

May 2026

# Monthly Updates



**APWA Region VII Meeting-Tulsa, OK**

Pictured L-R: Chris Ewell-AZ, Kristina Ramirez, Region VII Director, Fred Montoya, NM, Gloria Martinez, TX, Jennifer Morrow, NM, Selina Brandon, TX, Casey Ambrose, AZ, Juan Valles, AZ, and John Warnement, TX

*-Keeping our Chapter Members informed and connected with the latest APWA National and AZ Chapter news-*

## Held in Tulsa, Ok on May 5, 2026

- Conducted during the Oklahoma Chapter Statewide Conference.
- Led by Kristina Ramirez, Region VII Director
- Robert Garland, APWA President-Elect and Wilf Nixon, Engineering and Technology Technical Director
- AZ Chapter Representatives: Juan, Casey and Chris



# 2026 Region VII Winter Meeting

## Two meetings held each year:

- First held every other winter in Kansas City, MO with APWA Board referred to as the Council of Chapters
- Opposite years each Region conducts a winter meeting at the location of the Regional Director's choice-Region VII joins a chapter conference and conducts its meeting during that conference.
- Second meeting held on the Saturday before PWX and is called the Council of Chapters.
  - National Committees also meet during this same time and meeting schedules are now coordinated to avoid scheduling conflicts.



# APWA Roadmap for Chapters

## Chapter Delegate roles are changing to meet APWA needs...why?

### **APWA is evolving as an association:**

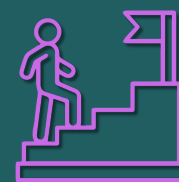
- PWX 2025 Council of Chapters Meeting resulted in feedback that required changes to be made.
- Requests from Chapters included:
  - *Improve chapter communications*
  - *Mentoring/succession planning*
  - *Better synergy between Regional Directors and Chapters*
  - *Better communication & information flows from and to National*
  - *Advocacy at Chapter and local levels*
  - *Intra-Chapter sharing*
  - *Develop members for APWA Committees*
  - *Understanding of services offered to Chapters from National*
  - *Increased communication from Technical Committees*



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### Role of Delegate Team is adapting to include:

- **Public Works Advocacy** (*Facilitator to Chapter Committees*)
  - Community Outreach
  - Awards Program
- **Information Exchange/Communication** (*Point of Contact*)
  - Chapter to APWA
  - APWA to Chapter
  - Chapter to Chapter
- **Educational Opportunities** (*Promote*)
  - Technical Committees
  - Certificates/Cerifications
  - Chapter Luncheon Programs
- **Membership Development** (*Facilitator for the Chapter*)
  - Succession Planning
  - Trade School/Community College/University Outreach
  - Membership Engagement
  - YP Outreach
  - Strategic Planning
- **Best Practices** (*Chapter Support*)
  - Year-End Financials
  - Insurance
  - Contract Reviews
- **Conflict Resolution** (*Facilitation*)
  - National, Chapter & Branch



## AZ Chapter Delegate and Alternate Delegate primary roles and proposed assignments:

- **Public Works Advocacy** (*Facilitator to Chapter Committees*)
  - Community Outreach-Both
  - Awards Program-Alt Delegate
- **Information Exchange/Communication** (*Point of Contact*)
  - Chapter to APWA-Delegate
  - APWA to Chapter-Delegate
  - Chapter to Chapter-Both
- **Educational Opportunities** (*Promote*)
  - Technical Committees-Delegate
  - Certificates/Certifications-Alt Delegate
  - Chapter Luncheons Programs-Both
- **Membership Development** (*Facilitator for the Chapter*)
  - Succession Planning-Delegate
  - Trade School/Community College/University Outreach-Both
  - Membership Engagement-Both
  - YP-Both
  - Strategic Planning-Both
- **Best Practices** (*Chapter Support*)
  - Year-End Financials-Both
  - Insurance-Alt Delegate
  - Contract Reviews-Delegate
- **Conflict Resolution** (*Intermediary*)
  - National, Chapter & Branch-Delegate