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## NEWSLETTER

### Ohio Chapter of American Public Works Association

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## Message from Ohio APWA President, Dr. Sonja Simpson

Greetings, APWA family!

Fall is here. The leaves are turning and falling, and the time change is upon us. This is a time of the year when people and organizations start setting goals for the next year. The Ohio Chapter truly has had a momentous year, and we will be laying out the upcoming year's chapter goals in December. If you have any specific ideas that you would like chapter leadership to consider during the strategic planning meeting, please let one of the board members know!

In this newsletter you will read about the awards that the chapter and members of the chapter have received at the PWX held in Kansas City in August 2018. I am particularly proud of the fact that the chapter received the PACE award (fourth year in a row). Overall, the chapter has made great strides in member retention and engagement, and I know that the next President, Diane Watkins, will continue our forward momentum.

As I reflect on the chapter's accomplishments, my thoughts include the many individuals whom work tirelessly to ensure that each branch activity is successful. We all desire to make the organization a useful outlet for all APWA members. I hope that each member sees APWA as a vital part of their success in their public works career.

So, in closing, I know that the best is yet to come for the Ohio Chapter, and that is due to all of you. I challenge you to stay involved, engage new members, and reengage former members. I also challenge you to bring new faces to meetings and events, thereby introducing them to the value of APWA membership. I look forward to continuing to work with all of you as I transition to the role of Past President. Thank you for your trust and allowing me to fulfill my duties this past year. It has been an honor.

With warm regards,

Dr. Sonja Simpson  
APWA Ohio Chapter President



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**2019 North American Snow Conference**  
May 19-22, 2019  
Salt Lake City, Utah

**2019 Public Works Expo**  
September 8 - 11, 2019  
Seattle, Washington

## Welcome New Members

The following people have recently become new members of APWA. Please greet them warmly when you see them at the next APWA event.

Dale Calcamuggio, Ohio DOT  
 Kenneth Carney, County Engineers Assn of OH  
 Terrell E. Cole, City of Cleveland  
 Keith Cooper, City of Blue Ash  
 Will Davis, City of Blue Ash  
 John L. Frola, Jr., Sweeping Corp. of America  
 Gregory Glover, Ohio DOT  
 Darian Grant, Ohio DOT  
 Jennifer Grant, City of Dayton  
 Leon S. Karas, City of Independence Ohio  
 Jenny Loveland, Valley Ford Truck Inc.  
 Jeff Markusic, County Engineers Assn of OH  
 Kenneth S. Marvar, Winter Equipment Co.  
 Jed McKenzie, City of Upper Arlington  
 Jerry Mitchell, County Engineers Assn of OH  
 Randy Owens, West Chester Township  
 Robert Priestas, City of Gahanna  
 Mark Pugh, City of Worthington  
 Jerry Ryser, City of Columbus  
 Mark Shank, West Chester Township  
 Guy Singer, City of Lorain  
 Martin C. Starkey, Ohio DOT  
 Christopher M. Valerian,  
 Sweeping Corp. of America  
 Eric Walsh. Korda/Nemeth Engineering

## Colin Durante receives APWA Presidential Leadership Award

Colin Durante, President, Pavement Technology, Inc., (PTI) Westlake, Ohio, received the Presidential Leadership Award from APWA. This award is presented to members who have distinguished themselves and the public works profession with their leadership.



Durante has been affiliated with public works his entire life. In 1971 he learned of a process that could allow local governments and their public works departments to inexpensively improve the overall condition of the roadway pavements by greatly extending the life of the pavement surfaces. In 1972 he and his father established a company named Pavement Technology, Inc. in Westlake, Ohio. Durante was excited how this process could help any public works department and began visiting cities and towns in northeastern Ohio to explain and promote the process.

Durante's idea worked very well, and his company is now in its 46th year. During these years he became involved with APWA on the state chapter level and became an annual vendor at the APWA national conferences. He understood the value of how APWA was helping to promote education and professionalism for public works employees and departments across the nation. He became more involved in the state chapters of those states where his company was doing business.

During the past 25 years PTI has been a strong supporter and sponsor of many chapter activities and has had a presence at chapter conferences in Ohio, Tennessee, Kentucky, Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Florida and other states. He has encouraged and supported many of his staff members as they served on committees or became officers in state chapters in Ohio, Tennessee and Florida.

## 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!

Southwest Ohio PWX  
 April 30, 2019  
 Sharonville, Ohio

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 Join us on LinkedIn [APWA Ohio Chapter](#)  
 Visit our web page: [ohio.apwa.net](http://ohio.apwa.net)

# Workshop Re-caps

The Southwest Branch is hosting a variety of workshops this year. Here is a summary of some of them.

### OKI Construction Career Days

The Southwest Branch participated at the OKI Construction Career Days September 19-20. CCD is coordinated by the Allied Construction Industries. The mission of the "Construction Career Days" is to improve the image of the construction industry in the eyes of today's middle and high school students and plant the seeds for tomorrow's skilled workforce. 2,000 middle school and high school students from the tristate area (Ohio, Kentucky, Indiana) attended over two days. The students came from both urban and suburban school districts. This year our branch had a large space in the field to display PW equipment like a snow plow, vactor truck, bucket truck, sewer tv truck, and mowing machine. Operators explained how the equipment was used, and helped the students safely explore each piece.

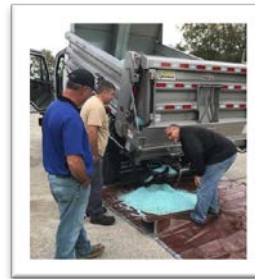


We spoke to the students to explain public works and the career openings available, many of which provide a good living without requiring a four-year degree. We gave them handouts, pens, and our business card. The card included a QR code to connect with APWA's "I Am Public Works" video on YouTube. We plan to continue participating in Construction Career Days as a great outreach opportunity.



### Calibration Cruise-In

The Montgomery County Engineers Office hosted a Calibration Cruise-In on September 27 for Southwest Ohio. Vendor representatives from Certified Power, Force America, Muncie Power, Pengwyn, and Rexroth showed the people attending the correct way to calibrate their salt spreader. From determining how much salt comes through the augurs, to what the screens in the cab are telling the driver, it was the complete experience.



Agencies from Cincinnati, Dayton, Dublin, Huber Heights, Middletown, Amberley Village, Butler Township, Springdale, West Chester, Forest Park, Mason, Montgomery County, Beavercreek, and Blue Ash learned more about their own systems, and discussed pros and cons about the different configurations. They will be saving tax payer funds and will be more effective when fighting ice and snow this winter. Our thanks to Randy Fowler, Jeff Strong, Chuck Johnston, Lynn Hardy, and Matt Murdoch for contributing their time and expertise to another successful Calibration Cruise In.



## Professional Manager of the Year Award- Transportation David Coyle

David Coyle has extensive and diversified leadership experience in transportation management. He has served in state, county, and local government agencies during his 33-year career in the public sector. Coyle has recently retired as the Assistant Director of Field Operations at ODOT. In addition to supervisory responsibilities of the twelve District Directors, he was also accountable for the Maintenance Operations, Facilities, Operations, and Equipment Management Divisions of ODOT



**Bo Mills, APWA Past President, and Dave Coyle, Professional Manager of the Year in Transportation**

By employing employee engagement techniques, Coyle has routinely challenged the workforce under his direction to take chances, be empowered, and offer solutions either through quality-based teams or suggestions to improve the organizations. When he was ODOT District Deputy Director of District 12 (Cuyahoga, Lake, and Geauga Counties) in Northeast Ohio, he developed Focus Reports for the Executive Leadership team consistent with the strategic plan, creating accountability for all career professional managers. These Focus Reports enabled the exempt employees with the assistance of all bargaining unit employees a total of 450) to meet or exceed all 64 Organizational Performance Index Goals.



**Ohio Chapter Leaders receive the PACE Award- Bo Mills, APWA Past President, Larry Lester, Sonja Simpson, Ohio Chapter President, Dave Coyle, Tony DiPietro, and Paul Walsh.**

## 2018 PWX – Kansas City

It's always fun to return to Kansas City and APWA Headquarters and attending the 2018 PWX this year was no exception. There were dozens of educational sessions on management, technology, O & M, facilities, staff training, and more; educational tours; lots of time to visit the exhibitors; and many opportunities for networking with others who understand the challenges of the Public Works industry. Several Ohio members were presenters at educational sessions, including Jackie Thiel, PE, Deputy Director/City Engineer, and Mandi DiSanto, Engineering Management Assistant, both from City of Upper Arlington, and Darryl Syler, CPF, Director of Fleet Management, City of Dublin. In addition, **the Ohio Chapter was recognized for Chapter Excellence with the PACE Award for the 4th year in a row.** It made the Chapter Dinner at the Majestic Restaurant that much more festive. Next year's PWX will be in Seattle. Start making your plans to attend now.

## 2019 APWA Award Nominations Now Open

APWA's Awards Program was established to recognize outstanding individuals, groups, and chapters representing the best in the public works profession. Nominations can now be submitted for the 2019 Awards program by [Clicking Here](#). We know you are doing innovative, creative work out there. It's time to step forward and be recognized. Several categories often have just a few entries which improve your chance of winning BUT you have to apply. The best submittals tell an engaging story, so you'll need some of those marketing types involved. We can assist you with your application from beginning to end. (Call now!) And have the consultants who worked with you on that project help. They want to share the recognition and applause with you!

The deadlines are:

- **December 3, 2018**, midnight Eastern Time - Excellence in Snow and Ice Control Award. **NOTE:** *This deadline is earlier than years past.*
- **March 4, 2019**, midnight Eastern Time - All other awards.

If you have any questions about awards please contact Shelby Ingle, Chairman of the Awards Committee for Ohio APWA at [sringle@cmtengr.com](mailto:sringle@cmtengr.com) or contact her by phone at 937.477.4528.

### AWARDS

- Top 10 Public Works Leaders of the Year\*
- Public Works Project of the Year
- Public Works Project of the Year for Small Cities/Rural Communities (under 75,000 pop.)

### PROFESSIONAL AWARDS

- Commendation for Exemplary Service to Public Works
- Excellence in Snow and Ice Control
- Exceptional Performance Awards (6 categories)
- Management Innovation Award
- Technical Innovation Award

### MEMBERS AWARDS

- Community Involvement Award
- Distinguished Service to Public Works Award
- Donald C. Stone Award for Excellence in Education
- Harry S. Swearingen Award for Outstanding Chapter Achievement and Excellence in Chapter Service
- International Service Award
- Professional Manager of the Year Award (9 categories)
  - Administrative Management
  - Engineering and Technology
  - Facilities and Grounds
  - Public Fleet
  - Public Rights-of-Way
  - Public Works Emergency Management
  - Solid Waste
  - Transportation
  - Water Resources
- Myron Calkins Young Leader of the Year Award

Ohio has a tradition of award winners. 2019 can be YOUR year!



APWA Ohio encourages all of our members, who are eligible, to vote in the midterm elections on Nov. 6! Next Tuesday!

We know it can be overwhelming, taking the time to research all the candidates and their values, but those elected to represent you will influence decisions that will impact your communities and public works operations, whether through funding, regulations, zoning, etc. the list goes on! Please take the time to educate yourself about each candidate, and as a public works professional, we encourage you to specifically take a look to see where each candidate lines up with respect to policies that directly impact the public works industry

# Calendar of Upcoming Events

Nov 1 SW Collection Systems Workshop, Cincinnati [www.ohiowea.org](http://www.ohiowea.org)  
Nov 6 SE Collection Systems Workshop, Columbus [www.ohiowea.org](http://www.ohiowea.org)  
NOV 8 SW BRANCH: Concrete 101 – From Class C to QC, Springfield <http://ohio.apwa.net/EventDetails/16490>  
Nov 9 Central/SE Fall Concrete Seminar, Columbus <https://www.ohioconcrete.org/2018-fall-concrete-seminars>  
Nov 13 NAFA Great Lakes and Tri-State Fall Education Seminar, Perrysburg, <https://events.eventzilla.net/e/great-lakes-and-tristate-fall-education-seminar-2138713284>  
Nov 13 NE Fall Concrete Seminar, Medina <https://www.ohioconcrete.org/2018-fall-concrete-seminars/>  
Nov 13 ASCE Fall Seminar 2018, Dayton [Click Here](#)  
Nov 13-15 2018 Infrastructure Imperative, Cleveland [Click Here](#)  
NOV 14 SW BRANCH: Concrete 101 – From Class C to QC, Hamilton <http://ohio.apwa.net/EventDetails/16489>  
Nov 14 SW Fall Concrete Seminar, Cincinnati <https://www.ohioconcrete.org/2018-fall-concrete-seminars/>  
Nov 15 NW Fall Concrete Seminar, Perrysburg <https://www.ohioconcrete.org/2018-fall-concrete-seminars/>  
Nov 15 Root Morphology and Rain/Pollinator Garden Design, Hamilton  
Nov 27 Asphalt Pavement Technical Seminar (NE) Independence <http://www.flexiblepavements.org/calendar>  
Nov 28 Competent Person Qualified Rigger/Signal Person, Northwood <https://scnwo.org/news-events/event-calendar.html>  
Nov 29 Asphalt Pavement Technical Seminar (NW) Perrysburg <http://www.flexiblepavements.org/calendar>  
Nov 29 Ohio River Valley Soils Seminar Lexington <http://www.kgeg.org/ORVSS>  
DEC 4 SW BRANCH BOARD MEETING/ HOLIDAY LUNCHEON, CENTERVILLE [www.ohio.apwa.net](http://www.ohio.apwa.net)  
Dec 6 Asphalt Pavement Technical Seminar (SW) Cincinnati <http://www.flexiblepavements.org/calendar>  
Dec 9-11 CEO/CCAO Conference Columbus <https://associationdatabase.com/aws/CEAO/pt/sp/conferences>  
DEC 12 OHIO CHAPTER BOARD MEETING COLUMBUS [www.ohio.apwa.net](http://www.ohio.apwa.net)  
Dec 12-13 MGIX: Midwest Green Industry Xperience, Columbus <https://pested.osu.edu/events>  
Jan 9 Ohio Pesticide Recertification Conference Dayton <https://pested.osu.edu/events>  
Jan 15 Ohio Pesticide Recertification Conference Akron <https://pested.osu.edu/events>  
Jan 30-Feb 1 OTA Winter Conference & Trade Show <https://ohiotownships.org/annual-winter-conference>  
Feb 6 Ohio Asphalt Paving Conference Columbus <http://www.flexiblepavements.org/calendar>  
Feb 7 2019 Tri-State Green Industry Conference Sharonville [Click Here](#)  
Feb 22 Ohio Pesticide Recertification Conference Sandusky <https://pested.osu.edu/events>  
Feb 26 Ohio Pesticide Recertification Conference Columbus <https://pested.osu.edu/events>

## Critical Infrastructure Security and Resilience Month November 2018

There are 16 critical infrastructure sectors that are important for the safety and security of the United States. These sectors include the power we use at home, the water we drink, transportation that gets us from place to place, and the Internet and communications networks we use to reach friends and family. We all play a part in keeping these sectors safe.

Get involved by learning more about critical infrastructure, cybersecurity efforts, and other initiatives by visiting <https://www.dhs.gov/cisr-month>. Join the conversation on social media by following @Citizen\_Corps, @Prepareathon, and using #infrastructure to post your own tips and news. To learn more, visit <https://www.dhs.gov/cisr-month>

