



2024 March Newsletter

APWA AZ March Message from the President



Last month the Arizona Chapter attended the Engineering & Public Works Roadshow here in Phoenix, celebrating local impactful infrastructure at a national level. Sitting in the audience, listening to engineering leadership that are located across North America (including our Canadian President Gary Losier!) along with Mayor Kate Gallego, City of Phoenix. Their words were inspiring, reminding us all of the importance of infrastructure, and how often it is ignored until a catastrophic event causes it to fail.

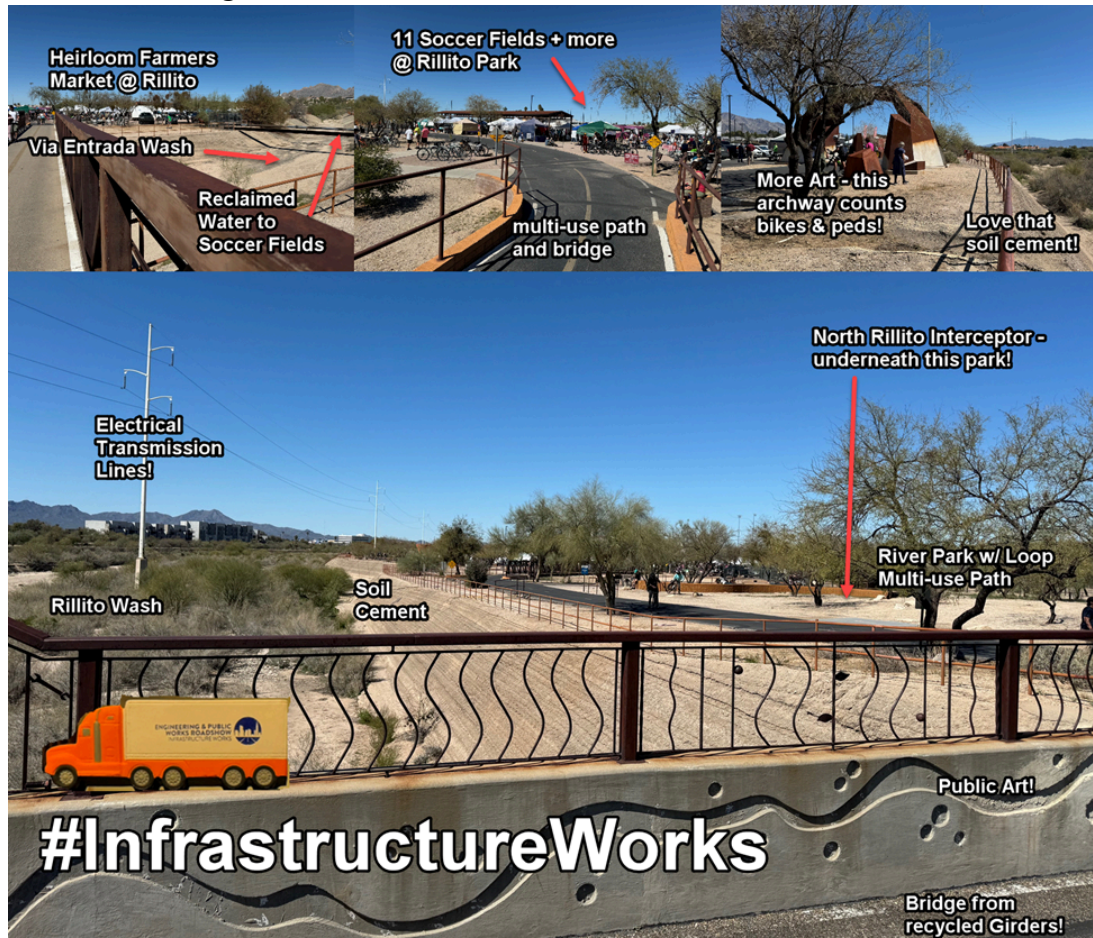
One of the most interesting elements that caught my attention is the concept of #InfrastructureWorks. The Roadshow's mission is to remind the public and policymakers what good infrastructure means to society, the economy, and the environment. It also encourages the next generation of engineers and public works professionals to enter our industry. We interact with the built environment every day without thinking about it, yet without it our modern quality of life would be impossible (see their [website](#)).

At the roadshow, they gave away tiny trucks, with the hashtag #InfrastructureWorks, and we were all challenged to take a picture of our favorite infrastructure, with that truck prominently displayed and tag it in social media. This is one way every one of us can highlight and speak to the world about the importance of infrastructure. Of course, I forgot

to bring my truck on the photoshoot below, but you get the idea!

This is Rillito Park, along the Rillito Wash, in midtown Tucson, in my backyard. In these pictures, you can see critical infrastructure everywhere. From the soil cement banks of the Rillito (installed after catastrophic floods in 1983), to the repurposed concrete girder bike bridge over the wash, to the electric transmission lines above, to the multi-use bike and ped path, to the awesome bustling farmers market ramadas, to the public art everywhere, to the underground (and above) reclaimed water transmission pipes watering the 11 soccer fields at Rillito park, to the underground and unseen North Rillito Interceptor sewer line conveying millions of gallons of sewage to be treated at our Agua Nueva plant. This one place in Tucson has many different intersecting infrastructure projects, and you can see hundreds of people served by this, as well as thousands of people served by flood protection and clean water.

What's your favorite #InfrastructureWorks? Get out there, take some pictures, and share it with the world – but include that hashtag! No one is going to spread the word about how awesome and necessary infrastructure is than those of us dedicated to planning, designing, and constructing it.



-Nancy

Nancy Cole, APWA Arizona Chapter President

APWA National Education Events

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



APWA Arizona Chapter was in full effect at the Engineering & Public Works Roadshow in February. As you may know, the Northwest Valley Infrastructure Project won a National APWA Project of the Year Award. ACEC, APWA and ASCE were in Phoenix to host an Engineering & Public Works Roadshow to highlight this project, and spotlight the impact public works projects have in our community.

Congratulations again to the project team, City of Phoenix Water Services Department, Sundt Construction and Wilson Engineers!

UPCOMING EVENTS

APWA Arizona March Meeting

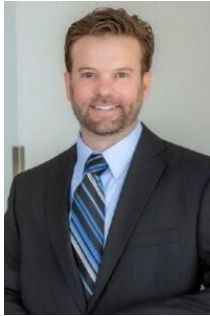
APWA Arizona March Meeting

Wednesday, March 20, 2024

11:30am - 1:00pm Lunch and Program

Phoenix Country Club, 2901 N. 7th Street, Phoenix

Economic Development Panel



Nick Juszcak, City of Mesa

Nick Juszcak joined the City of Mesa Office of Economic Development in January 2021 and currently serves as Project Manager. Nick is responsible for management and site management at the City of Mesa's Arizona Laboratories for Security & Defense Research facility, including business attraction, expansion, and lease negotiations. In addition, he works with developers to bring new product to Mesa and helps to move them through the entitlement process. Prior to joining the City of Mesa, Nick worked with CBRE Labor Analytics as a Site Selection Consultant. He specialized in labor market analysis, including workforce longevity, scalability, and development strategies for corporations. Former clients include Alorica, Bank of America, Charter/Spectrum, General Motors, Hyatt, Kohls, MetLife, and Royal Bank of Canada. Nick is a native of Arizona and graduated from University of Arizona in Tucson with a B.S. in Business Management. He also played golf collegiately and pursued his dream of playing professionally after graduation. Today, he continues playing golf competitively at an amateur level and can often be found competing in Arizona Golf Association events around the State. Working in Downtown Mesa allows Nick access to some local restaurants that have excellent desserts. Main Street Sweets and Novel Ice Cream are two of his favorites.



Doreen Cott, Town of Queen Creek

Professional Information: Doreen Cott is the Economic Development Director for the Town of Queen Creek. She actively works to diversify and strengthen Queen Creek's economic base through business attraction, a focus on small business development, support of entrepreneurs in the community and a robust tourism program. In addition to Economic Development, Doreen oversees Horseshoe Park & Equestrian Centre. Doreen has been with the Town over seventeen years, and has been working in the economic development field for 25 years. Professional History: Prior to joining Queen Creek, Doreen worked for eight years in the Town of Gilbert's Economic Development Department as a Business Development Specialist. Activities and Achievements: She is a graduate of the Economic Development Institute and is a member of the Arizona Association for Economic Development (AAED), International Economic Development Council (IEDC) and International Council of Shopping Centers (ICSC). She currently serves on the Queen Creek Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, Queen Creek Cultural Foundation and Positive Paths Executive Board. Education: Doreen holds a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from Northern Arizona University, a Masters in Organizational Management from the University of Phoenix and a MBA from Benedictine University.



Wendy Bridges, City of Goodyear

With nearly three decades of experience in county and municipal government, Wendy Bridges has served communities throughout Arizona. Wendy was honored as the 2018 Economic Developer of the Year by the Arizona Association for Economic Development (AAED), and won Golden Prospector awards for Marketing, Website, and Deal of the Year. In addition to active memberships with key industry associations, Wendy is a board member for Greater Maricopa Foreign Trade Zone (GMFTZ) and serves on the President's Community Advisory Council for Estrella Mountain Community College (EMCC). She is currently serving as the Past President for AAED and has a seat on its Governmental Affairs committee. Past leadership roles included the Economic Development Council for Northern Arizona Council of Governments (NACOG), Yavapai County Workforce Development Board, two terms as chair of AAED Northern Committee, chair of the AAED Finance Committee, chair of the NACOG Tourism Committee, Prescott Area Leadership Board of Directors, and founding Board member for Prescott Area Young Professionals. Wendy is designated as an Arizona Economic Development Professional (AZED Pro) from AAED, licensed in real estate, holds a degree in Management from Yavapai College, and graduated Summa Cum Laude with B.A. in Public Administration from Northern Arizona University.

Agenda

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 3/15/24.

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 HERE](#)

Use our First-Time-Free Pass!!

By Stephen Orosz

Who doesn't want something for free? This time there are no strings attached. What could be better?

Well, how about an inspiring or relevant topic that impacts everyone in the Public Works field. Your APWA Arizona Chapter is encouraging all of us to bring a friend to our events. To help your friend accept the invitation, the Arizona Chapter will pick-up the cost of one free lunch.

So, if you have a skeptical friend, business associate, client, potential client, etc., ask them to come to the luncheon. Then after they see that we are a great group they need to be a part of, you can share the benefits of a membership with APWA nationally to unlock even more free stuff. So, what are you waiting for?



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”.

A recent YP event, coordinated by Ryan Schwarzer at Moon Valley Nurseries, was a design and site tour by Zac Kocaja, Supervising Engineer at the City of Mesa. We toured one of the city's first “All-Abilities Playground” within their parks network. Coffee and bagels were provided on said chilly January morning, while Zac and one of the city's original park design coordinators reviewed the proposed plans and the overall vision of said playground. Followed by a site walk of the park, we analyzed any modifications that had been made from the original design, and discussed whether the changes were driven by the client, manufacture or by site constraints. The tour highlighted design cues and equipment that allowed for the enjoyment of users of any ability type. We then reviewed the park's maintenance procedures and workflow to keep the facility in the best condition. This presentation allowed our YP's to get a full project process understanding; from concept development, features and design. As well as consideration of features that provide fun and comfort for all ability types and the process in which to keep the program going. APWA YP's host quarterly events and I encourage you all to share this and future events to the next generation of Engineers.





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.

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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)



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Corporate Chapter Sponsor Includes: <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
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