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Greetings from OAPWA President Angie Weber



Thank you for your confidence in electing me to be your 2016 Ohio Chapter APWA President. I am excited to see what new and exciting things 2016 will bring to the Ohio Chapter. There are several educational and networking opportunities planned for this year from National, State and local branches. Here are a few things we are working on this year:

- The Southwest Branch will be hosting the State Expo in Dayton in October.
- The Northwest Branch will be having the Snow-N-Ohio Workshop in Perrysburg in September.
- The Central Branch will be having an Administrative Professional Day Luncheon in April.
- More training and networking events are in the planning stages and will be posted on our website ohio.apwa.net as they become available.

The Ohio Executive Board held a strategic planning meeting in December and set forth 18 goals that we would like to meet for 2016. Some of the goals include: growing our membership by 5% (35 new members); develop a Facebook page; increase the number of articles for our newsletter; engage Young Professionals; and streamline and update chapter committee structure.

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Northeast Ohio Public Works Expo
May 18, 2016
Summit County Fairgrounds

North American Snow Conference
May 22-25, 2016
Hartford, CT

Welcome New Members

The following people have recently become new members of APWA.

Mr. Paul Anzalone, City of Berea
 Mr. Thomas Barton, Unique Paving Materials Corporation
 Mr. Timothy Boyer, ODOT
 Mr. Taylor Evans, Meyer Products LLC
 Mr. Chris Gordon, City of Shaker Heights
 Mr. Robert Gorentz, City of Highland Heights
 Mr. Craig Gorsuch, Akron Tractor Equipment Inc
 Mr. Michael Hendershot, City of Dublin
 Mr. Jay Keeton, City of Riverside
 Mr. Darren Lee, City of Dublin
 Mr. Christian Maier, City of Shaker Heights
 Mr. Chris Mucher, Miami Township
 Mr. Vincent Murphy, City of Springboro
 Mr. Eric Muterspaw, City of Beavercreek
 Mr. Chris Ratka, Meyer Products LLC
 Mr. Kyle Reindel, ODOT District 7
 Mr. Timothy Root, City of Dublin
 Mr. James Sheehan, City of Shaker Heights
 Ms. Teresa Smith, City of Akron
 Mr. Brian Tatman, Williamsburg Township
 Mr. Mark Toelke, City of Cincinnati
 Mr. Rick Toepfer, City of Perrysburg
 Mr. Dave Trimpe, FleetShare Pro LLC



Ohio APWA's Newest Life Members

Anthony "Tony" Dipietro and James "Jim" Balogh were recently awarded Life Member status in recognition of 30 years of membership. Tony and Jim have both served on the Ohio Chapter Board of Directors for many years.



How to Submit an Award Nomination

Submit your nominations on APWA National's website. Directions are available on the site and technical support is provided during normal business hours Monday-Friday. Contact Shelby Ingle at 937.259.5089 or via e-mail at SIngle@LJBinc.com. Awards Committee Chair, if you have any questions.

APWA Award Submission Deadlines:

March 1, 2016 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 (4 categories)
- Management Innovation Award
- Sustainability Practices Award
- Professional Manager of the Year Award
- Young Leader Award

Information on other awards available at <http://apwa.net/awards>

APWA Awards Plug Hug Best New Product of 2015

APWA: At its 2015 Congress and Exposition in Phoenix, Arizona, APWA attendees awarded the Best New Product of the Year Award to The Plug Hug.

The Plug Hug is a Lexington, Ohio based company that invented and manufactures the Plug Hug. This new device makes fire hydrants “paint ready” in approximately 2 minutes versus the other methods of sand blasting, grinding or manual wire brushes. The Plug Hug can also be used in the winter to clear a snow covered or plowed under fire hydrant in 60 seconds with an optional conversion kit.

The company’s goal was to create a simple and cost effective solution for two cumbersome and labor intensive projects that departments face every year; fire hydrant cleaning for new paint and snow removal for public works and fire fighter access. In a new way, the Plug Hug has proven to provide a high rate of production so municipalities can reduce costs and injuries while improving performance.

The Plug Hug was first introduced to the national market in 2015 and is in use by customers in Ohio and across the country from Texas to Alaska.

Family Scholarships

The Ohio APWA is again offering Family Scholarships for undergraduate students who will enter their freshman through senior year in the next school year.

Scholarships will be awarded to the students who best demonstrate the values held high by APWA:

- Character and Integrity
- Academic Excellence
- Service to the Community
- Leadership

Application forms will be available beginning March 1 on our website at <http://ohio.apwa.net>. Contact Tom Brankamp, PE, at tom.brankamp@strand.com or 513.861.5600 with any questions.



Brian Usher, President of APWA (c) presenting the “Best New Product Award 2015” to Terry Byrne Founder/CEO (R) and Doug Marshall COO (L).

Terry Byrne, Founder/ CEO on receiving the award: **“To have received this recognition from the APWA membership was truly humbling. As a new company, we have a goal of improving the operational environment of the departments that are responsible for fire hydrants in the communities they serve. This award reinforces our focus and commitment to that goal for the Public Works Departments in Ohio, nationally and their communities.”**

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The Ohio Chapter of APWA congratulates The Plug Hug for being the Best New Product of 2015.

Get Out The Vote

Primary election season is in full swing and one of the tools you have to help direct public policy is VOTING! You can help raise the visibility of infrastructure and public works issues by turning out on Election Day.

- ✓ [Make sure you’re registered to vote.](#)
- ✓ Educate yourself about the candidates and the issues. Check out their websites. Follow them on social media. Attend a campaign event.
- ✓ Ask candidates about their positions on infrastructure, licensure, etc.
- ✓ Go vote! Make it a family affair. Bring a friend.

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Letter from President Angie Weber

As a group we achieved almost all of our 18 goals and initiatives from 2015. I have no doubt that we can achieve the goals and initiatives that we have set this year.

Well, those of us in public works would say that we have been blessed with great weather so far this winter and some of you in the private sector are probably wishing it would snow more. However, with winter in mind you should check out the January 2016 issue of the APWA Reporter, Diana Clonch wrote a wonderful article about the "Calibration Cruise In" that the SW branch hosted at the Butler County Engineer's Office in October of 2015. There was a wealth of knowledge all in one spot for a great learning experience to those who attended.

I would like to thank Alison Haskins for volunteering to head up the food drive during our December state board meeting. Combined with the donations from the Southwest Branch's food drive, we were able to fill four shopping carts with canned goods plus a \$120 cash contribution, all donated to the One Way Farm located in Fairfield, Ohio.



Matt Yunger Delivers APWA Donations to One Way Farms

I look forward to being your 2016 Ohio APWA President. If you are not involved in your local branch, I recommend getting involved. There are so many resources available to you through APWA; being involved with at the least your local branch could open you up to new possibilities and new ideas. If you are involved with APWA, reach out to your colleagues and get them involved, and share with them the value found in being a part of this wonderful organization.



TRANSITIONS?

Are you changing jobs, changing companies, changing email service, or retiring? The beginning of the new year is the perfect time to review your personal information and make sure APWA has your current address, phone number, e-mail address and correspondence preference. As more of our communication becomes digital to control costs and bring you up-to-date information quickly, it's important to keep your APWA profile current. Log on to APWA National, and go to <http://www2.apwa.net/MembersOnly/MemberTools/> to update your information, including your year of birth. IF YOU HAVE CHANGED EMPLOYERS, please contact a Member Service Specialist at 800.848.APWA or memberservices@apwa.net.

Bike to School Day on May 4th

Join students, parents, and many other supporters across the country for National Bike to School Day. More than 2,600 events registered for the 2015 NBSD and participation is expected to grow again this year. Bike to School Day event registration begins February at <http://www.walkbiketoschool.org>.

CALIBRATION CRUISE IN™ Success

Salt is an effective tool to control snow and ice but it can be costly to use. Every winter preparation conference stresses the importance of calibrating your equipment to use salt effectively without over-application. But do all agencies know the correct procedures to calibrate their controllers? Two members of the Southwest Ohio branch, Tim Nelson from the Montgomery County Engineer's Office and Mike Huxsoll with the City of Springdale, decided one way to help agencies learn was to have a CALIBRATION CRUISE IN workshop and teach the mechanics and operators together.

Tim designed the form which was sent to local townships, cities, and counties to ask them to provide one truck from their fleet for the demonstration. He screened the trucks for a good balance of systems and invited the manufacturer's representatives. Mike took care of scheduling and logistics. Once the systems were identified and the schedule set, the invitation was extended to other public agencies to attend.

The Butler County Engineer's Office hosted the CRUISE IN at its garage on October 29, 2015 with over 70 attendees from 2 dozen agencies representing 5 different counties. 16 plow trucks with 5 types of automated controllers were on hand. The participants learned how to calibrate their truck and see how to trouble shoot difficulties on a variety of systems. They asked questions and gained new insights into the proper procedures. The vendor's reps found the day to be a cost effective use of their time as they were able to assist many of their customers in one day instead of a week of service calls to individual shops. One rep also showed how to calibrate a manual system.

Everyone agreed the first CALIBRATION CRUISE IN was a very successful event and that another CRUISE IN should be held in the future. The shared information was invaluable. Some of the lessons learned from this inaugural event: Include vendors in the planning process; include a short classroom session; improve staging of trucks; put a camera in the truck with a video display and mic on the rep; and include information about retrofits for manual systems. The CRUISE IN was a great demonstration of how to collaborate and share valuable information for the benefit of all of our communities, one of the tenets of APWA.



Using Remote Display to Demonstrate Calibration

The Southwest Ohio Branch thanks Jeff Strong from Rexroth, Chuck Johnston with Force America, Jim Borowski of Pengwyn, and Lynn Hardy from Certified Power for their outstanding contributions to the success of the CALIBRATION CRUISE IN.

Calendar of Upcoming Events

February 3	Ohio Asphalt Paving Conference, Columbus http://www.flexiblepavements.org/calendar
February 17	Roadway Workzone Safety Training Seminar, Columbus http://www.flexiblepavements.org/calendar
Feb 18-19	Concrete Futures Winter Meeting 2016, Columbus http://www.ohioconcrete.org/
February 23	PUBLIC WORKS SAFETY UPDATE, Hamilton http://ohio.apwa.net/events/13864/
Feb 21-27	National Engineers Week
February 26	Central Ohio Stormwater and Erosion Control Expo, Columbus http://www.franklinswcd.org/programs-and-services/developing-lands/central-ohio-stormwater-and-erosion-control-expo/
March 1-4	NTEA Work Truck Show, Indianapolis http://www.ntea.com/worktruckshow/
March 3	American Traffic Safety Services Assoc. How To Conference, Dublin www.ohioatssa.com
March 15-16	CEAO 2016 Drainage Conference, Columbus http://associationdatabase.com/aws/CEAO/pt/sp/conferences
March 17	OWEA Government and Regulatory Affairs Workshop, Columbus http://www.ohiowea.org/
March 24	SOIL NAILING EDUCATION PROGRAM, Central Ohio http://ohio.apwa.net/
March 30-31	Ohio Asphalt Expo, Columbus http://www.flexiblepavements.org/calendar
April 5-7	Safe Routes to School National Conference, Columbus http://saferoutesconference.org/
April 13	CEAO Bridge Conference & Trade Show, Mt. Sterling http://associationdatabase.com/aws/CEAO/pt/sp/conferences
May 5	OWEA Collection Systems Workshop, Columbus http://www.ohiowea.org/
May 4-6	Ohio Stormwater Conference, Sharonville http://www.ohstormwaterconference.com/
May 15-21	National Public Works Week http://www.apwa.net/discover/national-public-works-week
May 16-23	National Infrastructure Week http://infrastructureweek.org/
May 18	NORTHEAST OHIO PUBLIC WORKS EXPO, Summit County http://ohio.apwa.net/events/13867/
May 22-25	2016 North American Snow Conference, Hartford, CT http://www2.apwa.net/events/

2015 APWA Congress Review

The Ohio Chapter made the most of the last APWA International Public Works Congress & Exposition in Phoenix. First, the City of Columbus received the Sustainability Practices Award for its Get Green initiative. Next, our chapter received its first PACE award for excellence in service to all of you. And Terry Byrne, Inc. from Lexington, Ohio, received the Technical Innovation Award for the Plug Hug Fire Hydrant Cleaning System.

Among session presenters from Ohio sharing their expertise were: Daniel Hoying, PE PS, LJB Inc, *Completing the Streets with Greenroads: Putting Policy Into Practice*; Glenn Marzluf, Del-Co Water Company, *Going Green – Rate Making for Fiscal and Water Sustainability*; Erick Lobao, T&M Associates and James Young, City of Columbus, *Where's My Plow? Tracking Snow & Ice Vehicles in Real-Time*; Randall Bowman, City of Columbus, *New Challenges in Public Works*; Ken Geis, Union Township, (Cincinnati), *Accreditation: What Has It Done For Us?*; Michael Hill, North American Society for Trenchless Technology, *Trenchless Trends – A Growing Industry*; Jennifer Gallagher, and Hassan Zahran, City of Columbus, *Ohio's Research Initiative for Locals (ORIL) – Research Real Solutions to Real Transportation Problems*; Dottie Franey, City of Gahanna, *Sustainable Fleet Replacement Program Made Easy*; and Mark Riley, City of Dublin, *Recruiting and Retaining a Diverse Workforce*.

Ohio members also attended other sessions to learn new ways to do their jobs better. Forty-two people attended the Chapter dinner and celebrated these achievements. Next year's inaugural PWX in Minneapolis will be even better. We hope you will apply for one (or two) of the many awards noted on page 2. Your office needs a new plaque recognizing the good work your team does for your community.