



2024 February Newsletter

APWA AZ February Message from the President



How does your local agency or jurisdiction make decisions that impact the infrastructure in their communities? Some agencies have a clear direction, or strategic plan to follow. Many of these may have been developed with technical assistance from our architecture and engineering community. As public works professionals, we may often influence or assist with these types of decisions when we work on either planning or construction projects.

In January, I read a column by Dr. Dave Engelthaler that focused on several ways to help make decisions that benefit a community as a whole. Below, I've paraphrased these from my perspective.

1. Find the way to Compromise – if we are only looking to win now, then our community loses in the future.
2. Complex Problems require Complex Review – we must consider all aspects of a problem, so that we are providing a solution that actually fixes the issue, and that we don't create unintended consequences.
3. Do No Harm! This is actually step one for the above – any solution should be first

reviewed to make sure that no harm is done – we need to address the issue judiciously.

4. Everyone has Human Rights – we cannot harm one person or group to improve the state of another.

5. Everyone has the Ability to Act – we all have the responsibility to use our abilities to make the world, especially in our community, a little bit better.

These are just some thoughts that we can consider when providing professional services to jurisdictions. This is a perspective many of us hold and use daily – but maybe has not been articulated to clients in the past. If you are a design professional, are you making recommendations to jurisdictions that are viewed through a lens that balances benefits and impacts? If you are a construction professional, are you making recommendations that are future forward and extend opportunities? The infrastructure bill has been the most available funding source dedicated to our public works in many years. Many of these grants are looking to balance multiple community priorities within a single project and asking social impact questions in a way not pursued prior. This perspective isn't just about creating compromise or spending wisely, it's a way to focus on improving our community by design.

Go forth, and compromise purposefully,

-Nancy

Nancy Cole, APWA Arizona Chapter President



APWA National Education Events

Feb 22: [Introduction to Basic Stormwater Concepts](#)

March 14: Veterans Employment and Training Services (VETS) – How They Can Help in Your Workforce Development Needs

March 21: Procuring and Contracting for Solid Waste and Recycling Services

April 28: North American Snow Conference 2024

Sept 7: 2024 YP Summit

Sept 8: PWX 2024

***Click link to sign up.**

Featured Article



The Engineering & Public Works Roadshow is coming to Phoenix!!
The National APWA offices has notified the Arizona Chapter that the Engineering & Public Works Roadshow is coming to Phoenix to highlight the Northwest Valley

Infrastructure Project that won the APWA National Project of the Year in the Environmental over \$75M category. This Roadshow is a partnership between the American Council of Engineering Companies (ACEC), the American Public Works Association (APWA) and the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE). It's designed to highlight the meaningful, transformational work of engineers and public works professionals throughout the US. Please see this [webpage \[apwa.org\]](http://apwa.org) for an earlier project visit.

[Caption for Photo Below: Lift Station under Construction]



The Northwest Valley Infrastructure Project was required to provide the infrastructure necessary for the Taiwan Semiconductor and Manufacturing Company (TSMC) to build a new \$12 billion plant in the City of Phoenix. Phoenix committed to create provisions for the TSMC plant to manage its wastewater outputs and water demands prior to its production activities scheduled for 2024. This \$125 million construction project required the installation of the water and wastewater infrastructure within an exceedingly accelerated schedule that allowed less than six months for preconstruction and procurement and only a nine-month window for construction.

This project is a true example of how early planning, attention to safety and quality, and focus on partnering can result in a highly successful project. This project epitomized partnering excellence through extensive teamwork and the synergy of all parties involved, which included the owner, designers, neighboring contractors and the end utility user.

Below: Boring Tunnel in Progress]



We are excited to have this scheduled for February the 22nd, and will have additional information available to the Chapter as soon as possible. Congratulations to the City of Phoenix Water Services Department, Sundt Construction, and Wilson Engineers, along with their partners Felix Construction, Garney Construction and Carollo Engineers for your contributions to Public Works Infrastructure.

UPCOMING EVENTS

APWA Arizona February Meeting

Wednesday, February 21, 2024
11:30am - 1:00pm Lunch and Program

City of Phoenix Public Works Department-Facilities Operations Division
2631 S. 22nd Avenue, Phoenix, AZ

National and State Legislative Update

Understanding the Political Landscape for 2024 from a National Perspective as well as what's happening with the Arizona Legislature.

The former Arizona legislator the Honorable Amanda Reeve, Environmental and Regulatory Policy Advisor for Snell & Wilmer will provide an overview of what to expect during this year's legislative session along with some key bills that would be of interest to the APWA membership.

APWA Director of Government and Public Affairs, Andrea Eales will give the Washington perspective in an election year, an infrastructure law update, the congressional schedule and appropriation impact on public policy. She'll show where to find valuable resources on the APWA website and finish with APWA's three priority policies.



Andrea Eales

Director of Governmental and Public Affairs

APWA

APWA Andrea has been the director of Governmental and Public Affairs at APWA since 2015. She has a Bachelor's degree in Political Science and a masters in International Affairs from Georgetown University. Her professional experience includes working on various levels of political campaigns and serving as a staff member in the US Senate for Senator now Governor Mike DeWine of Ohio. She has also worked for the National Association of Counties and the Naval Criminal Investigative Services



Honorable Amanda A. Reeve

Environmental and Regulatory Policy Advisor

Snell & Wilmer

Amanda has over 20 years of legal, election and public policy experience. She has a Bachelor's degree in Communication Studies and Public Relations as well as a Masters in Environmental Management from the Ira A Fulton School of Engineering at ASU. Amanda served from 2010 to 2013 in the Arizona Legislature chairing the House Environment Committee. She is well known for her ability to develop public policy and craft bipartisan support to advance bills of significant importance to Arizona businesses. She serves as Vice Chair of Air Quality for the Arizona Mining Association and Manufacturers Council. She is also a Public Member Commissioner on the Maricopa County Superior Court Judicial Nominating Commission.

10:00am APWA Arizona Board of Directors Meeting (Open to all Members)
11:30:am Registration and Networking
11:50am Welcome by APWA President Nancy Cole
12:00pm Update on projects from municipalities
12:10pm Program
1:00pm Adjourn

Registration Fees Includes Lunch:
\$35/Members and \$45/Non Members - Prices increase \$20 after 2/1624.

We have some complimentary registrations for Public Agency Members.
Contact us at apwaaz@gmail.com to request.

One Professional Development Hours will be provided.

REGISTER



Young Professionals (YP) Update!

Before every Young Professionals (YP) Committee meeting, we state the following.

Our goal is “To recruit, develop, connect, empower and retain young professionals in APWA through increased opportunities and resources to enhance their professional development and success within the association and the public works industry”.

One of the ways we create opportunities is to encourage our committee members to find processes or projects they would like to learn more about. Then utilizing the APWA network to connect the professionals leading said topics & present it to our young professionals in a manner that enhances their professional development & meet other young professionals within our industry. We are starting 2024 strong with two presentations slated for January & February details can be found below.

YP Ryan Schwarzer (Kimley Horn) has allocated an all-abilities playground park tour presented by Zac Koceja supervising engineer at the city of Mesa. Defining what goes into designing a park for all.

Register Below!

[Young Professional Event – Tour of the City of Mesa’s Dobson Ranch Park – APWA Arizona Chapter](#)

YP Adrianna Lash & Cory Steele have been able to secure a presentation presented by Cecilia Riviere assistant Director at University City Exchange & Rio Reimagined. Presenting on how the Salt & Gila River is connecting communities, restoring & revitalizing healthy rivers and developing economic responsibility.

Register Below!

<https://arizona.apwa.org/event/rio-reimagined/>

Call for Abstracts

GENERAL INFORMATION: The Arizona Chapter of the American Public Works Association invites the submittal of abstracts for presentations to be considered at the 2024 Statewide Conference. The conference is at the El Conquistador Tucson on August 14 - 16, 2024.

As we celebrate public works, we are especially interested in hearing from Public Agency members as individual or panel discussion presenters on topics that enhance leadership and infrastructure to provide value to communities we serve. The length of most presentation sessions is 30 minutes and it includes introductions and a brief question and answer period.

Presentations involving panel discussions are encouraged. We also strongly support demonstrations and/or hands-on interactive sessions that could be held inside or outside depending on your space requirements. Panels and other special sessions can be up to 60 minutes in length and demonstrations could be longer if required. All topics of interest to our membership, whether they are management, funding and financing, motivational, operational, career development, or technically oriented, will be considered. Please feel free to propose on any topic you feel would be of interest to attendees.

SCHEDULE: Abstracts must be received no later than February 16, 2024. You will be notified by April 19, 2024 as to whether your abstract has been selected.

FORMAT: The one-page abstract must include the following:

Presentation Title (150 characters or less)

Presenter (Name, Title, Firm/Agency, Phone Number, Email Address)

Co-Presenter(s) If Applicable (Name, Firm/Agency, Phone Number, Email Address)

Summary of Presentation – This text will be featured in the Conference Program (100 words or less)

Abstract of Presentation (300 words or less)

Choice of Presentation Length on Thursday, August 15th: 30 minutes or 60 minutes

Request Indoor or Outdoor Demonstration on Thursday, August 15th.

SUBMIT ABSTRACT TO: Chris Simko at chris.simko@stantec.com

PRESENTATIONS ON THE WEBSITE: If you are selected to present at the conference, you are required to submit a PDF of your final presentation to be posted on the conference website after the conference.

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION: If your abstract is accepted for presentation, you will receive up to four complimentary conference registrations for those who are presenting.



REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

CONFERENCE ATTENDEES

Full conference registration includes all events and meals. We are proud of the fact that we provide more food and drinks to our attendees than any other conference in Arizona. Make sure to sign up now before the price increase on May 1st.

- Full Private Industry Employee = \$400 (after 05/01/24 = \$450)
- Full Public Agency Employee = \$300 (after 05/01/24 = \$350)
- Awards Luncheon Only = \$75
- Fun Night Guests (Adults Only, Kids Are Free) = \$50

BOOK YOUR ROOM

The Arizona Chapter APWA Statewide Conference will be held at the El Conquistador Tucson, a Hilton Resort. **The \$89++ per night room rates remain the same since 2014.** Pricing is good until the room block is full or July 21st, whichever comes first.

EXHIBITORS

Reservations of booths are on a first come basis, so book yours today to get the best spot. Visit the website to see availability. Exclusive exhibit hall times are provided with networking, food, and prize drawings to create prime opportunities for exhibitors to make strong impressions.

Sign up before March 1st and save \$300!

SPONSORS

Thank you to the firms who have supported the Statewide Conference in the past and those who have already registered as sponsors this year. We still have more opportunities available including the following exclusive sponsorships: **Keynote Sponsor, Wi-Fi Sponsor, Badge Wallet Sponsor, and Agency Showcase Bag Sponsor.**

Other non-exclusive sponsorships include: **Platinum Sponsor, Gold Sponsor, Awards Lunch Sponsor, Thursday Breakfast/Break Sponsor, Friday Breakfast/Vendor Drawing Sponsor, Public Agency Sponsor, and Prize Drawing Sponsor.**

Help encourage Public Agency attendance by donating \$300 towards the Public Agency Sponsorship. This sponsorship covers the registration fee for a public works employee to attend the conference and showcases your firm's name as a contributor.

**FOR MORE CONFERENCE INFORMATION VISIT
AZAPWACONFERENCE.COM**



CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

Details Available Now and Abstracts Due by 02/16/24

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Highlights:

- All topics of interest to our membership will be considered, whether they are leadership, management, funding and financing, motivational, operational, career development, or technical.
- Present on a variety of topics that teach attendees something new and provide them with innovative ideas and/or lessons learned.
- Panel discussions are encouraged.
- We are interested in hearing from Public Agency members as individual or panel discussion presenters.
- Presentations are typically 30 minutes or 60 minutes but more time can be requested for demonstrations and/or training.
- Abstracts are due by February 16, 2024.

SEE MORE ABSTRACT DETAILS ON THE WEBSITE AZAPWACONFERENCE.COM



COMMITTEE MEMBERS NEEDED

DELEGATE AND ALTERNATE DELEGATE – WHAT DOES THAT MEAN? & HOW DO I APPLY?

Have you been looking for an exciting way to participate in your Arizona Chapter for APWA? Have you wanted to gain exposure to how the national arm and local chapter work together to bring value as an APWA member. Well now is your chance!!!

The Arizona Chapter will be looking for both a Delegate and Alternate Delegate for this next fiscal year. Both positions serve as the liaison between the Arizona Chapter and the National office. You are a resource for the chapter to obtain information found at the national level and you are a resource for the National office to obtain information from the Local Chapter.

On National's website it states the following:

“The Council of Chapters is comprised of one delegate from each of the 62 APWA chapters. Members of the council serve APWA as advisors to the board of directors, executive director, technical committees, and staff in support of the mission of APWA in accordance with the association's bylaws and parliamentary procedures. Delegates also act as a conduit in sharing the opinions and ideas of their chapters and serving as points of contact at the local (chapter and branch), regional, and national levels for the dissemination of information to and from members.

The mission of the Council of Chapters is to increase the effectiveness of the association
By:

- Advising the board of directors, the executive director, staff, and chapters on goals, strategies, and issues that are referred to the Council
- Supporting the APWA Strategic Plan and influencing changes for the betterment of the Association
- Supporting chapter-to-chapter mentoring and development of best practices to strengthen the services delivered in each chapter
- Communicating member issues among the local, regional and national levels
- Identifying dedicated members for active participation within the association

The full council meets twice a year, with one of those meetings being held during PWX. Council members also meet by means of committee conference calls, which are scheduled throughout the year.”

For more information, here is the link on the National website –
<https://www.apwa.org/connections-networking/apwa-chapters/council-of-chapters/>

And here are some other basic responsibilities/information for each position:

DELEGATE

- The Chapter Delegate is appointed by the Board of Directors and serves a three-year term but shall not serve more than two consecutive terms. The Delegate is a voting member of the Board of Directors
- Participate in both the Winter Meeting and the PWX conference. The Chapter covers the majority, if not all, of the expense for PWX. National covers the majority, if not all, of the expense for the Winter Meeting
- Prepare and submit the bi-annual report to National regarding Chapter activities over the past six months (examples available)
- Participate in monthly Arizona Chapter Board of Director meetings
- Coordinate “National Presidential/Board of Director” visits

ALTERNATE DELEGATE

- The Alternate Delegate is appointed by the Board of Directors and serves one two-year term. The intent is to offer three individuals the opportunity to serve during the Chapter Delegate’s two three-year terms to better prepare individuals for the role of Chapter Delegate. The Alternate Delegate is not a voting member of the Board of Directors unless filling in for the Delegate in their absence

-Participate in both the Winter Meeting and the PWX conference. The Chapter covers the majority, if not all, of the expense for PWX. National covers the majority, if not all, of the expense for the Winter Meeting

-May participate in monthly Arizona Chapter Board of Director meetings

-Cover the “Delegate” responsibilities in the event the Delegate is unavailable

This provides a basic overview of the responsibilities of both the Delegate and Alternate Delegate for the Arizona Chapter of APWA. Should you have any questions, please don't hesitate reaching out to either me (wspringborn@cox.net) or Casey Ambrose (casey.ambrose@gilbertaz.gov).

Wendy Springborn
Alternate Delegate (2024)
Delegate (2018-2024)



[Click here for Public Works Job Openings](#)

The History of APWA's Arizona Chapter.

By Sandy Schepis

The Arizona Chapter of APWA turns 70 years old this year and is stronger than ever!!! With more than 800 members throughout Arizona, we continue to support those who operate, improve and maintain public works and infrastructure through advocacy, education, and member engagement.

We are proud that our members are active locally, regionally and nationally. Locally, we serve our communities by volunteering, raising money, providing scholarships, educating and so much more. At least two of our members serve(d) as Regional Directors and we annually join our Texas and New Mexico sister chapters at PWX. Nationally we have had 3 of our members serve as National Presidents and 11 served on national Committees.

As an active Chapter, eight of our members have been recognized nationally as Top Ten Award Recipients and our chapter itself has received the Presidential Award for Chapter Excellence (PACE) 16 times. The PACE badges that we have been awarded are being placed on a banner that will soon be hung at our lunch meetings for all to enjoy.

Your past Arizona President's serve on the History committee and are full of knowledge about the Chapter and its members. If you have a question about the past or want to know how to get involved just let us know. We're here to help the Chapter to continue growing and staying strong well into the future.



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APWA Annual Sponsorship July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024	
<p>Corporate Chapter Sponsor</p> <p>Includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Website (logo displayed) • Chapter email notices (logo displayed) • Meeting Sponsor (logo displayed at a Phoenix monthly luncheon and a \$50 gift card door prize is included and handed out in the sponsors name) • Networking Mixers Sponsor (logo displayed) • Sponsor highlight in the newsletter for one month • Committee Growth – Young Professionals Event Sponsor (logo displayed on event emails) • Support for Public Agency Members to attend monthly meetings at a discounted rate 	\$600
<p>Special Event Sponsor</p> <p>Typical special events are Diamondback Game Night, Bowling, Holiday Mixer.</p> <p>Includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Logo on website event page • Logo on event flier and email notices • Logo on signage at event • 1 Ticket to attend event 	\$500/per event
<p>Print Sponsor</p> <p>Includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monthly Newsletter (logo displayed) • Sponsor highlight in the newsletter for one month • Website (logo displayed) • Chapter Email Notices (logo displayed) 	\$300
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