

Chapter Delegate Team

October 2026



Monthly Updates



September 2026 AZ Chapter Luncheon

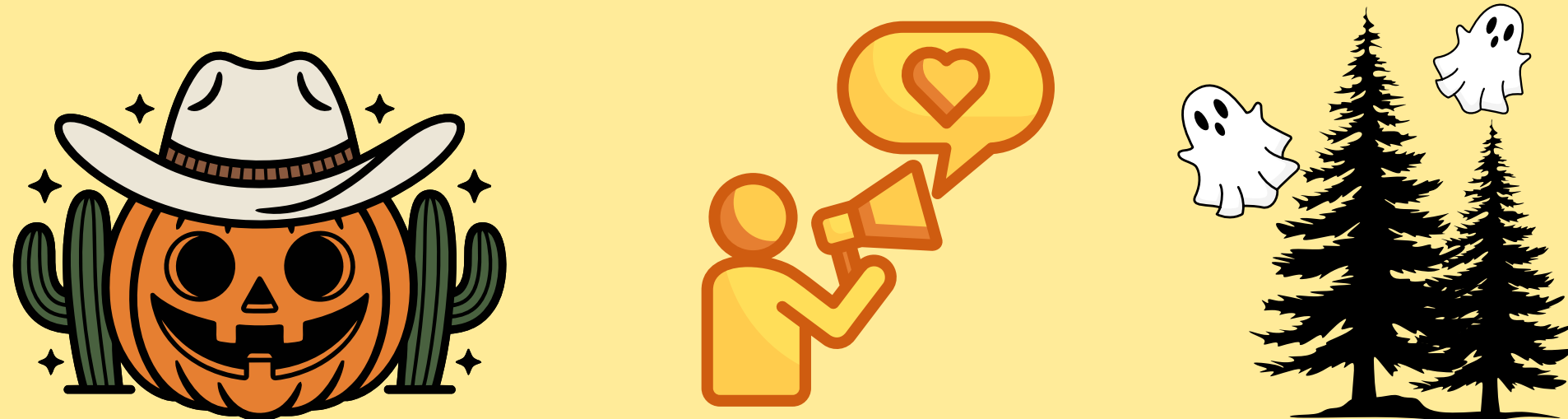
We had record attendance at our September luncheon last month. Thank you to the Town of Gilbert, City of Buckeye, City of Mesa, and the City of Surprise for sharing what is happening with projects in their communities. A special thank you to Kim Murphy and the Programs Committee for continuing to provide excellent content and value to monthly luncheon attendees.

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

Who are we?

APWA Arizona Chapter:

Arizona APWA, founded in 1954, is a State Chapter of the American Public Works Association (APWA); a non-profit 501(c)3 educational and professional association of public agencies, private sector companies, and individuals dedicated to providing professional excellence and public awareness through education, advocacy, knowledge, and much more! There are 62 APWA chapters and APWA's headquarters is located in Kansas City, MO as well as an office in Washington, D.C. Membership. APWA is open to public, private sector individuals, agencies, and companies interested and involved in the delivery of public works goods and services.



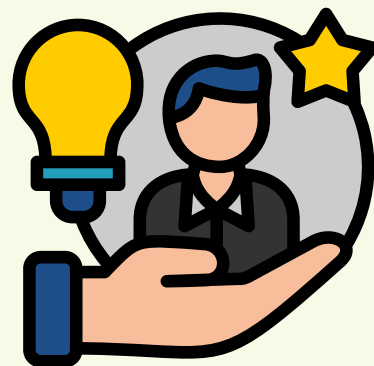
APWA Arizona Chapter Mission

The Arizona Chapter's mission is to support those who operate, improve and maintain public works and infrastructure through advocacy, education & member engagement.

AZ Chapter/National Membership Development

What is New for Members?

- Are You a Young Professional (YP)?
 - Our Chapter YP Committee wants to hear from you.
 - Events offered nearly every month of the year focused on networking, education and mentoring opportunities for you.
- APWA YP Committee
 - Our national and AZ Chapter YP committees are very active, please connect with your AZ Chapter Chairs for more information.



Membership Matters:
September by the Numbers
APWA – 33,866
AZ Chapter – 771

Know your National Integrated Strategies Committees?

- *Asset Management Committee*
- *Leadership and Management Committee*
- *Sustainability and Resiliency Committee*
- *Technology Committee*
- *Workforce Development Committee*

Integrated Strategy Committees provide expertise in areas that cross all public works disciplines. They act in a collaborative and advisory capacity to ensure a common framework and language are used as best practices in support of APWA's Strategic Plan.

AZ Chapter Public Works Advocacy

Community Outreach

- Thank you for all who attended the Saint Mary's Food Bank Food Box Preparation Event last week. We had over 15 APWA members in attendance and we were able, with the help of other groups in attendance, to fill over 1,100 food boxes for seniors in need.

Awards Program

- Keep an eye out for the new program starting before the end of this year!



St Mary's Food Bank Event

October 16, 2026



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AZ Chapter Public Works Advocacy

September 2026-YP Sunsplash Event



National Public Works Advocacy

National Events

National First Responders Day (NFRD) is October 28. To mark the occasion, APWA President Robert Garland and Government Affairs Committee Chair Adisa Aarons will host a virtual town hall. Registration opens soon!

Save the date! **Crash Responder Safety Week** is November 2–6.



PUBLIC WORKS

FIRST RESPONDER

National Public Works Advocacy

Applications Are Open!!!

New Initiatives Program

Have an idea that could strengthen public works or bring new value to the Arizona Chapter and/or APWA members? The Fall 2026 New Initiatives Program is now accepting Phase 1 applications through November 12. Check out the website for more information.



AZ Chapter Education Opportunities

Do you want to see more national training opportunities come to your area in Arizona?

- The **Events Committee** would like to hear from you!
- Please contact Sabrina Perez or Cory Steele to share your ideas.
- National offerings include:
 - PWI
 - Certificate and Certification Programs
 - Virtual monthly programs
 - Just to name a few.



National Education Opportunities

APWA September 2026 Education Sessions:

November 5–The Human Side of Operational Leadership

Leadership goes beyond managing performance—it requires navigating the human challenges employees may face, often in high stress, time-sensitive environments. Join us for this live virtual program as we explore practical approaches to supporting employees through difficult circumstances while maintaining accountability, safety, reliability, and operational continuity.

New Resources Available:

Asset Management Roadmap

Developed by the Asset Management Committee, this practical resource is designed to support agencies at every stage of their asset management journey. The roadmap outlines key concepts, objectives, and strategies that can help organizations make informed infrastructure decisions, strengthen long-term planning, and maximize the value of public assets.

CERTIFICATION

APWA is excited to announce an update to the Certified Public Fleet Professional (CPFP) program that will launch in late 2027. Eligibility applications for the current program will be accepted through December 31, 2026. Following this deadline, applications will be paused as we transition to the new fleet microcredential program.

For more information, contact:
certification@apwa.org



ARE YOU AN EMERGING LEADER?

Applications are open for the 2026-2027 Emerging Leaders Program (ELA). The new class applications will be available in April 2027!



<https://www.apwa.org/education-careers/emerging-leaders-academy/>