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Presidents Message



Diane Watkins

President Ohio APWA

I hope everyone is taking time to enjoy their families this summer in spite of the record temperatures we are experiencing. Your APWA groups continue to provide training and networking opportunities for its members.

Make sure you check the newsletter and APWA website to find out about the events this fall. Your APWA boards are dedicated to provide you information and training that will keep your agency moving forward.

In addition to training, conferences and classes, APWA continues to work with other professional organizations to address issues that impact our ability to provide excellent services. Earlier this year, we were asked to join a group, led by the Ohio City and County Manager's Association, to discuss revenue losses at the local level from the State level and its impact on programs and services. The group represents police, fire, public works, schools; the folks that "Make Ohio Work" every day.

We are working collaboratively to address this situation with unity and respect for each agency involved. At this point, the agencies have agreed on a roadmap that includes constructing a unified message, media strategies and meeting with legislators. A communication plan will be developed to keep everyone informed on the issues and impacts on communities.

While we are in the early stages of the process, it important for you to know that your APWA is a part of this effort as a voice for public works agencies. We will keep you updated as the discussions move forward and action steps take place.

Two Ohio APWA statewide events coming up.

Two important events are coming up soon for Ohio APWA. The first is the **S.N.O.W. N Ohio Workshop** planned for September 5th at the Holiday Inn French Quarter in Perrysburg Ohio. This is the premier State Snow Show for Ohio. We are anticipating over 200 attendees plus vendor displays. This show was held in southwest Ohio and Columbus last year. Both drew very good attendance.

The second event is the **Ohio**

Public Works Expo sponsored by the SW Branch Chapter of Ohio APWA. It is a two day event planned for October 9th & 10th at the Dayton Convention Center. This is a long standing show for Ohio APWA. It encompasses all aspects of Public Works. Vendors will display products and equipment. There will be a large variety of technical sessions as well. Ohio APWA has also joined with National APWA in bringing the **Winter Maintenance Supervisor Certificate**

Workshop to this event (see article elsewhere).

The Board of Directors of Ohio APWA encourages all of you to participate in one if not both of these STATE events. They have exceptional technical sessions and value for you to use in your work.

Visit our web page for information and to register.

<http://ohio.apwa.net>

Hope to see you there!

News from our Branch Chapters:

Southwest Branch- Fred Stovall, President SW Branch

The Southwest Chapter is hard at work coordinating an excellent Ohio APWA Expo in Dayton October 9-10, 2012. We are looking for volunteers to help with the expo on Oct. 9-10 and if you are interested call Angie Weber at 513-785-4157 or email webera@bceo.org. Our next monthly chapter meeting will be August 14 at 2pm, Butler County Engineers Office. We are trying to bring a wide variety of vendors and topics to the Expo. To date we have approximately 50 confirmed vendors for the floor exhibition area. Listed here are some of the vendors:

K-Tech	Unique Paving Materials Corp.
Construction Accessories Inc.	American Highway Products
Alamo Industrial	PubWorks
Whelen	SealMaster
M Tech Company	Worksafe USA, Inc.
Wausau Equipment Company	Bell Equipment
KIMCO USA, Inc	KE Rose Company
Ennis-Flint	Best Equipment Company
Lacal Equipment	Jack Doheny Supplies Ohio
Terry Asphalt Materials	Henderson Trucking
Cartegraph	

Central Branch - Louis McFarland, President Central Branch

I find myself preparing this message just prior to my departure to our Nation's Capital. My family plans to take in the great museums and monuments honoring some of our Country's most deserving citizens, leaders, and military personnel. I look forward to enjoying all of the great public works Washington DC has to offer.

Back home, the Central Ohio Branch Chapter continues to provide regular training opportunities for its members. Our Chapter is hosting a GIS systems luncheon on August 23, 2012. This presentation

will provide attendees with a better understanding of how GIS systems are being used with current technology. On October 18, 2012 we will be hosting a joint meeting with the State Chapter in Columbus, Ohio. Immediately following lunch we will have a brief presentation on government cooperative agreements and a follow-up tour of the new City of Columbus Fleet Maintenance Facility. Our final program of the year will be a joint meeting with the State Board and Branch Chapters for the installation of officers. This event will take place at the new Salvi's Bistro located at 5000 Upper MetroPlace.

Looking ahead to 2013, the Central Ohio Branch is planning the Ohio Public Works Expo. Steven Koch, Central Ohio Branch Chapter Board of Director, has volunteered to lead the preparation for this event. More details will follow as planning for the event takes shape. Thanks Steven for your commitment to APWA.

Projects In The News

Low Cost Ramp Clearance Program (LCRC)

The LCRC is a pilot effort to identify and mitigate (where practical/feasible) interchanges susceptible to ramp queues that back out onto the mainline of freeways. Clearly the speed differential of stopped traffic on a freeway is a major safety concern with potentially catastrophic consequences. This pilot will utilize a very narrowly defined Purpose and Need; specifically, the goal will be exclusively to mitigate the queues through operational and fairly low cost geometric improvements. By narrowly defining the Purpose and Need it is hoped that the scope and requisite costs of a

potential project can be limited.

Countermeasures could range from very simple signal modifications to the limited addition of new capacity. Potential countermeasures could include:

- Restriction of movements (particularly at adjacent intersections that queue in to the ramp signal)
- Signal phasing
- Signal timing/coordination
- Queue flushing timing plans
- Turn lane construction
- Limited cross street through lane construction

-Changes of lane usage

-Queue warning systems for the freeway mainline

-Improving operations/capacity at adjacent intersections that affect ramp operations

Funding for countermeasure construction could be from any normal sources including Safety, Districts and MPO's. In many ways the LCRC is an attempt to see how fast we can fix a critical safety issue by narrowly focusing on a problem.



Sonja Simpson

Sonja Simpson is the Deputy Director of Operations for the Ohio Department of Transportation. The Operations Division includes the Offices of Aviation, Maintenance Administration, Traffic Engineering, and the Emergency Management section. Mrs. Simpson and the Division of Operations have an overall annual budget of approximately \$20M, and is responsible in managing and directing Operations policy for the entire Department of Transportation.

Mrs. Sonja Simpson is has been successful in “making Good Government happen”, since the beginning of her career as a planning Project Coordinator at the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC). After a few years she moved on to hold management positions in municipal government agencies, most recently at the City of Columbus. While in Columbus, she managed Maintenance Operations which included various activities including sign fabrication and installation, traffic signal maintenance, pothole patching and snow removal and the Columbus Snow Warriors, from which she earned her affectionate title of “Snow Queen”.

Sonja is originally from the Pittsburgh area, and moved to Central Ohio in 1999. She earned a B.S. in Environmental Science and a M.A. in Geography and Regional Planning from California University of Pennsylvania. She is currently taking steps to begin the pursuit of Doctorate in either Public Administration or Management. She was recently named one of the “Forty Under 40” for 2012, by Columbus Business First Magazine.

When not at work, Sonja enjoys time and activities with her family: her husband of 11 years and their three children (ages 10, 4, and 2). One of their new favorite family activities is ATA Taekwondo, and all but their youngest is actively learning the “way of the hand and foot”.

What did you do this Summer for vacation ?

Dennis Boyle — Family Cruise to Western Caribbean. Ports of call; Haiti, Jamaica, Grand Cayman & Cozumel.

Sonja Simpson — Family vacation to North Myrtle Beach, South Carolina.

Angie Weber — Family vacation to Disney, Florida and visiting Boston.

Ken Yost — Vacation to Cancun, Mexico with wife.

Valerie Klingman — Trip to Harrisburg, PA going to Hershey Park then Amtrak to Philadelphia to see a Real Madrid soccer game.

Tony DiPietro — Family vacation in Naples, Florida.

Randy Bowman — Vacation with partner in St. Martin, Caribbean Island.

Dave Pratt — Attended Spring Song Fest at Kings Island, vacation planned with wife to Grand Turk island and then to Grand Cayman.

Frank Phillips — Family vacation in Sandbridge Beach, Virginia.



Dennis Boyle & son Kenneth, helicopter tour in Grand Cayman



Sunset on St. Martin, from Randy Bowman

Ohio Chapter / Branch Chapter Upcoming Events

Central Branch Chapter

Sept. 9 COAPWA Board of Directors meeting

Oct. 7 COAPWA Board of Directors meeting

Southwest Branch Chapter

Sept. 8 S.W. Board of Directors meeting

Oct. 12 S.W. Board of Directors meeting

Ohio Chapter

August 28th Chapter dinner at Congress, Anaheim CA.

September 5th S.N.O.W N Ohio Workshop, Perrysburg, Ohio

October 18th Ohio APWA Board of Directors meeting, Columbus, Ohio

Ohio Chapter of APWA Annual Elections

Voting begins October 1st through October 13th.

All voting is on-line. Log into your account at, <http://ohio.apwa.net>

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

APWA NW Ohio – September 5, 2012

Holiday Inn French Quarter—Perrysburg, Ohio

Register for all events at: <http://ohio.apwa.net>

Ohio Public Works Expo

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

Sponsored by SW Branch Chapter of Ohio APWA

APWA National Events

August 26 - 29, 2012 International Public Works Congress & Exposition, Anaheim, CA

April 7 - 10, 2013 North American Snow Conference Charlotte, North Carolina

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

Ohio APWA Undergraduate Scholarship Program

Awards Announced !

For the last several years, the Ohio Chapter of APWA has awarded scholarships to undergraduate students. Specific points that are considered in the selection process are: Character and integrity; attainment of junior or senior status during the next academic year; pursuit of a Civil Engineering Bachelor's Degree in an Ohio accredited program; need for financial assistance; and permanent residence in the State of Ohio. Applicants are required to complete a two-page application form, and also include the following information: (1) Listing of activities and achievements; (2) At least one letter of recommendation from a responsible individual from the applicant's academic community; (3) A one page paper, typed single spaced, indicating why the applicant should be selected for a scholarship; (4) Describe any special circumstances not covered by information provided which the applicant feels should be considered in evaluating this application; (5) Official transcript or report of grades to show that a grade point average of 2.75 or above has been maintained; and (6) A list and repayment schedule of other loans, tuition assistance, and/or scholarships.

A total of 10 applications from five different universities were received for the 2012 scholarships, and we are pleased to announce that **Eric Hahn** and **William Garde**, both from the University of Cincinnati, were the recipients of this year's \$1,500 scholarships. Congratulations to both of these well-deserved students!

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