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## NEWSLETTER

### Ohio Chapter of American Public Works Association

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## Message from incoming Ohio APWA President, Diane Watkins

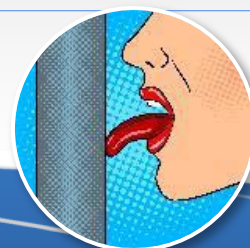


Hello fellow APWA members! I hope you are doing well this winter season. It is with great pleasure that I have this opportunity to serve a second term as your president of the Ohio Chapter of the American Public Works Association. We offer our thank you to our outgoing president, Dr. Sonja Simpson. I must say the agenda is full for the State Board this year with several important projects.

The Ohio Chapter was awarded the **2020 American Public Works Snow Conference to be held in Cleveland**. Our Board has been blessed to have David Barber from the Northeast Branch step up as Chairperson for the Planning Committee. David is a long standing member of APWA and has managed events of this magnitude in the past. The Committee is busy planning to insure the state of Ohio continues its well established reputation as a Chapter that produces quality events, networking experiences, and national conferences. The group has begun fund raising to support these efforts. If you know of vendors or organizations that are interested in this opportunity to support our snow and ice community at this national conference, please reach out to anyone on the Board of Directors. We also ask that you begin discussions at your agencies to plan to support the conference with sending staff in 2020. During my Public Works career, this was a “must attend” event for my staff. [Continued on Page 4](#)

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Ohio Public Works Expo  
May 15, 2019  
Summit County Fairgrounds

Southwest Ohio Public Works Expo  
April 30, 2019  
Sharonville Convention Center

## Welcome New Members

The following people have recently become new members of APWA.

Kathy Bartlett, City of Riverside  
 Dana Bicknell, City of Lebanon, Ohio  
 Wayne Boggs, City of Green  
 Jerry Britton, City of Green  
 William Brock, City of Monroe  
 Colby Lynn Carroll, Village of Haskins  
 Kent Halloran, The Ohio State University  
 Jeremy Harpel, Haskins Village  
 John Irwin, The Ohio State University  
 Joseph Kickel, Cleveland Heights  
 Amanda L. Knaus, Cargill Deicing Technology  
 Michael Koeritzer, The Ohio State University  
 Thomas Komlanc, The Ohio State University  
 Victoria McCauley, City of Wadsworth  
 Nicholas Mill, Evans Mechwart Hambleton & Tilton Inc

Bret Noonan, City of Hamilton  
 Tom Nutini, City of Upper Arlington  
 Dave Perrine, City of Green  
 Paul Pickett, City of Green  
 Megan Robson, City of Toledo  
 Jeff Ruff, The Ohio State University  
 Shannon Sorrell, City of Whitehall  
 Matt S. Spangler, The Ohio State University  
 Matt Spisak, The Ohio State University  
 Eric Walsh, Korda/Nemeth Engineering  
 Scott Wasley, City of Wadsworth  
 Glen Yoder, The Ohio State University  
 Carly Yowell, Evans Mechwart Hambleton & Tilton Inc  
 Bo Zhang, The Ohio State University

### The Ohio State University Joins APWA



Recognizing that the OSU flagship campus has many of the same challenges as urban public works departments, Paul Walsh, Assistant Director, Facilities Management, has found APWA is a great source for training and solutions. He wanted more of his staff to benefit from APWA membership and contacted APWA about a Group membership for OSU. And that's how The Ohio State University became *the first university ever* to be a Group member of APWA.

The main campus of 1,665 acres, 571 buildings, nearly 46,000 undergraduate students, and 34,500 faculty and staff will reap benefits from this enhanced relationship.

## 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.



## *Leadership through* Public Service Institute

*By Amy Wood, City of Toledo*

Kim Roessner, from ODOT, and I ventured into Michigan territory (if you're an avid OSU fan, you know what that means for us), to investigate the Michigan Public Service Institute (MPSI) leadership program. We had heard that it was a great program, but we wanted to find out for ourselves. I have traveled for work to numerous national APWA and AWWA conferences and always brought back something useful. I was surprised to find that this week-long conference *really* brought a "big bang for my buck". We spent an intense week with exceptional trainers along with supervisors and leaders from many organizations throughout the state of Michigan. We found that we all have the same issues - do more with less, do more because someone is not motivated to do their job, no way to "reward" the exceptional employees for their good behavior and having your back by going above and beyond on a daily basis. And if you do recognize the exceptional employee, you may be accused of favoritism by someone who is not motivated.

Yes, we found that our problems are not unique to just us. All leaders in the public arena are facing many of the same challenges. We also found that some leaders have devised non-traditional ways to get their teams to work together. We wanted to savor every minute of that experience that we could. Now, Kim and I have undertaken the adventure to re-create the MPSI here in Ohio with our Ohio Chapter. It's not an easy process, but we feel the rewards and benefits will be worth the hard work. We hope that all of our local leaders will take advantage of the leadership program in Ohio to make it a long standing tradition like they have in Michigan. If you have any questions about our experience, or about MPSI, please contact us, [Kim.Roessner@dot.ohio.gov](mailto:Kim.Roessner@dot.ohio.gov) and [amy.wood@toledo.oh.gov](mailto:amy.wood@toledo.oh.gov).

## *Save the Date for* 2020 NASC in Cleveland

The 2020 North American Snow Conference (NASC) will be held in Cleveland, Ohio April 19 – 22, 2020. The Ohio Chapter is hosting the local arrangements and our Steering Committee is busy planning for this exciting event. The APWA North American Snow Conference provides education and solutions for public works snowfighters and those who support them. This highly anticipated annual conference provides opportunities for more than 40 education sessions, technical tours and a variety of opportunities for collaboration and networking.

The event will begin on Sunday with a daylong workshop and education sessions focused on snowfighters. The exhibit hall will open in the afternoon and include a welcome reception. Monday commences with an opening session followed by multiple education presentations and displays in the exhibit hall. A social event is planned for Monday evening. On Tuesday we will have a full day of education sessions and displays in the exhibit hall, followed by the closing assembly with a special speaker. The evening reception will be held at the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame which will be ours to explore for four hours. This should be a very special evening. On Wednesday we will host three technical tours starting in the morning and lasting until about noon.

With a full registration to the NASC 2020, you will be able to participate in all activities of the conference, including the Monday evening Social and the Reception at the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame. We will also offer a daily registration pass for you to send your front line staff involved in snow fighting at an exceptional value. This pass grants them access to the exhibit hall to see the many equipment displays and the on-floor New Product Showcases, as well as our Exhibitor Solutions Theater. We encourage you to invite your Mayor and other elected officials to the North American Snow Conference to show them the variety of equipment available to enhance your snow fighting operations.

For more information, contact our Local Host Committee Chair, David Barber at [NASC2020.OHIO@gmail.com](mailto:NASC2020.OHIO@gmail.com).

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## Letter from President Diane Watkins

The State Board and Regional Branches are also busy evaluating the possibility to provide our membership with a **Public Works Institute**. This initiative would provide solid Public Works leadership training opportunities within our State as it has been offered for several years in our neighboring states. After discussions with several members who have attended the Institute in neighboring states (see page 3), the Chapter is reviewing the potential for Ohio. A prospective consulting firm was invited to attend our January Board meeting and give us a “taste” of one of the training sessions. At this point, the State has asked the Branch boards to discuss the potential of this bringing this opportunity to Ohio. You may want to reach out to your Branch Boards to give your input on this project.

I look forward to working with your Board representatives this year. We hope to not only continue growing our membership, but also provide opportunities for your participation in the activities and events offered.

Sincerely, Diane Watkins

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## 2019 Chapter Goals

### General

1. Communicate goals to branches and report on them throughout the year and discuss progress at each board meeting
2. Explore establishing an Ohio public works institute
3. Re-establish handbooks for new state board members including a board navigator for support.

### Awards

1. Recognize national awards within the chapter
2. Each branch to submit one National award nomination
3. At events, give out anniversary award pins
4. 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](http://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. Explore outreach to colleges and universities
2. Grow membership by 5% (35 new members)
3. Maintain membership retention rate greater than 85%
4. Improve on State and Branch committee management practices
  - Approach new members to get involved
  - Approach “First Time Members Renewals” to encourage renewal
  - Fill vacancies on agency rosters, make contact and [provide form](#)
5. Promote “Young Professional Program” across the State
6. Suggest Branches have Membership Chairs serve longer than one year terms

### All Scholarship Committees

1. Explore internship program as potential replacement or compliment to scholarship program

### State Conference Advisory

1. Engage vendors and sponsors for feedback and input on event planning
2. Show appreciation for vendors and sponsors
3. Enlist a vendor onto the committee



## A NEW PLAYBOOK FOR SHARED MICROMOBILITY: An evolving guide for cities struggling with dockless bikes and scooters

Two years ago fleets of dockless scooters and bikes weren't even within the realm of possibilities. Today, hundreds of cities across the country are grappling with how to manage the latest advances in shared micromobility services.

That's where this – *Transportation for America's* brand new resource—the [Shared Micromobility Playbook](#)—comes in as cities consider how best to manage these services.

Produced with feedback from the 23 cities that participated in our Smart Cities Collaborative, the Playbook is intended to help all cities better understand the variety of policy options at their disposal by exploring the core components of a comprehensive shared micromobility policy.

### What is "shared micromobility?"

Over just the past few years, shared micromobility services (like scooters, bikes, and others) have exploded in cities across the country, transforming the mobility landscape and challenging the ability of cities to manage them. Dozens of companies have rapidly launched their services in hundreds of cities, served thousands of users and completed millions of rides—in just a little over a year.

"The rapid emergence of these new micromobility services has created new clean and convenient options for people to get around, and they certainly offer a wealth of potential benefits. But there's still so much to learn," said **Russ Brooks, T4America's Director of Smart Cities**. "They can help advance city goals related to equity, access to jobs and services, climate, and more. But in order to achieve these goals, cities have a major role to play in thoughtfully managing them to ensure that the benefits accrue equitably to everyone."

## OHIO'S 3<sup>rd</sup> ANNUAL CIVIL RIGHTS SYMPOSIUM

Tuesday, April 9- Wednesday, April 10  
Hilton Downtown Columbus  
401 N High St, Columbus, Ohio

Ohio's Civil Rights Symposium for Transportation explores the value that diversity and inclusion brings to both the industry and the state. During this two-day event, thought leaders from business, government, and academia held discussions on issues related to contracting, business development, regulatory compliance, and the future of transportation. Learn more on the [agenda](#).

Check out the [Event Highlights page](#) for videos, photos and award details from the previous symposiums.

Registration is now open here.  
<http://www.dot.state.oh.us/ODOTCivilRights/>

### Who Should Attend

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

### Reasons to Attend

- **Understand laws and regulations:** ADA, Title VI, Title VII, and OSHA
- **Work with ODOT:** Learn about Requests for Proposal, Letters of Interest, Estimating and Bidding, and DBE Experiences
- **Do better business:** Current opportunities in Small Business Bonding, Marketing, and Supplier Diversity
- **Look to the Future:** Anticipated opportunities through Columbus Smart Cities Program and other trends and technical advancements in transportation
- **Get connected:** Network with contractors, consultants, suppliers, state and local transportation officials, and industry thought leaders

# Calendar of Upcoming Events

Feb 4-5 Certified Stormwater Inspector - MS4 Training, Cincinnati [www.NPDES.com](http://www.NPDES.com)  
 February 5-7 Maximizing Pavement Life, Cincinnati <http://www.asphaltinstitute.org/>  
 February 6 COAPWA CONSTRUCTION SEMINAR, Columbus <http://ohio.apwa.net/EventDetails/17254>  
 February 6 Ohio Asphalt Paving Conference, Columbus <http://www.flexiblepavements.org/calendar>  
 February 7 Tri-State Green Industry Conference, Sharonville [register here](#)  
 February 16 OSU HOCKEY GAME, Columbus <http://ohio.apwa.net/EventDetails/17251>  
 Feb 21 CENTRAL OHIO ENGINEERS WEEK LUNCHEON, Columbus <http://ohio.apwa.net/EventDetails/17217>  
 Feb 17-23 Engineers Week <http://discovere.org/our-programs/engineers-week>  
 February 22 Ohio Pesticide Commercial Applicator Recertification Conferences, Sandusky <https://pested.osu.edu/>  
 February 24-26 Ohio Tree Care Conference, Sandusky [www.ohiotreecareconference.org/](http://www.ohiotreecareconference.org/)  
 February 26 Ohio Pesticide Commercial Applicator Recertification Conferences, Columbus <https://pested.osu.edu/>  
 February 28 WORK ZONE TRAFFIC CONTROL & SAFETY, Hamilton <http://ohio.apwa.net/EventDetails/17339>  
 March 5-7 NTEA Work Truck Show, Indianapolis <http://www.worktruckshow.com/>  
 March 6 Ohio Woodland, Water & Wildlife Conference, Mansfield [www.woodlandstewards.osu.edu](http://www.woodlandstewards.osu.edu)  
 March 7 One Water Government Affairs and Regulatory Workshop, Lewis Center [register here](#)  
 March 8 North Coast Urban Forestry Conference, Kirtland <http://ohioarborist.org/>  
 March 12-13 Ohio Storm Water Management and Drainage Conference, Columbus [www.ceao.org/](http://www.ceao.org/)  
 March 26-27 Ohio Asphalt Expo, Columbus <http://www.flexiblepavements.org/calendar>  
 April 8 Streambank Stabilization Workshop, Hamilton [register here](#)  
 April 9-10 Civil Rights Symposium for Transportation, Columbus [register here](#)  
 April 10-11 CEAO Bridge Conference & Trade Show, Mt. Sterling [www.ceao.org/](http://www.ceao.org/)  
 April 15-16 Certified Stormwater Inspector - MS4 Training, Cleveland [www.NPDES.com](http://www.NPDES.com)  
 April 18-19 Certified Stormwater Inspector - MS4 Training, Columbus [www.NPDES.com](http://www.NPDES.com)  
 April 30 SOUTHWEST OHIO PUBLIC WORKS EXPO, Sharonville <http://ohio.apwa.net/EventDetails/16930>  
 May 8-10 Ohio Stormwater Conference, Sandusky [www.ohstormwaterconference.com](http://www.ohstormwaterconference.com)  
 May 13-20 National Infrastructure Week <http://infrastructureweek.org/>  
 May 15 NORTHEAST OHIO PUBLIC WORKS EXPO, Summit County Fairgrounds [ohio.apwa.net](http://ohio.apwa.net)  
 May 19-22 NORTH AMERICAN SNOW CONFERENCE, Salt Lake City, Utah <http://www.apwa.net/events/>  
 May 19-25 National Public Works Week <http://www.apwa.net/discover/national-public-works>

## 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](mailto: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(s) on your behalf to APWA National's website. Directions are available on the site and technical support is provided during normal business hours Monday-Friday. If you have any questions, contact Shelby.

## APWA Award Submission Deadlines:

Monday, March 4, 2019, midnight Eastern Time is the award application deadline for:

- Top Ten Public Works Leaders of the Year
- Public Works Project of the Year
- Public Works Project of the Year for Small Cities/Rural Communities
- Exceptional Performance Awards (6 categories)
- Management or Technical Innovation Award
- Environmental Excellence Award
- Professional Manager of the Year Award
- Young Leader Award

Information on these and other awards available [HERE](#).