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NEWSLETTER

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President's Message from Larry Lester

Hello APWA Family! It is truly an honor to serve as your Chapter President for 2022. Your contribution to public works and the local community matters. We perform work behind the scenes to make sure that citizens can enjoy basic life necessities and improved quality of life. We are first responders!

I am so excited to welcome 2022 as we start the new year with a brighter outlook and sense of normalcy. Your leadership and energy have brought our chapter through 2021. Our mission of advocacy, education, and member engagement must be greater than ever in 2022.

My goals as president are straightforward: have fun, continue to advance as a chapter, and encourage others along the way. It is also important for us to have an increased focus on providing training and mentorship that develops future public works leaders. This has been our mission since our Ohio Chapter was **chartered in May 1952**.

Let us **CELEBRATE** our successes during **National Public Works Week May 15-21, 2022**, and throughout the year. Let us **CELEBRATE our Chapter's 70 years of service** to you, our members. Let's also **CELEBRATE** during the **Ohio APWA Expo**. The Ohio APWA Expo will be at the Franklin County Fairgrounds in Hilliard, Ohio on August 11, 2022. The expo includes equipment displays, product demos, food trucks, fun games, and a live band. Bring a colleague. You do not want to miss it!

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Ohio Public Works Expo
August 11, 2022
Franklin County Fairgrounds

North American Snow Conference
April 10-13, 2022
Lawrence Convention Center, Pittsburgh, PA

Welcome New Members

The following people have recently become new members of APWA.

Mr. Dennis Addy, Village of Haskins
 Mr. Terry Adkins, City of Fairborn
 Mr. Tony Armagno, City of Berea
 Mr. Andrew Beare, City of Hilliard
 Mr. Eric Beebe, City of Lima
 Mr. Marcus Benson, City of Grandview Heights
 Mr. Jarrod K. Bolden, City of Cincinnati
 Mr. Josh Booher, ODOT
 Mr. Stephen Busam, City of Sharonville
 Mr. Dominic Caminiti, Strawser Construction Inc
 Mr. Buddy Caplinger, City of Powell
 Mr. Mathew Carver, Geauga County Engineers
 Mr. Patrick Connaughton, Cargill Deicing Tech
 Mr. Sean Crosby, Village of Haskins
 Mr. Austin DeLong, Village of Haskins
 Mr. Marc Dilsaver, City of Marysville
 Mr. Jordan Doll, City of Westerville
 Mr. Anthony L. Foster, City of Toledo
 Mr. Brian Gable City of Dublin
 Mr. Jared Groves, The Ohio State University
 Mr. Chad Harville, City of Hamilton
 Mr. Joshua Herchl, Advanced Drainage Systems
 Mr. Kyle Hoyng City of Marysville
 Mr. Mason Hughes, City of Dublin
 Mr. Albert J. Iosue, Jefferson Water & Sewer

Ms. Kaitlyn Jackson, Cargill Deicing Technology
 Mr. Paul Johnston, Osborn Engineering
 Mr. Dave Judson, City of Hilliard
 Mr. Mike Lantz, City of Bellevue
 Mrs. Joan Mommers, Aebi Schmidt
 Mr. John Moorehead, City of Gahanna
 Mr. JP Neff, Plain Township
 Ms. Jessica Ormeroid, City of Delaware
 Mr. Bill Pyles, City of Hilliard
 Mr. Robert Ranc, City of Dublin
 Mr. Joshua Reinicke, City of Grove City
 Mr. Mick Rollins Northeast Sweepers & Rentals
 Ms. Vicki L. Rose, SPC Speciality Products
 Mr. Thomas Ross, Geauga County Engineers
 Mr. Trevor Schradel, City of Blue Ash
 Mr. Ryan Sellman, ESRI
 Mr. Chris Sherman, Cintas Corp
 Mr. Scott Sipos, Village of Mayfield
 Mr. Sherman D. Speelman, EJ
 Mr. Lee Thomas, Geauga County Engineers
 Mr. Mark Tilley, City of Riverside
 Mr. Eric Voll, City of Westerville
 Mr. Robert Weigle, Geauga County Engineers
 Mr. Drew Xeloures, Plain Township
 Mr. Adam E. Zolciak, City of Toledo

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.

SAVE THE DATE!



OHIO PUBLIC SERVICE INSTITUTE
 Focus on Supervisory Skills
 September 25-30, 2022

SALT FORK LODGE & CONFERENCE CENTER
 CAMBRIDGE, OHIO

Roman L. Ducu

2021 Clyde “Butch” Seidle Public Works Servant Leader Award

The APWA Ohio Chapter is proud to announce that Roman Ducu, Director of Public Works for the City of Lakewood, is the 2021 recipient of the Clyde “Butch” Seidle Public Works Servant Leader Award. Mr. Ducu began his career with City of Lakewood Department of Public Works in 1991 as a part-time laborer and progressed through the ranks. He became Director just as the pandemic hit in 2020, which added another level of complexity to his new responsibilities. Yet, he rose to the challenge and inspired his 8 divisions, 11 managers, and 108 frontline workers to continue to serve the 50,000 residents of Lakewood to the best of their abilities.



Roman Ducu, (right) & Glenn Marzluf (left)

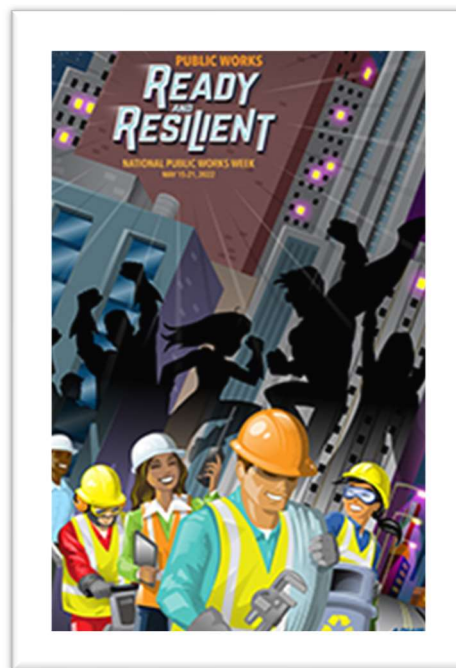
Lakewood is Ohio’s most densely populated community. As a result, multimodal transportation is not simply a goal in Lakewood, it is a necessity, to accommodate all who live, work, visit, and enjoy the amenities here. Consequently, the City’s Sidewalk Replacement Program which Mr. Ducu’s has led is a priority. This program will make the City’s nearly 200 miles of sidewalks accessible for any and all people. The \$6 million invested over the last decade has improved and upgraded the sidewalks to bring the **City of Lakewood the honor of one of the most walkable cities** in the United States. This is just one example of Mr. Ducu’s leadership which exemplifies the service and values of this award.

Congratulations, Roman, and thank you for your service to the City of Lakewood and APWA.

National Public Works Week Theme 2022: Ready & Resilient

APWA is proud to announce the theme "Ready & Resilient" for the 2022 National Public Works Week. Within every public works professional lies a superhero, which is dramatically represented in this year's poster. Get your poster today and unleash the power of National Public Works Week!

For National Public Works Week, many states, provinces, cities/towns and municipalities from across North America come together to celebrate with official government proclamations and resolutions in honor of the contribution public works makes to their communities: in planning, building, managing and operating the heart of our local communities and in building the quality of life. As we emerge from the pandemic, let’s recognize the hard work of our staff and frontline workers and have our officials issue a proclamation to honor these men and women.



For more information and additional resources to celebrate National Public Works Week, <https://npww.apwa.net/>

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Letter from President Larry Lester

As we look ahead, please continue to build on our success and seek opportunities to get involved. There are so many opportunities to get involved in APWA at the national, state, and local branch levels. A top goal for 2022 is to grow our membership. You can help by telling others about APWA and inviting them to an APWA event.

I would love to hear your public works stories. I enjoy coffee and conversation.

Thank you for all you do.

Best regards,

Larry Lester
Chapter President
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2022 Chapter Goals

General

1. Revise handbook by January 31 and provide access via the web site.

By-laws

1. Complete approval and adoption of revised By-laws.

Awards

1. Place past successes on the website.
2. Each branch to submit one National award nomination
3. Develop a unified approach to community service for branches and chapter for the PACE Award. Include with the Diversity committee to help get the word out to a broader audience

Communication

1. Migrate to chapter template CT-5 in 2022 if required by National. - Review of materials by branches.
2. Train at least one person from each branch to maintain their events, polls, branch page, etc on ohio.apwa.net
3. Promote State and National resources and benefits to members through newsletters, website and emails
4. Ensure all Chapter and Branch events and meetings are reported to National and posted to website and include covid waiver. Training should be provided.

Marketing/Membership

1. Grow membership by 5% (35 new members)
2. Maintain membership retention rate greater than 85%
3. Suggest Branches to have Membership Chairs serve longer than one-year terms
4. Promote 70th anniversary of the Ohio Chapter.

All Scholarship Committees

1. Provide at least 5 scholarships for the 2022 OHPSI
2. Provide a mentor for each of the scholarship winners.
3. Evaluation of scholarships at the January meeting.
4. Have the recipients of the scholarships attend a meeting.
5. Reach out to past winners to gauge how they are doing; are the scholarships achieving the desired result.
6. Promote the winners and share with the world.

State Conference Advisory

1. Coordination of competing shows.
2. Have a date and location for the following year at the conference so "Save the Date" cards can be provided.
3. Provide oversight and support in order to get a portion of the funding.
4. Evaluate the revenue split.

70
YEARS

Build A Better Mousetrap

The Ohio LTAP Center is pleased to announce the Ohio 2022 'Build A Better Mousetrap' competition! Each year, Local Technical Assistance Program (LTAP) centers nationwide host this competition to identify innovations or solutions local agencies have implemented to increase safety, reduce costs, improve efficiency, and/or improve the quality of transportation.

All Local Public Agencies (LPAs) in Ohio – including counties, cities, villages and townships – are eligible to participate. Entries will be reviewed and ranked by a panel of transportation maintenance, operation and safety professionals to determine the competition winners. The winning innovation from Ohio will then be forwarded to the National LTAP competition for consideration.

The submission deadline is **April 29, 2022**. For details about how to submit your innovative ideas, please visit the 'Build A Better Mousetrap' webpage!
<https://www.transportation.ohio.gov/programs/ltap/resources/build-a-better-mousetrap-competition>

EPA Finalizes the 2022 Construction General Permit (CGP)

On January 18, 2022, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) issued the 2022 National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Construction General Permit (2022 CGP) for stormwater discharges from construction activity. The 2022 CGP will become effective on February 17, 2022, replacing the 2017 CGP, which expires on February 16, 2022. This permit covers stormwater discharges from construction activities in areas where EPA is the NPDES permitting authority. New construction projects in these areas may submit a Notice of Intent (NOI) for coverage under the permit once it is effective.

Key changes in the permit include new or clarified provisions related to erosion and pollution prevention controls, dewatering discharges, turbidity benchmark monitoring for dewatering discharges to sensitive waters, and inspection training.

For more information, visit EPA's Construction Stormwater website:

<https://www.epa.gov/npdes/stormwater-discharges-construction-activities>.

OHIO'S 5th ANNUAL CIVIL RIGHTS SYMPOSIUM

Monday, April 25- Tuesday, April 26
Hyatt Regency Columbus

ODOT is excited to explore this year's theme **Adapting & Advancing, the Future is Now**. The goal of this year's symposium is to inform our attendees and stakeholders regarding the future and transformation of the transportation industry. Attendees will gain greater insight to ODOT's commitment to Diversity and Inclusion while connecting businesses, organizations, and individuals to best practices that will help forge partnerships, grow, and improve the transportation industry. Learn more here: <https://www.transportation.ohio.gov/about-us/conferences/civil-rights-transportation-symposium#page=1> All Sessions can be viewed both In Person and Virtual.

Registration is now open

Who Should Attend

- Large and small businesses in the heavy highway industry – contractors, consultants and suppliers
- Local and county transportation officials
- Transit agency personnel

Sessions will include:

- Helping to Create a Pipeline for the Transportation Industry
- Second Chance Opportunities for Business Owners
- New Americans business owners: Challenges in the Construction Industry
- Increasing awareness of challenges faced by minority owned businesses in the construction industry
- Implicit Bias: How do you measure up?
- COVID impact on Professional Services
- Initiatives to Increase Diversity in Construction Workforce

Calendar of Upcoming Events

- Feb 2 Post-Construction BMP Options for Roadway Projects <https://wmao.org/>
- Feb 3 Tri-State Green Industry Conference, Sharonville [register here](#)
- Feb 8-10 Ohio Tree Care Conference, Cleveland <https://trees4ohio.org/>
- Feb 9 How Asphalt Rejuvenator is Extending Pavement Life for Central Ohio Roadways
- Feb 10 Ohio Pesticide Commercial Applicator Recertification Conferences, Columbus
- Feb 11 **OSU HOCKEY GAME**, Columbus <http://ohio.apwa.net/EventDetails/27723>
- Feb 17 **QPR: FIRST RESPONDER SUICIDE AWARENESS AND PREVENTION**, Bowling Green.
- Feb 20-26 Engineers Week <http://discovere.org/our-programs/engineers-week>
- Feb 23 Ohio Pesticide Commercial Applicator Recertification Conferences, Dayton
- Feb 24 One Water Government Affairs and Regulatory Workshop, Dublin
- Mar 8-9 Ohio Asphalt Expo, Columbus <http://www.flexiblepavements.org/>
- Mar 10 **OHIO APWA STATE BOARD MEETING**, Columbus ohio.apwa.net
- Mar 8-11 NTEA Work Truck Show, Indianapolis <http://www.worktruckshow.com/>
- Mar 15-16 CEAO Storm Water Management and Drainage Conference, Columbus www.ceao.org/
- Mar 16 **CONCRETE 101 – FROM CLASS C TO QC**, Hamilton ohio.apwa.net
- Mar 17 **MARCH MADNESS SOCIAL WITH CENTRAL BRANCH**, Dublin ohio.apwa.net
- Mar 22 **LOCAL ROADWAY ASPHALT REPAIR & RESURFACING**, NW Ohio online ohio.apwa.net
- Apr 10-13 **NORTH AMERICAN SNOW CONFERENCE**, Pittsburgh PA <https://snow.apwa.net/>
- Apr 11-13 NAFA 2022 Institute & Expo, Columbus <https://www.nafainstitute.org/>
- Apr 25-26 Civil Rights Symposium for Transportation, Columbus [register here](#)
- Apr 13-14 CEAO Bridge Conference & Trade Show, Mt. Sterling www.ceao.org/
- May 4-5 Administrative Professionals and County Engineers Conference, Newark www.ceao.org/
- May 8-10 Ohio Stormwater Conference, Sandusky www.ohstormwaterconference.com
- May 15-21 **NATIONAL PUBLIC WORKS WEEK** <https://npww.apwa.net/>
- May 16-20 United for Infrastructure Week <https://unitedforinfrastructure.org/>
- May 18 **OHIO APWA NORTHEAST BRANCH PUBLIC WORKS EXPO** ohio.apwa.net
- Jul 25-28 2022 One Water Technical Conference, Cleveland, <https://www.onewaterohio.org/>
- Aug 11 **2022 APWA OHIO EXPO**, Franklin Co Fairgrounds, ohio.apwa.net
- Sep 25-30 **OHIO PUBLIC SERVICE INSTITUTE**, Salt Fork Park Lodge, Cambridge ohpsi.org



New Clear Roads Resource: Entry-Level CDL Training Curriculum

For many transportation agencies, a new federal rule will mean changes to the way they train equipment operators who need to obtain or upgrade a commercial driver's license (CDL). To help agencies comply with the new requirements, Clear Roads has developed entry-level CDL training materials for instructor-led classroom and behind-the-wheel training.

Available as a free download for any state or local public agency, the training materials focus on operators who are obtaining an initial Class B CDL, upgrading from a Class B CDL to a Class A CDL, or obtaining the hazardous materials endorsement for the first time. The materials include a fact sheet and timeline to help agencies achieve compliance by the February 2022 deadline.

For more information and to request the free materials, see the Clear Roads project page.

<https://clearroads.org/training-resources/>



THE OHIO PUBLIC SERVICE INSTITUTE launched at last in September 2021. Starting a new signature program in the midst of a pandemic provided its own set of challenges. But your State Board pressed on and welcomed 24 participants to Salt Fork Lodge for a week of intense training, building relationships, and learning how to be a better leader. Everyone found the experience enlightening and useful. They are all looking forward to Year 2 this September. You should join them as a member of the 2022 class.

The Ohio Public Service Institute is the best leadership and team leading training I have ever attended. The facilitator and speakers, all have public service experience and are able to relate their real-life experience, to the tools they teach to manage public employees and to navigate being a supervisor/ manager/ director. If you have ever felt like you were dropped in to a profession without the skills to be successful, this training will give you the tools.

- Robert C. Heady, P.E., P.S., ENV SP



If you are in a leadership position or looking to be in a leadership role, this is the best training that I've been to. It is a fun and very informative training that I will use for the rest of my career!!

- Matt Lenke, Ottawa County Transportation Manager, ODOT

I would recommend OHPSI, for everyone from the top of the ladder to the bottom. It was by far the best training I have ever attended and will continue to use resources and contacts I gain from there for the rest of my career. Thanks for bringing such a great opportunity to Ohio.

- Curtis Freeze, City of Springfield, Ohio

I wish I'd had this training before I took on my management role. Just knowing I can have my serenity back is a game changer.

- Brian Drewes, Equipment Transportation Manager, ODOT

Money and time well spent!! Amazing Leadership Training with some really amazing people. I was so glad I attended and learned so much from each and every person there. Can't wait till next year!!!

- Brock Harder, Highway Technician 3 (Crew Leader), ODOT

I had a fabulous training at Salt Fork! I believe that **ALL** leadership roles should go through this training. Not only to build their business skills, but for the personal impact that it gives! The five days at the conference has made me a better person at work AND at home! Yes, I have been able to utilize a few of the Eureka's from the training. I feel more comfortable in socializing with the crews and coworkers. I am looking forward to next year!!

- Martin Starkey, Ottawa County Transportation Manager, ODOT

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WHAT IS OHPSI?
OHPSI is a three-year training program which provides instruction expressly designed for city and county public service supervisors, managers and directors. This program is divided into three one-week sessions focusing on Leadership Development, Supervisory Skills, and Service Excellence. These sessions are non-sequential and one may begin the three-year cycle at any time. The 2022 program will be held September 25-30, 2022 at the Salt Fork Lodge and Conference Center in Cambridge, Ohio.

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