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Message from the Editor, Alison Haskins

Welcome to the other side. We are emerging this spring like the 17-year cicadas swarming around Ohio. All of the plans we had for 2020 were completely upended by the pandemic.



Meanwhile we all had to meet the new challenges of life during a pandemic. How could we maximize safety and still work, take care of our families, and help our children with school? What did our communities need and how could we serve them? Would revenues be affected and what adjustments were necessary? Our public works professionals met all those tests and more, developing new procedures and improving practices. Technology was a huge component (the ubiquitous Zoom meeting) to this success. Congratulations to our branches for also finding new ways to continue to deliver training to the members. You did a wonderful job under extreme circumstances.

Amazing scientists and medical professionals tapped their extensive knowledge base and developed vaccines in record time. With more and more people vaccinated, COVID infections are dropping, allowing restrictions to relax. Still our hearts go out to those of you who lost friends and loved ones to the coronavirus. We'll remember them always.

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Ohio Public Works Expo
July 14-15, Online
Hosted by the Northwest Branch

PWX
August 29-September 1, 2021
St Louis, Missouri

Announcing the Ohio Public Service Institute

The APWA Ohio Chapter proudly announces the Ohio Public Service Institute (OHPSI) on September 27th through October 2nd at the beautiful Salt Fork Lodge & Conference Center in Cambridge, Ohio!

OHPSI is a unique training opportunity that promotes and encourages professional development through education and training specifically designed for Public Works supervisors and managers.

Courses include three one-week sessions, focusing on Leadership Development, Service Excellence and Supervisory Skills. These sessions are non-sequential and one may begin the three-year cycle at any time.

About the Institute:

- Registration fee is \$725.
- Lodging is not included in the tuition.
- Thursday is “Directors’ Day” and offers an opportunity for directors or bosses to learn more about OHPSI.

To become an OHPSI graduate, attendance is required at all sessions, all three years, including evening functions that include classes, group meals, and activities. Please do not register for OHPSI unless you can commit to attending all sessions. See attached packet for details.

Registration is now open with a limited number of seats. To register and save your spot, fill out the registration form which you can [download here](#) and email to Program Coordinator, Jeanne Rouston. Credit card payments can be made by contacting Kim Roessner at 419-373-4482. Please note there is an additional \$35 convenience fee for credit card payments.

Scholarships are available! We are proud to announce that APWA Ohio will be awarding five scholarships in the amount of \$595.00 each. To apply for one of these scholarships you must submit your application and registration by July 2, 2021 and email to David Barber. Application forms are found at ohpsi.org/scholarships. Please note that you must be an APWA member to apply.

OHPSI is an outstanding program that will help you reach your professional goals and enhance your effectiveness and efficiency on the job.

If you have any questions, please contact Jeanne Rouston at 989-965-4726 or jeanne.rouston@gmail.com.

Sincerely, Kim Roessner, APWA Northwest Ohio Branch
Amy Wood, APWA Northwest Ohio Branch



Ohio APWA's Mission

The mission of Ohio APWA is to provide an essential delivery of up-to-date information on the latest public works technologies and management trends. The Chapter shall offer its members educational programs, public service activities, symposiums, equipment shows and the chance to network with fellow members in a professional setting.

PWX 2021 registration is NOW OPEN!

Join us in St Louis Aug 29-Sept 1, 2021

Experience the excitement that the public works industry has to offer, from outstanding education sessions, to exhibitors showcasing their latest products, services and technologies – you won't want to miss this. PWX draws thousands of professionals from all over the world, allowing you to connect with nearly 6,000 of your public works colleagues from North America and beyond.

Welcome New Members

The following people have recently become new members of APWA.

Please introduce yourself and welcome these people when you meet them at an APWA event.

Cherita M. Anglen, City of Cleveland-Capital Projects
 Ben A. Ankeney, City of Centerville
 Abby Arnold, City of Toledo
 Sarah Ballard, City of Centerville
 Brandon Baisden, City of Springfield
 David Banjoff, City of Bay Village
 Mike Barker, City of New Albany
 Tom Beck, City of Beavercreek
 John Bower, County Engineers Association of OH
 Rob Allen Brehm Jr, Morgan Township
 Amanda Brock, City of Fairfield
 Sean Brunger, Aebi Schmidt
 Roberta J. Cameruca, Burgess and Niple Inc
 Michael Caster, Village of Greenhills
 James Cook, Ohio Department of Transportation
 Nick Cornett, City of Beavercreek
 Roger Dawson, City of Centerville
 Shane Delaet, City of Springfield
 Chris DeMatteo, City of Grove City
 Brett Dill, City of Huber Heights
 Ryan Dresbach, E.L. Robinson Engineering
 Roman Ducu, City of Lakewood
 Dawn Ferro, City of Oberlin
 Keith Furukawa, T2 Utility Engineers
 Esai Garcia, City of Upper Arlington
 Gregory Glover, Ohio Department of Transportation
 Stephanie Goff, County Engineers Association of OH
 Paul Greenwell, City of Bay Village
 Daniel Gruscewski, Ohio Department of Transportation
 Calvin L. Harris, City of Toledo
 Kenneth Hazlett, City of Springfield
 Marcus Hefflinger, Ohio Department of Transportation
 Kenneth Hickey Jr, Hamilton Township
 Paul Hirsch, Ohio Department of Transportation
 Stan Hobbs, Phillips Companies
 Janie Hollingsworth, City of Upper Arlington
 Ryan Horoschak, Seal Master
 Sam A. Hurwitz, City of Beavercreek
 Ron Isaacson, City of Perrysburg
 Brian Ivey, Neoweather, LLC
 Nate Kallay, Winter Equipment Company
 Curtis Krakowski, City of Bay Village
 Marge Lang, Aebi Schmidt
 Nate Lang, Burgess and Niple Inc
 Chris Leupp, County Engineers Association of OH
 Brandon Lippi, City of Cleveland-WPC
 Jonathan Liskovec, City of Bay Village

Ronald R. Mason, City of Cleveland
 Steve Masters, Ohio Department of Transportation
 Matthew McCuiston, City of Springfield
 Adam L. Melegari, City of Canton Public Works
 Ryan Michel, City of Springboro
 Kirk Music, County Engineers Association of OH
 Benjamin Nimrod, City of Cleveland-WPC
 Jackie O'Connell, Colerain Township
 Justin Olivieri, City of Troy
 Charles Pauley, City of Springfield
 Brian Petri, Zimmer Tractor
 Neil Puchta, Village of Carey
 Matt Purdy, Seal Master
 Joshua Rauch, Raffelis Consultants
 Katy Rees, City of Upper Arlington
 Tyler Reid, Aebi Schmidt
 Adrienne Rice, County Engineers Association of OH
 Kelsey Richards, County Engineers Association of OH
 James Rinaldi, City of Centerville
 Brian Roth, City of Grove City
 James Steven Route Jr, City of Upper Arlington
 Lindsey Royer, Ohio Department of Transportation
 Corey Ruoff, City of Grove City
 Taylor Schindler, City of Centerville
 Mark Schulker, City of Beavercreek
 James Schulty, City of Toledo
 Mike Siragusa, Sweeping Corporation of America
 Michael Smith, City of Cleveland-WPC
 Christy Soncrant, City of Toledo
 Brian Spencer, Village of Carey
 Mark Spencer, Neoweather, LLC
 Richard Stacko, City of Cleveland-WPC
 David Swanson, City of Centerville
 Michael Szymborski, Strawser Construction Inc
 Marty Tackett, City of Centerville
 Clarence Tate, City of Cleveland-WPC
 Mark Toelke, City of Cincinnati
 Pat Turnbull, City of Centerville
 Kurt Tyson, City of Springfield
 Lorne Vernon, City of Mentor
 Walter Wagner, City of Groveport
 David Watts, City of Centerville
 Bruce Wehr, Asphalt Materials, Inc
 William Welch, Ohio Department of Transportation
 Robert R. Williams, Mannik Smith Group
 Daniel Wilson, City of Gahanna
 Skip Wolfe, Ironhawk
 Ken Woodmansee, County Engineers Association of OH

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Letter from Editor Alison Haskins

We're looking forward to seeing you in person again at upcoming training and social events. We hope you will be adding our new offering, the **Ohio Public Service Institute**, to your calendar. There's more about OHPSI on page 2. It's going to be a great program to help you and your personnel develop into strong leaders with a passion for public service.

Sincerely, Alison Haskins

APWA Awards in 2020 Recap

In case you missed it, the Ohio Chapter and its members received recognition in several categories.

The Franklin County Engineer's Office for the Excellence in Snow and Ice Control Award.

The **Ohio Chapter** received the **Chapter Membership Achievement Award** for chapters with 501-850 members with a **6.36% increase in members**. The Ohio Chapter has won this award previously in 2016 and 2008.

The **Ohio Chapter** also received the **Presidential Award for Chapter Excellence (PACE)**. This was the 6th year in a row.

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2021 Chapter Goals

General

1. Re-establish handbooks for new state board members including a board navigator for support
2. Branch Presidents send a delegate to the state board meeting if unable to attend.
3. Review officer responsibilities for vice-president and president-elect.

By-laws

1. Review of by-laws.
2. By-laws committee to review the size of the board relative to tasks.

Awards

1. Place past successes on the website
2. Each branch to submit one National award nomination
3. Develop unified approach to community service for branches and chapter

Communication

1. Train at least one person from each branch to maintain their events, polls, branch page, etc. on ohio.apwa.net
2. Promote National resources and benefits to members through newsletter and website.
3. Ensure all Chapters and Branch events and meetings are reported to National and posted to website.

Marketing/Membership

1. Grow membership by 5% (35 new members)
2. Maintain membership retention rate greater than 85%
3. Suggest Branches have Membership Chairs serve longer than one-year terms
 - o Recruit branch members to assist with membership tasks

All Scholarship Committees

1. Review Scholarships for OHPSI including potential replacement personnel to identify candidates by late spring.

State Conference Advisory

1. Coordinate show schedule to minimize conflicts and competition between State and regional shows.
2. Set date and location for the following year so "Save the Date" cards can be provided at the State conference.

James Stanek APWA Life Member



James Stanek, Service Director for Bainbridge Township, recently became a Life Member in APWA. Life membership is achieved by 30 years of continuous membership with APWA. Prior to his employment with Bainbridge Township, Mr. Stanek worked 30 years for the City of Solon. At Solon, he rose to Public Works Commissioner overseeing projects as diverse as road and stormwater upgrades, and the city's deer management program. Congratulations, Jim, on a rewarding career of public service, and a long association with APWA.

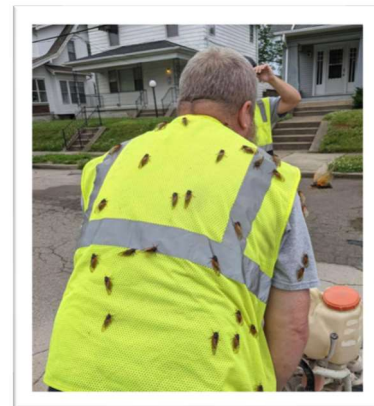
Thank You, 2020 NASC Local Committee

In March 2020, the Ohio board was reviewing final touches for the North American Snow Conference in Cleveland in April. At that meeting, our last held in-person, we were looking forward to the most booths ever for the exhibit floor at a national snow conference, the largest number of full conference attendees, and over a thousand front line snow fighters coming for networking, education, and training. Unfortunately, by the end of that week, the 2020 NASC was cancelled to protect the public health. Subsequently, the high incidence of infection proved that decision was the right choice. Although we could not gather in Cleveland, the Local Committee did an outstanding job planning for an exemplary snow conference. Thank you to all involved. Such great energy, ideas, and enthusiasm! We appreciate all of your hard work.

Ohio Members serving at National Level

Most of the work of APWA is accomplished by members like you who volunteer their time and talents to serve the organization. These people are working at the branch, state chapter, and national level to bring timely, useful training and information to you. Their efforts increase the value of your APWA membership. Taking these leadership roles also provide opportunities to extend your professional network. When there is a call for nominations to national positions, step up and take your place. The following Ohio members are presently serving on these national committees, bringing their perspectives and experience to the highest levels of APWA.

- David Barber - Top Ten Public Works Leaders Review Committee.
- Diana Clonch - Winter Maintenance Subcommittee.
- Tony DiPietro - Council of Chapters and Public Awareness Taskforce.
- Joe Fornaro - Accreditation Council.
- Karen Luken - Solid Waste Management Committee.
- Mark Riley - Diversity & Inclusion Committee and also the Public Works
- Project of the Year Committee.
- Shannon Sorrell - the Facilities & Grounds Committee.
- Darryl Syler - Fleet Management Committee.



A Middletown Worker receives some extra pats on the back from visitors who haven't been seen in 17 years

Calendar of Upcoming Events

Jun 9 Grant Writing - How to Get Started Webinar [LTAP](#)
 Jun 10 ACEC Ohio Annual Meeting, Columbus Zoo <http://www.acecoho.org/>
 Jun 10-12 All Ohio Engineering Conference, Virtual <http://ohioengineer.com/>
 Jun 16 Using Effective Goal Setting, Planning and Control Techniques [LTAP](#)
 Jun 17 **APWA PAVEMENT CONDITION ASSESSMENT PANEL** <http://ohio.apwa.net/EventDetails/26244>
 Jun 22 2021 Land Records Modernization Conference, Columbus, <http://www.ceao.org>
 Jun 24 Selecting the Right Pavement Preservation – Webinar [LTAP](#)
 Jul 14-15 **OHIO PUBLIC WORKS EXPO VIRTUAL** <http://ohio.apwa.net/EventDetails/24258>
 Jul 21 **Ohio APWA STATE BOARD MEETING VIRTUAL** <http://ohio.apwa.net/EventDetails/25997>
 Jul 26-29 2021 One Water Technical Conference & Expo, Cincinnati <https://onewaterohio.org/>
 Aug 10-11 2021 Ohio Bridge Conference, Dublin, <http://www.ceao.org>
 Aug 29 – Sep 1 **PWX 2021**, St. Louis, MO <https://pwx.apwa.net/>
 Aug 30-Sep 1 NAFA Institute & Expo, Pittsburgh www.nafainstitute.org/
 Sep 15-17 2021 Ohio GIS Conference™, Columbus, <http://www.ceao.org>
 Sep 26-Oct 1 **OHIO PUBLIC SERVICE INSTITUTE** <http://ohpsi.org/>
 Oct 12-14 2021 PWX Plus Virtual <https://pwx.apwa.net/>
 Oct 20-21, 2021CEAO Superintendents & Mechanics Conference, Mt. Sterling, <http://www.ceao.org>
 Dec 8-10 2021 CCAO/CEAO Winter Conference, Columbus, <http://www.ceao.org>
 Apr 10-13 **2022 NORTH AMERICAN SNOW CONFERENCE**, Pittsburgh PA <https://snow.apwa.net/>
 May 15-21 **2022 NATIONAL PUBLIC WORKS WEEK** npww.apwa.net
 Aug 28 -31 **PWX 2022** Charlotte NC <https://pwx.apwa.net/>

2021 National Equipment Roadeo at PWX in St. Louis!

Register today to compete in the 2021 National Equipment Roadeo at PWX in St. Louis! APWA is bringing back the live PWX experience with a bang! The National Equipment Roadeo is an annual attendee favorite, and this year, we're pulling out all the stops. The event will be taking place in a former NFL stadium—The Dome at the America's Center—with a live DJ and tons of room for fans in the stands to cheer on our skilled frontline workers competing on the field. Register today for your chance to take home the winning trophy and a "Champion" Carhartt jacket!

[Register Now](#)

