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Presidents Message



Jim Balogh

President Ohio APWA

Hello to all of our members and friends of the Ohio Chapter reading this article. I am really looking forward to the coming of spring and summer of 2011 as this winter has tested our patience and resources tremendously throughout the state.

I am pleased to report there

has been much activity into the planning for several Snow and Ice Conferences available to members and friends of the industry to participate. Our professional training staff and committee efforts to disseminate information is very important and your participation is most important to event success and our outreach capabilities

Our chapters meetings are planned statewide to better understand the needs of municipal educational opportunities such as scholarships, public works operations, technical sessions and sustainability. APWA offers a huge offering of information with knowledgeable personnel nationally and locally to assist any such inquiry or request. I

strongly encourage you to peruse the APWA website to what there is to offer then seek a resolution.

It is the my desire as president, as well as my administration with Ohio Chapter and Branch Chapters administrators to reach out and better serve our member communities and non-member communities with the most advantageous opportunity to better serve the residents and communities to whom they represent.

It is our intent in Ohio to know about APWA, but to better know, our ability represent what American Public Works Associations is about and how it APWA relates to Ohio.

Newsletter: Updated/New Look

You may have already noticed the new look for the Ohio Chapter newsletter.

It is the goal of the Chapter to bring information about our Chapter to it's members.

The newsletter has also gone virtual. We will no longer

print and mail copies to all members. This will reduce our cost to produce this publication. The newsletter will be posted on the Ohio APWA website at:

<http://ohio.apwa.net>

The newsletter will also be

sent out via e-mail to members.

Look for future issues to come quarterly.

If you are interested in submitting an article please contact the publisher.

Snow & Ice Conference - Headed Your Way

Agencies charged with the duties of performing snow and ice control realize that severe winter seasons, such as the one just experienced, can have a huge impact on budgets. Winter operations typically consume between 25% and 45% of overall operating budgets – this past season will tip the scales towards the 45% mark. Preparation for winter operations, including knowledge and information exchange, can be one of the best lines of defense against such harsh winters and depleting budgets.

See what others are doing in your region and other regions across the state to lessen the impacts of win-

ter's drain on budgets and resources. Public works agencies across the state will come together in four separate occurring regional workshops to share information and knowledge on innovative winter practices, materials, applications, and equipment. The four scheduled S.N.O.W. events being held in regional locations across the state in 2011 offer an affordable option for attending a high quality learning experience and information exchange as related to snow and ice control.

See events schedule on page 4 for dates and locations.



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Ohio APWA - Update Your Profile

Have you moved? Changed jobs? Or even acquired a new e-mail address? If you answered yes, then did you update your APWA profile with this new information? Updating your information in APWA keeps you informed and in contact with other members and professionals.

Did you know that around 12% of all Ohio APWA members do not list an e-mail address in their profile.

It's easy to update. Just go to the APWA website at www.apwa.net, log in at the top. Once accessed go to Member Tools. From there click on the update your pro-

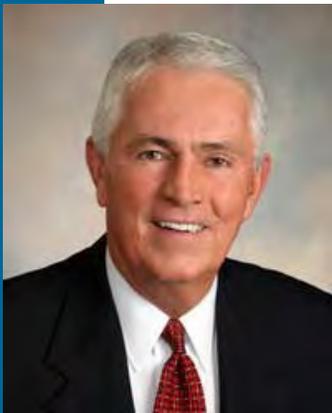
file link. View your information and make the changes needed.

From the Member tools page you can also renew your membership, obtain a membership kit etc...

Don't miss out on information.

Update your profile today!

People in the News



Jerry Wray

ODOT Director

Jerry Wray, ODOT Director, Biography:

Jerry Wray is the first to be named Director three times in ODOT's 100-plus year history. Wray first served under Governor Voinovich from 1991-1999. During that time he was instrumental in helping the Department become leaner and more efficient, saving future payrolls more than \$50 million annually. He also re-engineered the Department and was able to reduce the number of staff from 7800 to 6000 employees.

Under Wray's leadership, ODOT increased its construction program to a record \$300 million from its output in the 1980s

while simultaneously reducing its operating costs by \$200 million.

Director Wray began his career at ODOT and worked there from 1969 to 1977. He then left to become Deputy Licking County Engineer. He was elected Licking County Engineer in 1980 and re-elected in both 1984 and 1988.

He earned his civil engineering degree at the University of Akron. He resides in Newark, Ohio with wife Eva. They have four grandchildren.

Region V News

Everyone tired of winter? I know I am! We saw our first robin on Friday last week here in Elgin. Spring is on the way.

I just got back from Kansas City and the Chapter Leadership training. There were over 90 chapter leaders in attendance. It was a great program with a lot of opportunities to learn more about APWA, volunteerism and chapter's roles with the organization. Our own Bill Bowman was in attendance as well.

I presented a re-accreditation award to Schaumburg, IL in mid January and attended the Ontario Chapter annual meeting in late January. It's turning into a busy travel year. If you have programs or events for me to attend, be sure to

get me those dates early.

At the Winter BOD meeting, the BOD approved changes to our board governance. I don't have a lot of details at this time but essentially, more responsibility is placed upon staff with the BOD providing strategic guidance to support staff. I hope to have more details at the April spring delegates meeting.

The task force on Congress and meetings did make a report at the winter BOD meeting. The task force made several recommendations that are too numerous to list. The recommendation regarding congress location was presented. The recommendation suggests rotating Congress from the Midwest, to the east, back to Midwest, to the west, etc.

The rotation for 2016 will begin in the Midwest. The BOD is waiting for a review and recommendation from staff.

I am looking forward to our delegates meeting in April. Yvonne has put a good itinerary together for us. Also, please check with your chapters regarding the idea of another regional dinner in Denver this year.

Dave Lowry, Region V Director

APWA Membership- What's In It for YOU

Envision having an additional 29,000 staff members to help you examine and resolve problems and advanced processes and courses of action. APWA membership brings you this and more.

APWA is a highly participatory organization with hundreds of growth and leadership opportunities. Individuals and organizations can serve on committees, attend seminars and workshops or share ideas with an elite public works community. Members not only take the profession seriously, but also are committed to each other and to advocating for increased investment in public works. Membership in the association is open to anyone with an interest in public works and

the membership has been a driving force in APWA's growth and development for more than 60 years. Whether through service on the national or local levels, members have shaped the direction of the Association and the public works profession in several, noteworthy ways.

Expand your organizations membership. It benefits you!



Ohio Chapter / Branch Chapter Upcoming Events

Ohio Chapter

May 12th North East Ohio Snow and Ice Conference.

May 19th Ohio APWA Board of Directors meeting, Dayton, Ohio

July 6th Ohio APWA Board of Directors meeting, Put In Bay, Ohio

Central Branch Chapter

April 1 COAPWA Board of Directors meeting.

April 21 Professional Assistants lunch.

May 6 COAPWA Board of Directors meeting.

June 16 COAPWA Board of

Southwest Branch Chapter

April 14 S.W. Board of Directors meeting.

May 12 S.W. Board of Directors meeting.

May 18 Landfill & Recycle Facility Tour

June 9 S.W. Board of Directors meeting

Snow-N-Ohio Workshops, S.N.O.W.

APWA SW Ohio – March 31, 2011 in Butler County Ohio

NE Ohio S&I Technologies Workshop – May 12, 2011 in Solon, Ohio

Central Ohio APWA Snow-N-Ohio Workshop – June 23, 2011 at the Ohio State Fairgrounds, Columbus

NW Ohio APWA Snow-N-Ohio Workshop – September 28, 2011, Toledo area

Visit our website for all events and information at, <http://ohio.apwa.net>

APWA National Events

April 10 - 13 APWA 2011 North American Snow Conference, Spokane Washington

June 27 - 29 APWA 2011 Sustainability in Public Works Conference, Portland, Oregon

September 18 - 21 APWA 2011 International Public Works Congress & Exposition, Denver Colorado

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