly minted NE taking on the 2015 Expo, there are no less than twelve total goals. The state board has set out eighteen goals and initiatives, including emphasizing new member recruitment and focusing on necessity based training. We all, as a group, have our work cut out for us. I look forward to helping you, and you helping me, achieve these goals. They are indeed attainable.

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NORTH AMERICAN SNOW CONFERENCE
April 12-15, 2015
Grand Rapids, Michigan

Take Notice: Updated Fee Schedule for FEMA Flood Maps

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has published a Federal Register Notice announcing an updated fee schedule for processing certain map change requests to National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) maps, requests for Flood Insurance Study (FIS) technical and administrative support data, and requests for particular NFIP map and insurance products. The updated fee schedule for these requests will take effect February 20, 2015. Requests dated February 20, 2015, or later will adhere to the updated fee schedule. The [FEMA's Flood Map-Related Fees webpage](#) will be updated accordingly once the changes take effect.

Changes in the fee schedules will allow FEMA to reduce further the expenses to the NFIP by recovering more fully the costs associated with processing conditional and final map change requests; retrieving, reproducing, and distributing technical and administrative support data related to FIS analyses and mapping; and producing, retrieving, and distributing particular NFIP map and insurance products.

For additional background information and to view the updated fee schedule, visit the [Federal Register Notice: 2015 Fee Schedule](#).



2014 North American Snow Conference

The exhibitor's floor during NASC in Cincinnati was full of opportunities to check out the latest equipment and compare features.



How to Submit an Award Nomination

Submit your nominations on APWA National's website. Directions are available on the site and technical support is provided during normal business hours Monday-Friday. Contact Shelby Ingle at (937) 259-5089 or via e-mail at SIngle@LJBinc.com Awards Committee Chair, if you have any questions.

APWA Award Submission Deadlines:

March 2, 2015 award application deadline for:

Top Ten Public Works Leaders of the Year
Public Works Project of the Year
SC/RC Project of the Year
Information on other awards available at <http://awpa.net>

June 1, 2015 award application deadline for:

PACE Award (Chapters must first be notified they qualify to submit for this award)

FEATURED PROJECT

Alum Creek Drive Phase B



The Alum Creek Drive Phase B project in the City of Columbus consisted of reconstructing and widening 2 miles of Alum Creek Drive from State Route 104, south to Williams Road. Alum Creek was widened from two to five lanes with significant intersection work at Williams Road. Consistent with the city's complete street strategy for non-vehicular traffic, shared use paths on both sides of Alum Creek were added with lighting for safety. Traffic signals were updated and a new signal was installed at the Watkins Road intersection.

Water work on this project included upgrading an existing 16" waterline to a 30" precast concrete line to complete a loop that improves service and fire protection to the area. Curb and gutter with an enclosed storm water management system was added to the long list of benefits of this project for the businesses and residents in the area. In May of 2012 the project was awarded to the George J. Igel, Co. with a contractual end date of July 17, 2014 and a budget of just over \$17 million.

This project was unique for the City of Columbus as its Department of Public Service had to participate with 20 percent of the funds for the project itself. Additional funding for this project came from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), Ohio Public Works Commission (used to offset Columbus's 20 percent split with ODOT) and Columbus Public

Utilities for waterline work. This project was an ODOT LPA (Local Public Agency) project that required high levels of coordination and cooperation between the City of Columbus, ODOT, and the FHWA.

Another distinctive facet of this project was the use of ODOT's General Conditions for a Critical Path Method schedule. As part of this contract, the Contractor was required to produce and maintain an updated progress schedule that included any and all activities related to the completion of the project. This schedule was used to track progress and hold the contractor accountable for the actual progress of activities. The schedule was also used to develop alternatives to address a 4 month delay caused by a private utility company. The delay was going to extend the completion date by a year. After analyzing the overhead costs that would be due to the contractor, the city re-phased and accelerated the contractor's efforts to regain the original completion date. It saved over \$1 million and Columbus used the schedule analysis to recoup costs associated with mitigation of the delay from the private utility company. The delay cost and sum recovered was \$497,500.

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Ohio APWA 2015 Goals and Initiatives

MEMBERSHIP

1. Use events to recruit new members and involve current members
2. Increase membership by at least 5%
3. Each board member to recruit one new APWA member

OUTREACH

1. Coordinate between branches on event planning/scheduling
2. Coordinate with other organizations on event planning/scheduling
3. Be mindful of vendor fatigue
4. Conduct vendor/sponsor appreciation event
5. Conduct outreach to young professionals and high schools
6. Fund and deploy APWA booth at OTA, CEAO/CCAO conferences

EDUCATION

1. Focus on necessity-based training (e.g., maintaining certifications)
2. Send two Ohio representatives to Feb 2015 leadership training
3. Invite Region V Director to attend a 2015 board meeting
4. Publish and maintain state-wide calendar of events

EFFECTIVE MANAGEMENT

1. Appoint Council of Chapter Alternate Delegate
2. Rotate State Expo between branches with two-year schedule (prospective)
 - 2015 – NE Branch
 - 2016 – SW Branch
3. Reconfigure Newsletter Committee
4. Have Graduate Scholarship Committee manage also the APWA Family Member Scholarship
5. Add Marion County to Central Branch
6. Add Ashland, Richland and Columbiana to NE Branch



Board Member Spotlight

Fred Stovall

2015 Vice President, Ohio Chapter

Fred Stovall became the Director of Public Works for City of Dayton (pop. 143,300) in 2002. He oversees operating budgets of \$35.6 million, and 261 employees. His department's responsibilities include: refuse and recyclable collection, roadway maintenance, forestry, civil engineering, traffic signal and sign maintenance, and fleet services.

Fred encourages his PW teams to explore new technology to deliver excellent services more efficiently and effectively. He is proud that Dayton has adopted several new technologies into the operational activities, including: RFID (radio frequency identification) to track recyclable trash participation, RFID to manage street cuts, GIS mapping, routing software, and chemical use to improve snow and ice control.

Fred joined APWA in 2004 and has served as a Director of the Ohio Chapter since 2010. He is an active member of the Southwest Branch. He was 2012 Southwest Branch President, Chairman of the 2012 Ohio Public Works Expo in Dayton, and Volunteer Coordinator for the 2014 NASC in Cincinnati.

Ohio APWA 2014 Accomplishments

APWA's Ohio chapter and the local branches worked hard in 2014 to bring training, network opportunities, social activities, and more to you, our members and associates. Below is a synopsis of the many activities around the state last year.

State Board

- Leadership training
- Creation of Northeast Branch
- Resumed state newsletter
- Continued fiscal accountability
- Published Guide to Host Branches/ Chapters for conferences
- Began updating and migrating website pages
- Re-launched Diversity Committee

Central Branch

- Herbicide, PACP, Street Maintenance Education Events
- Baseball game membership drive
- Administrative Assistant Appreciation Luncheon

Northeast Branch

- Creation of Northeast Branch
- Negotiation of Solon Snow/Ice Conference with NESDA
- November Leadership Training Event

Northwest Branch

- Hosted 2014 State Expo with State Chapter
 - 220 attendees, 34 vendors, 13 technical sessions
- Increasing branch board involvement
- Snow/ice education event

Southwest Branch

- Hosting 2014 North American Snow Conference with State Chapter
- Pavement repair, forestry workshops
- Salt crisis roundtable
- Statewide job posting emails
- Featured branch members in newsletter
- Awarded three \$1,000 scholarships