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Presidents Message



Diane Watkins
President Ohio APWA

Greetings from your Ohio Chapter APWA President:
 I trust that everyone was re-

lieved by the lack of a winter season this year, but know that you all are busier than ever with your spring and summer activities. Returning from the APWA National Snow Conference in Milwaukee last week, I have reflected on how the snow and ice control industry has evolved since beginning my service over thirty years ago with public services. Technology, equipment and processes are changing a rate that requires determination and dedication of your agency to monitor and incorporate into your operation to continue to provide a level of service no other can provide.

Your State of Ohio Chapter and Branches are working diligently to help you at the local level by planning and hosting events. These events take an entire year to plan and require many volunteers. As you read in the various articles in this newsletter, consider taking on one of these roles. The time you spend behind the scenes will allow you access to the speakers and vendors beyond the attendees access. But the networking with your counterparts in other agencies is invaluable.

Have an Awesome Summer !

PROJECTS IN THE NEWS - City of Fairfield

Quadrant Road Intersection Design: Intersection of State Route 4 Bypass and State Route 4

The intersection of Route 4 and the Route 4 Bypass had a history of congestion-related accidents and troublesome traffic delays. To alleviate these issues, the City of Fairfield implemented an innovative quadrant road intersection design—the first in the country. The new intersection will greatly benefit the travelling public, as it is expected to

reduce accidents and enhance traffic flow to and from Route 4, which handles traffic of 40,000 vehicles per day. To minimize the effect of the project on the community, the new intersection utilized existing local resources. The significant amount of fill needed for the project was collected from other local projects for several years. In

addition, the project used the City's existing fiber-connected central traffic system software to monitor construction and traffic via video. The simpler two- and three-phased signals in the intersection work together to move traffic safely and efficiently.

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News from our Branch Chapters:

Southwest Branch - Fred Stovall, President SW Branch

The Southwest Chapter is hard at work planning an exciting and informative 2012 Ohio Public Work Expo on October 9-10, 2012 at the Dayton Convention Center. We plan to recruit more than 100 vendors to showcase their products. Vendors will be recruited from all areas of Public Works to help all of us obtain information on the latest equipment, tools and technologies available for delivering quality services to our communities. We are also in the process of recruiting 25-30 work session speakers that will share valuable

information on some best practices and technology applications that are currently being used in Public Works service deliveries and infrastructure projects. We are planning for a much diversified APWA OHIO EXPO that will share information in the areas of Roadway Maintenance, Snow/Ice Control, Trash & Recycle Collection, Fleet, Engineering, Water, Wastewater and Stormwater. This great informational and networking expo is being provided at a low cost of \$85 for both days, which includes lunch. If you have a recommendation for a topic you believe

will be valuable to the Ohio membership please feel free to email me your suggest Frederick.stovall@daytonohio.gov. Interested vendors for the EXPO can contact Angie Weber at WeberA@bceo.org and she will forward follow-up information to Vendor committee. We plan to have a preliminary list of work sessions, vendors and online registration available by May 1, 2012.

Central Branch - Louis McFarland, President Central Branch

The APWA Central Ohio Branch recently celebrated Administrative Professionals Day by hosting a luncheon at the North Bank Pavilion in downtown Columbus, Ohio. Forty-one people were in attendance for this annual luncheon. The City of Columbus Recreation and Parks Director, Alan McKnight, spoke on recent projects and future plans within the department he oversees. One exciting project is the new park being created in downtown Columbus. The land for the park is being reclaimed from

the Scioto River. This is being accomplished by removing existing low-head dams which will reduce the width of the water channel.

The next luncheon is scheduled for June 21, 2012 and the topic is *Pervious Pavements*. More details are forthcoming and will be available on the APWA website. The Central Ohio Branch is also hosting a social and membership drive function at Huntington Park to watch The Columbus Clippers play. The event will include not only local APWA mem-

bers but other professional organizations in the Central Ohio Area. Our regular members are encouraged to bring a prospective member along and introduce them to our organization.

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To enhance the aesthetics of the area, the design incorporated mast arm signals, overhead internally illuminated LED signs, and traffic islands with brick edging. These islands also allow for the inclusion of plant life, to contribute to the overall appearance of the intersection.

This intersection re-design was part of the City of

Fairfield's Bypass 4 Improvement Project, which also included roadway widening, bridge improvements, and modifications to nearby intersections. The \$9.3 million project was funded locally by the City of Fairfield with assistance from the Ohio Public Works Commission, which provided \$1.2 million in state funding.



Region V has to be extremely proud of the quality of leadership that is evident throughout Region V and the fact that we have 3 of the 2011 Top Ten Leaders in Public Works, with David Lawry, from Illinois, Chicago Metro Chapter, Larry Koehle from the Ontario Chapter and Tom Grisa from the Wisconsin Chapter.

I recently attended the Spring Board of Directors meeting where the discussion centered on the 2012/13 budget. As you know there are 7 themes in our strategic plan which includes:

- Grow and Strengthen Membership
- Support and Strengthen Chapters
- Utilize Technology to Better Engage and Serve Members Where They Live and Work
- Offer an Integrated and Comprehensive Approach to Professional Development and Education
- Continue Developing the Preeminent Center for Sustainability
- Expand and Strengthen APWA's International Role
- Ensure APWA's Future Sustainability

In order to achieve them there was significant discussion around effective resourcing, prioritizing, and setting realistic goals and objectives that can be accomplished within available funding.

Great results are being realized through the expansion of services in the area of Chapter support as the result of the additional staff that have come on board in 2011.

Significant improvements are planned for the use of Technology to support administrative services, members and the Donald C. Stone Centre, Certification, and Accreditation.

The new Value-Added membership proposal is anticipated to greatly improve overall membership growth in 2012. Feedback from many chapters on the availability of the Click, Listen and Learn programs at no additional cost has been good and the changes to the educational component of the membership has been well received.

Some areas where challenges were apparent are in sustainable funding through membership and Congress related revenues. Overall, membership is returning to pre-recession levels, however Congress continues to see a general decline in attendance and exhibitors.

An APWA Board meeting is planned for fall 2012 to further explore opportunities to address the challenges we face on sustainable funding and the ability to meet the objectives of the APWA's Strategic Plan.

New Member DRIVE! Contest

A contest to see if which Chapters can bring in the most new members will begin on April 1.

The New Member DRIVE! Contest will run from April 1 to June 30. Two winners will receive golf-oriented prizes from the APWA bookstore. The Chapter that brings in the most new members will be one winner and the Chapter that brings in the most new members as a percentage, based on the size of the chapter will be the other winner.

The winning chapters will receive a 'Dozen Dozen' golf balls, marked with the APWA logo. The golf balls can be given away as prizes at a Chapter's own golf event or used as giveaways or incentives at other Chapter functions. Any member of the winning chapter will receive 10% off of any golf-related merchandise from the APWA bookstore for the remainder of the year. That includes golf balls, golf towels and visors.

Any new member will count toward the Chapter's total during the 90-day period. The half-price members who join under the 'Never Been a Member' campaign will count but a returning member does not. Student Members will count as well.

Ohio Chapter / Branch Chapter Upcoming Events

Central Branch Chapter

April 25 Professional Assistants luncheon
May 4 COAPWA Board of Directors meeting
June 1 COAPWA Board of Directors meeting

Southwest Branch Chapter

May 1 Debris Management
May 8 S.W. Board of Directors meeting
June 12 S.W. Board of Directors meeting
July 10 S.W. Board of Directors meeting

Ohio Chapter

May 17th Ohio APWA Board of Directors meeting, SW Ohio
July 11th Ohio APWA Board of Directors meeting.
August 28th Chapter dinner at Congress, Anaheim CA.

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

APWA NW Ohio – September 5, 2012

Holiday Inn French Quarter—Perrysburg, Ohio

Ohio Public Works Expo

October 9—10, 2012 Dayton Convention Center, Dayton, Ohio

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APWA National Events

April 29 - May 2 APWA 2012 North American Snow Conference, Milwaukee, WI
June 25-27 APWA 2012 Sustainability In Public Works Conference, Pittsburgh, PA
August 26 - 29 APWA 2012 International Public Works Congress & Exposition, Anaheim, CA

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

24/7 Online Library update

Starting July 1, 2012 all APWA members will have access to the new 24/7 online library. This is an enhancement to your membership. Members will have access to all live and on-demand Click, Listen & Learn broadcasts, most web based training broadcasts, technical presentations from selected past and future Congresses and several other programs and e-publications. Using this resource members will be able to download or stream programs and set their own schedules for individual or group training sessions. The estimated value of this resource is around \$15,000 including 15-20 live programs each year and more than 100 on-demand programs for every member on a 24/7 basis.

To offset the cost of this new program the APWA Board of Directors has approved a one time yet permanent fee to dues of \$15 to begin July 1, 2012.. The fee does not apply to retired or student members. There will also no longer be fees for processing and tracking CEU and PDH credits for members.

If you questions regarding this new program please contact Dave Dancy at ddancy@apwa.net



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