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Message from Ohio APWA President, Diane Watkins



Since our last newsletter, I know you have all been busy with heavy rains and tornados and all that brings to Public Works agencies. We provide quality services to our citizens and sometimes we get caught up in the routine of our work and we forget the hazards in our day to day work. It saddens me to inform you that the one of our own, Leroy Garrison Jr., was killed while performing his duties for the citizens of Cincinnati. Please take a moment to reflect with your coworkers on the dangers in your job and how to insure you get home to your families safely each night.

I am pleased to announce that we are an organization on the rise in membership both at the national and state level. The National APWA announced that a record has been set for the highest membership with 30,386 of your peers. Your Ohio State APWA hit the **highest level of membership** since 2001 with **724**. We hope that you continue to see the value of being part of the organization and want you to know your support and participation are appreciated.

Things are happening with the **Public Service Institute** for the State of Ohio! Your APWA state chapter and local branches are providing the support needed to launch this endeavor that will allow our emerging leaders in Public Works to receive quality training at a reasonable cost. We are looking for your support; consider who you might send from your agency and prepare your upcoming budgets with this tremendous opportunity in mind. We will continue to provide details and contact information in this newsletter.

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

2020 North American Snow Conference
April 19-22, 2020
Cleveland, Ohio

Welcome New Members

The following people have recently joined APWA and helped push the Ohio Chapter over 700members.

Eric Altstaetter, Village of Columbus Grove
 Christopher Arrietta, City of Beachwood
 Julieanne Badraddine, City of Toledo
 Jacob Barbour, Crawford, Murphy & Tilly Engineers
 Jeff Barnett, Butler Township
 Douglas Bender, Mannik & Smith Group
 Mark Bressler, ODOT - District 2
 Nathan Cahall, Village of Plain City
 Brennon Cain, OHM Advisors
 Naveen Chandra, City of Toledo
 Randy DeVilbiss, Jefferson Township
 Ken Futey, City of Toledo
 Scot Gardner, Hanover Township
 Billy Gibson, City of Miamisburg
 Brent Goodin, City of Worthington
 Daniel Gray, City of Eaton
 Andrew Hohlbein, Springfield Township
 Kyle Hoyng, City of Upper Arlington
 Albert J. Iosue, City of Hilliard

Glen Janson, City of Mason
 Ronald S. Johnson, City of Piqua-Underground Utilities
 Don R. Jones, City of Forest Park
 Barb Lane, City of Toledo
 Dan Ledyard, City of Toledo
 Mark Lopez, City of Beachwood
 Nick Miller, City of Montgomery
 Stephen Preston, MS Consultants
 Karen Ranney-Wolkins, City of Toledo
 Kristen Ressler, City of Toledo
 Brittany Rutkowski, City of Beachwood
 Luke Schroeder, Village of Columbus Grove
 Jon Simms, City of Oberlin
 Luke Smiegelski, City of Toledo
 Kenneth Douglas Spitler, City of Centerville
 Jeff Vance, Village of Columbus Grove
 Tom Wiciak, City of Toledo
 David Williams, Monroe Ohio

New Life Members

Several people also have now achieved the status of Life Member, having belonged to APWA for 30 years.

Robert A. James, PE, City of Dublin
 Stanley Kegley II, City of Troy OH
 David Buesking, City of Forest Park

William N. Blair, Northwest Ohio Branch
 Charles D. Haight, Southwest Ohio Branch

Congratulations to everyone, new and old.

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.



More about 2020 NASC in Cleveland

As many of you know, the 2020 North American Snow Conference (NASC) will be held in Cleveland, Ohio April 19 – 22, 2020. The Ohio Chapter is hosting the conference and the Local Host Committee has been working to make this event a very special gathering for Snow Fighters.

Sunday begins with daylong workshops and education sessions and ends with the opening of the Exhibit Floor and a Welcoming Reception from 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm. Monday commences with an opening session followed by multiple education presentations and displays in the Exhibit Hall from 9:30am to 3:30pm. Tuesday is another full day of education sessions, ending with the closing assembly and a special speaker. The Exhibit Hall will be open from 8:00 am to Noon.

Social and networking opportunities continue into the evening. On Monday, the **"Snow Trek"** will feature four local venues in downtown Cleveland. A passport for the evening's event costs just \$40 and provides four drink tickets (one for each selected venue) and a food item. Presently, the locations are (1) Corner Alley Bar & Grill, (2) Pickwick & Frolic Restaurant & Club, (3) Flannery's Pub, and (4) The Butcher & The Brewer. Tuesday evening, with a Full Registration, you are invited to our Social Event at the **Rock & Roll Hall of Fame** for four hours of fun and enjoyment.

Wednesday morning there are **three technical tours**: one is a behind-the-scenes-tour at the Cleveland Hopkins Airport; the second is a visit with Vehicle Maintenance Facilities operated by the Ohio Department of Transportation and the City of Cleveland; the third option is a boat ride on the Cuyahoga River to view several Movable Bridges. All tours should conclude about noon.

The best value for snow fighting professionals is a full program registration for access to all technical programs, the exhibit floor, and the Tuesday evening social event. Optional programs are the Snow Trek on Monday and one of the Technical Tours on Wednesday morning.

[Click Here for a Preview!](#)

We are offering another opportunity for you to send front line staff, elected Officials and other members of your organization who may not want to participate in three full days of the Snow Show. **Daily Floor Passes** will be available for purchase starting late this year and will allow full access to the Exhibit Hall for the day. These floor passes also allow holders to attend the New Product Showcase and Exhibitor Solutions presentations on the Exhibit Floor. The floor passes are priced as follows:

First five passes	\$25 per pass
Next ten passes	\$20 per pass
Next 20 passes	\$17 per pass
Over 35 passes	\$16 per pass

Please consider this very economical option to share the experience of a National Snow Conference with your staff. As you prepare budgets for 2020, make sure you include funds to join us in Cleveland next April.

For more information on the 2020 North American Snow Conference (NASC) please contact us by email at NASC2020.OHIO@gmail.com.



Preference will be given to presenters from Ohio
You have the solutions to someone else's problems. Now is your chance to share your knowledge.

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Letter from President Diane Watkins

The 2020 American Public Works Snow Conference is being hosted in Cleveland, Ohio and we are working hard to make this a memorable conference for attendees from North America and beyond. We are asking for your support with attendance but also would ask that you consider presenting at the conference. This is a wonderful opportunity for Ohio to showcase the great work we do and you can take part. The [call for presentations](#) is out and the submissions are due September 30. Information on the conference is on the National APWA website and we will provide local updates in the newsletter and on our [Ohio website](#).

Again, we appreciate your continued support, appreciate any feedback you have, and hope you will consider how you might become more active in your local branch.

Sincerely, Diane Watkins

VOTE The Chapter and Branches will be conducting elections for officers and directors for 2020 in the next few weeks. Be sure to vote and show your support for your candidates.

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Ohio Public Service Institute

Public Works is not a 9-5 office job. The people who make a career in public service are special and willing to go the extra mile. The challenges are great, the recognition and appreciation is sometimes non-existent. Because developing the leaders for your organization is important, the APWA Ohio Chapter is launching the **Ohio Public Service Institute (OPSI)**. OPSI will be modeled on other successful programs around the country, but will be tailored to Ohio's unique environment.

The Institute will bring participants together three times annually. Participants will attend a week-long conference with other supervisors and leaders from many organizations throughout the state. Led by exceptional trainers from the PW profession, they will share strategies for motivating employees, improving teamwork, stretching resources, and more. The first class of 40 people will meet in Fall 2020 to inaugurate OPSI. The cost to attend will be about \$1,500 per week per year. As you develop your training budgets for next year, consider who on your staff could benefit from this leadership training and plan accordingly.

Do you have more questions about OPSI? Then you'll want to attend "**Navigating Change**," the *Preview* of the new and upcoming OPSI, hosted by the Northwest Branch on **September 19**. This one-day workshop at Bowling Green Church of the Nazarene, 15341 Gorrill Road, Bowling Green, will help you better handle change in your organization, industry, and life.

Join us as Facilitator, Steve Ludwig, leads us in an encouraging day preparing for, and embracing change. APWA member price \$75, Non-member price \$95. Register by calling 419/373-4482 or kim.roessner@dot.ohio.gov

Dublin Named #1 Small Fleet in North America

Government Fleet has named Dublin, Ohio, the #1 small fleet in North America for the second year in a row. The 50 Leading Fleets program recognizes the best in the industry. Dublin has been named one of the Top 50 Leading Fleets for five consecutive years.

While Dublin took top honors in the small fleet category, the City ranked #2 overall, placing only behind Denver, Colorado.

“It is humbling to be ranked where we are,” says Darryl Syler, Director of Fleet Management. “We could not have achieved this without the great and dedicated Fleet staff we have and the support we receive from our City Manager, City Council and Dublin’s senior leadership team.

Fleets are judged on leadership among staff with customers and within the community; staying efficient and competitive; overcoming challenges; and having a vision and direction for the operation.

Government Fleet announced the rankings at the Government Fleet Expo & Conference (GFX) in San Diego, California. The rankings acknowledge fleets in size categories: small fleet (499 or fewer assets), mid-size fleet (500-999 assets) and large fleet (1,000 or more assets) at GFX. Dublin’s Fleet currently includes 292 vehicles.

Dublin’s fleet is consistently ranked among the best in the industry. The Dublin Division of Fleet Management is a Certified Fleet Management Operation and Certified Automotive Service Excellence Blue Seal Shop.



Ohio Leaders of the Year Reception

In June, friends and family attended a reception in Columbus to celebrate APWA Ohio’s leaders who will receive awards in 2019. Rich Berning, the Region V Director, presented the Top Ten APWA Public Works Leader of the Year award to Diana Clonch. Rob Sizemore, Professional Manager of the Year: Public Fleet, and Shannon Sorrell, Professional Manager of the Year: Facilities & Grounds received certificates from the Ohio Chapter. It was a wonderful party. Congratulations to Diana, Shannon and Rob.



Shannon Sorrell, Diana Clonch, Rob Sizemore, Rich Berning

Seattle To-Do List

While you’re at PWX, we know you plan to make new contacts, learn new ideas, and catch up with old friends. You’ll probably also buy a coffee at Starbucks’s flagship store, see the Space Needle, and visit Pike Place Market. Here are two more activities to add to your list. **Monday evening, 5:00pm**, attend the **Awards & Recognition Ceremony** and applaud as the Ohio Chapter receives the PACE Award. This is our 5th year in a row! **Tuesday evening, 6:30pm**, join us for the **Ohio Chapter Dinner at Purple Cafe and Wine Bar**. It will be a great time as we celebrate our Ohio Chapter’s successes. [Register for dinner online Here.](#)

Northeast Branch Scholarship Recipients

This year the NEO APWA is pleased to offer scholarships in three different categories relating to the Public Works related fields. The **Lake Erie Scholarship** is for students pursuing careers in PW Administration and Engineering fields of study. The **Western Reserve Scholarship** is for students pursuing careers in Environmental and Water Quality fields of study and the **Rubber City Scholarship** is for students pursuing careers in vocational/ trade fields of study. Students were selected based on academic performance, field of study and career paths.

- **Dante Colaluca** is a second year student at Youngstown State University working towards a degree in Political Science/ Public Administration. Dante is a recipient of the NEO APWA's Lake Erie Scholarship
- **Ashley Dobbins** is in her third year at Walsh University towards a degree in Business Management. Ashley is a recipient of the Lake Erie Scholarship.
- **Kate Folkenroth** is planning on attending Allegheny College where she will study Biochemistry with a focus on Environmental Studies. Kate is a recipient of the Western Reserve Scholarship.
- **Joe Gironda** is now working on a degree in Civil Engineering at the University of Akron Joe is a recipient of the Lake Erie Scholarship.
- **Seth Jarret** intends to enroll in the IBEW Electrical Apprenticeship after graduation. Seth is a recipient of the Rubber City Scholarship.
- **Matthew Gyzybowski** is planning on attending Carnegie Mellon University to pursue a degree in Civil and Environmental Engineering. Matthew is a recipient of the Western Reserve Scholarship.
- **Kayli Sededak** is now in her third year at Cleveland State University working on her Masters of Science specializing in Transportation Engineering. Kayli is a recipient of the Lake Erie Scholarship.
- **Taylor Shiray** is now in her second year at Walden University working on her Masters of Public Administration. Taylor is a recipient of the Lake Erie Scholarship.
- **Dylan Susman** is planning on attending Ohio Northern University to pursue a degree in Civil Engineering. Dylan is a recipient of the Lake Erie Scholarship.
- **Breanna Teece** is planning on attending Otterbein University to pursue a degree Environmental Sciences. Breanna is a recipient of the Western Reserve Scholarship.



NEO Scholarship Recipients

2019 Ohio Public Works Expo

The Northeast Branch hosted the Ohio Public Works Expo in May at the Summit County Fairgrounds. This year the focus was on the vendors who provided several instructional opportunities as well as displays of the latest equipment technology. Over 360 people took part, enjoying an outstanding display, and networking with their peers.

2019 is the first time that the Northeast Branch has offered scholarships for people advancing their education, either through college or vocational training. As part of the PWX, the Northeast Branch announced ten scholarship recipients. See the sidebar article.

Calendar of Upcoming Events

- Aug 15 IDENTIFYING SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY AND HUMAN TRAFFICKING, Toledo <http://ohio.apwa.net/AllEventList>
- Aug 16 Northeast Ohio Urban & Community Forestry Conference, Alliance <https://ohiochapterisa.org/Events/>
- Aug 20-21 Ohio Bridge Conference & Trade Show, Columbus <http://www.ceao.org/>
- Aug 22 NAFA Tri-State Chapter Meeting, Golf Outing, Powell, OH [Click Here](#)
- Aug 27-28 NHI-Designing for Pedestrian Safety, Lebanon <https://ltap.enrollware.com/schedule>
- Sept ONLINE VOTING FOR 2020 OHIO CHAPTER BOARD
- Sep 4 Snow & Ice Control, Columbus <https://ltap.enrollware.com/schedule>
- Sep 8-11 PWX, Seattle, WA <http://www.apwa.net/events/>
- Sep 9-10 Rights-of-Way as Habitat Working Group Meeting, Cincinnati [register here](#)
- Sep 10-12 Trees & Utilities Conference, Cincinnati <https://ohiochapterisa.org/Events/>
- Sep 10 CHAPTER DINNER at PWX, Seattle <http://ohio.apwa.net/AllEventList>
- Sep 11 NAFA Tri-State Chapter Meeting: Electrification, KYFB
- Sep 11 Snow & Ice Control, Lebanon <https://ltap.enrollware.com/schedule>
- Sep 11-12 NHI-Designing for Pedestrian Safety, Garfield Heights <https://ltap.enrollware.com/schedule>
- Sep 13 Ohio Roundabouts Conference, Newark <https://ltap.enrollware.com/schedule>
- Sep 16-17 Fleet Management Training, Dublin <http://ohio.apwa.net/AllEventList>
- Sep 17 Ethics & Engineering Professional Development Workshop, Parma <https://tinkerscreek.org/>
- Sep 17-19 Farm Science Review, Columbus, OH <http://fsr.osu.edu/>
- Sept 18-19 OKI Construction Career Days, Hamilton <https://www.okiconstructioncareerdays.com/>
- Sep 19 NAVIGATING CHANGE - LEADERSHIP TRAINING, Bowling Green <http://ohio.apwa.net/AllEventList>
- Sep 21-25 WEFTEC Technical Exhibition & Conference, Chicago <http://www.weftec.org/>
- Sep 23-25 Ohio GIS Conference, Columbus <http://www.ceao.org/>
- Oct 1 CHAPTER BOARD/ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING, Central Ohio <http://ohio.apwa.net/AllEventList>
- Oct 1 Snow & Ice Control, New Philadelphia <https://ltap.enrollware.com/schedule>
- Oct 2 Snow & Ice Control, Garfield Heights, <https://ltap.enrollware.com/schedule>
- Oct 10 OWEA Plant Ops Workshop <https://www.ohioweaa.org/>
- Oct 16-17 Superintendents & Mechanics Conference, Deer Creek St. Park <http://www.ceao.org/>
- Oct 23-25 Ohio Municipal League Conference, Columbus, OH <http://www.omlohio.org/>
- Oct 29-30 OTEC, Columbus, OH <https://otec.transportation.ohio.gov/>
- Oct 16 Interchange Studies Columbus, OH <https://ltap.enrollware.com>
- Nov 5 Snow & Ice Control, Columbus, <https://ltap.enrollware.com/schedule>
- Nov 13 Ohio River Valley Soil Seminar ORVSS, Louisville, KY <https://www.geoinstitute.org/events/50th-ohio-river-valley-soil-seminar-orvss>

How to Submit an Award Nomination

Once you have composed your nomination, contact the Chapter's Awards Committee Chair, Shelby Ingle at 937.477.4528 or via e-mail at sringle@cmtengr.com. Shelby is coordinating submissions for Ohio and will review the packet to be sure it's complete. She will be happy to submit your nomination on your behalf to APWA National's website.

APWA Excellence in Snow and Ice Control Award Submission Deadline

Monday, December 2, 2019, midnight is the award application deadline for the APWA Excellence in Snow and Ice Control Award. This award promotes excellence in the management and administration of public works snow and ice operations, and also the best practices in snow and ice removal while minimizing environmental impacts. The award winner(s) is presented with a plaque at the North American Snow Conference.

As the Snow Conference is in Cleveland in 2020, it would be great to have this award go to an Ohio agency(s). Start working on your nomination NOW. Ohio has a history of winners. 2020 can be YOUR year!