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Message from Ohio APWA President, Diane Watkins



Greetings! I know you are busy putting another winter season behind you and moving into construction and maintenance activities. We wish you a safe and productive season.

Public Works agencies continue to be asked to do more with less and are constantly putting out “fires”. Many times, Public Works staff are the first to arrive at emergency situations and the last to leave. These staffers work long hours and holidays away from home and family. Quite often their dedication, hard work and skills go unnoticed and can be underappreciated.

It is with great pleasure that I tell you the APWA National Committees are taking notice of accomplishments in our state. In the past few years, some of our colleagues and construction projects have received National Awards for excellence. It is my honor to inform you that our colleagues in Ohio continue to be recognized.

It is very exciting for our Chapter to have **three leaders** recognized for their contributions in the same year! Let me introduce them to you.

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Ohio Public Works Expo
May 15, 2019
Summit County Fairgrounds

North American Snow Conference
May 19 – 22, 2019
Salt Lake City, Utah

In Memoriam – Clyde “Butch” Seidle

Clyde Ralph "Butch" Seidle, Jr., of Hilliard, passed away Saturday, March 2, 2019, after a valiant struggle against cancer. He was 68. Butch was service director for the City of Hilliard since January 2004. Butch left “a tremendous legacy,” said Hilliard Mayor Don Schonhardt. Much of the infrastructure that Hilliard motorists use became reality through his efforts, said Schonhardt, who worked with Seidle for more than 15 years. When Butch’s retirement was announced February 8, he said “I’ve never thought of this as a job because this life of public service has been a pleasure.” He said his proudest accomplishment was the extension of Britton Parkway and Trueman Boulevard from Cemetery Road to Tuttle Crossing Boulevard on the outskirts of Dublin.

Seidle graduated from the University of Maryland with an undergraduate degree in engineering in 1976 and studied civil engineering at Ohio State University from 1977 to 1980. Prior to arriving in Hilliard, he was principal and director of Moody Nolan from 2000 to 2004 and chief deputy engineer for Delaware County from 1995 to 2000, and also had worked for the City of Columbus. Seidle was a veteran of the U.S Marine Corps and was married to his wife, Mary, for 35 years.

In addition to his public service, Butch was a member of Ohio APWA for over 30 years. Butch became a member of the APWA State Board in 1987, and served until 2017 when health concerns required him to step away. He was Ohio Chapter president in 2000, and was the chapter’s treasurer for several years.

Memorial contributions may be made to Kobacker House or Charity Newsies.

Hilliard officials have renamed the Hilliard East Family Aquatic Center the Clyde “Butch” Seidle Community Pool to honor his level of commitment to the city.



Butch Seidle



Ohio APWA’s Mission

The mission of Ohio APWA is to provide an essential delivery of up-to-date information on the latest public works technologies and management trends. The Chapter shall offer its members educational programs, public service activities, symposiums, equipment shows and the chance to network with fellow members in a professional setting.

PWX 2019 registration is NOW OPEN!

Join us in Seattle September 8-11, 2019

Experience the excitement that the public works industry has to offer, from outstanding education sessions, to exhibitors showcasing their latest products, services and technologies – you won't want to miss this. PWX draws thousands of professionals from all over the world, allowing you to connect with nearly 6,000 of your public works colleagues from North America and beyond.

Diana Clonch

2019 TOP TEN PUBLIC WORKS LEADER OF THE YEAR

Diana Clonch, of DW Clonch, LLC, Past President of the Ohio Chapter of APWA, and retired ODOT Assistant Administrator of Maintenance, has been named one of the American Public Works Association **2019 TOP TEN PUBLIC WORKS LEADER OF THE YEAR!**

Diana Clonch has more than 35 years of experience in public works with a diverse background in operations, management, and snow and ice control at the city, county, and state levels. Diana started her career as an engineering technician at Franklin County and worked her way up to a managerial role within ODOT. After retiring from ODOT, Diana created her own firm DW Clonch, LLC.

Filling roles never before held by females, Diana experienced many “firsts” in her career:

- Franklin County Engineer’s Office 1st female construction project inspector and project manager
- Franklin County Engineer’s Office 1st employee to exercise maternity leave
- Franklin County Engineer’s Office 1st female Department Head - the 1st in the State of Ohio
- Franklin County Engineer’s Office 1st female Highway Superintendent
- City of Columbus’s 1st female Operation Manager of Street Maintenance and Cleaning
- APWA’s 1st (and only) female Chair of the Winter Maintenance Sub-committee



Since retiring from the public service sector in 2012, Diana has been providing consulting services focusing on management, operations, snow and ice control training, and innovative technologies.

This award recognizes how Diana has:

- Advanced the cause of the public works profession through leadership
- Brought innovative operations to her agencies as an employee, and to her clients as a consultant
- Adopted sustainable practices to bring efficiency and effectiveness to winter operations

On June 10, there will be a celebration in the Columbus area to recognize Diana Clonch, Shannon Sorrell and Rob Sizemore’s achievements. Watch your email for more information about this event.

Diana, Rob, and Shannon will be receiving their awards in Seattle at APWA’s annual PWX in September. We hope that many of you will be on hand to applaud their achievements.

For more about Diana, read her [nomination packet](#).

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Letter from President Diane Watkins

Diana Clonch will be recognized as one of the top 10 Public Works Leaders 2019. Her daughter, Shannon Sorrell, will be awarded Best Facilities and Grounds Manager 2019 and Rob Sizemore will be honored as the Best Fleet Manager 2019. You can be assured that these award winners represent our profession with distinction. I have known and had the pleasure of working with them during my Public Works career. Their body of work is evidence of their expertise in their field. They demonstrate dedication and loyalty to those they serve. They reach out to support their colleagues through professional organizations and networking. The Chapter offers their award applications on the website to give you insight into what the best of the best looks like. You may want to review these applications and reach out to them. They will be receiving their awards at the PWX 2019 in Seattle.

Congratulations Ohio Chapter; Diana Clonch, Shannon Sorrell, Rob Sizemore!
Thank you!

Sincerely, Diane Watkins

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COAPWA Litter Cleanup Community Service Day

COAPWA had their litter cleanup community service day April 13 at Antrim Park in Columbus. Attendees included Scott Lucas, Jim Dippel, Larry Lester, Brian Moore, Jackie Thiel, Nina Duerk, Heidi Rose, and Barb Cox.



2020 NASC News and Updates

The Local Host Committee has been actively working on plans for the **North American Snow Conference** to be held in Cleveland, Ohio in 2020 (**April 19-22**). The Ohio Chapter is excited to hold this National Snow Conference in Cleveland and we are working hard to make sure this is a memorable event for the 2000 people we estimate will participate. Plans include dozens of education sessions to help these “snow fighters” learn more about new approaches to serve their communities. We will also have a great display of equipment for participants to see up close, and learn more about the new features on this equipment. On a social/networking level we have several great events planned. The chart-topper social event is an evening at the **Rock & Roll Hall of Fame** on Tuesday (April 21, 2020). The final day, Wednesday, will offer a choice of three Technical Tours to full conference registrants.

At the local level, we will offer a Daily Pass Program that will allow you to send your staff to attend for a day on the floor where they can see the many exhibits and participate in the special programs held on the exhibit floor. Applications for Daily Passes will be announced later in 2019 and the fee will range from \$25 per person to \$16 per person, depending on how many passes your agency wishes to purchase.

We’re excited about all the plans we have in the works. Stay tuned for updates and new details as they develop. Make sure you include this event on your calendar today!

For more information or to be added to our mailing/contact list contact the Local Committee at

NASC2020.OHIO@GMAIL.COM



In time for National Public Works Week
PAWS Print 2019 now available for FREE for your outreach efforts in your community!

This 12-page newspaper created for children in grades K–5 contains stories, fun facts, illustrations, activities and much more for students to learn all about public works!



This is a downloadable PDF file that can be shared via e-mail, read on screen, shown on a smart board, or printed for distribution to students.

To download your newspaper for elementary students in your community, click [here](#).

Rob Sizemore

**Professional Manager of the Year:
Public Fleet**



Rob Sizemore, Equipment Supervisor for the Metropolitan Sewer District of Greater Cincinnati, has been working in Public Fleet for over 30 years. He began as a mechanic with the City of Cincinnati Municipal Garage and advanced through the ranks. He holds two certifications in Fleet Management, from APWA (CPFP) and from NAFA (CAFM).

Among the innovations Rob has initiated for Cincinnati are: Utilization of GPS to insure operator compliance with Federal CDL Requirements and internal policies; and implementation of software to support technician's ability to diagnose equipment leading to reduction in downtime and repair cost reduction.

Rob continues to attend conferences and seminars to learn and incorporate best practices into his workplace. He is active in numerous professional organizations and has served as Board of Director on the Southwest Ohio APWA branch as well as President of NAFA, National Association of Fleet Administrators.

Rob's agency's "Touch a Truck" Program encourages elementary students to explore the equipment and learn more about the work provided by the city. This helps foster good relationships between the agency and the communities it serves. Perhaps it will inspire some of those children to consider a career in public service. For more about Rob, read his [nomination packet](#).

Shannon Sorrell

**Professional Manager of the Year:
Facilities & Grounds**



Ms. Shannon Sorrell is the Director of Parks and Recreation for the City of Whitehall. She is responsible for the parks, grounds, and recreational services associated with the city's 165+ acres of parkland across 5 parks, an acreage number that is slated to keep increasing over the next 3 years. Shannon is instrumental in developing and implementing the City's first trail plan, first dog park, first YMCA, first urban ranger program, and many more firsts.

Shannon leads the redevelopment of Whitehall's parks, facilities, and recreation services. Community impact, education, and accessibility are central to the strategic plans developed and implemented with her oversight.

In her two years as Parks and Recreation Director, Ms. Sorrell oversaw the completion of over \$3.5M in capital improvement projects and will wrap up another \$6M in projects by the end of 2019. She has engaged the community in this progress with outreach and accessible programming, enrichment and events. She has accomplished this by building professional partnerships, and by cultivating staff development. Her insistence on pushing and growing the talent that exists on her staff will surely be one of her many lasting legacies in public service. For more about Shannon, read her [nomination packet](#).

Calendar of Upcoming Events

- May 2 Concrete 101, Bowling Green, <http://ohio.apwa.net/AllEventList>
- May 8 2019 MS4 Bootcamp Training, Newport Aquarium www.ohstormwaterconference.com
- May 8-10 Ohio Stormwater Conference, Sandusky www.ohstormwaterconference.com
- May 13-20 National Infrastructure Week <http://infrastructureweek.org/>
- May 14 ODOT/ACEC Ohio Partnering Conference, Columbus <http://www.acecoho.org/>
- May 15 OHIO PUBLIC WORKS EXPO, Summit County Fairgrounds ohio.apwa.net
- May 15 ISA Certified Arborist Exam, Columbus <https://ohiochapterisa.org/Events/>
- May 19-22 NORTH AMERICAN SNOW CONFERENCE, Salt Lake City, Utah <http://www.apwa.net/events/>
- May 19-25 NATIONAL PUBLIC WORKS WEEK <http://www.apwa.net/discover/national-public-works>
- June 5 Traffic Engineering Workshop, Fairfield <http://www.apwa.net/events/>
- June 6-8 All Ohio Engineering Conference, Perrysburg <http://ohioengineer.com/>
- June 10 RECEPTION FOR OHIO APWA'S TOP PUBLIC WORKS LEADERS, Columbus ohio.apwa.net
- June 13 2019 ACEC Ohio Annual Meeting <http://www.acecoho.org/>
- June 13 Land Records Modernization Conference, Columbus https://associationdatabase.com/aws/CEAO/pt/sp/home_page
- June 21 Ohio Division of Forestry 40th Anniversary Forum, Columbus <http://ohioarborist.org/calendar/>
- Jun 24-27 Ohio WEA Conference & Expo, Huron https://www.ohiowea.org/2019_technical_conference_ex.php
- Aug 20-21 Ohio Bridge Conference & Trade Show, Columbus https://associationdatabase.com/aws/CEAO/pt/sp/home_page
- Sep 8-11 PWX, Seattle, WA <http://www.apwa.net/events/>
- Sep 10-12 Trees & Utilities Conference, Cincinnati <https://ohiochapterisa.org/Events/>
- Sep 23-25 Ohio GIS Conference, Columbus https://associationdatabase.com/aws/CEAO/pt/sp/home_page

The following people have recently become new members of APWA.

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| Mr. Keith Back, City of Kettering | Mr. Patrick Hawkins, Ironhawk |
| Mr. Tim J. Baker, City of Columbus | Mr. Richard Marett, Marett Holdings Co., Inc. |
| Mr. William C. Blakely, City of Sidney | Mr. Mike Metzger, Strawser Construction Inc. |
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| Mr. Greg Courtland, City of Cincinnati | Mr. Benjamin Mossburg, City of Worthington |
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| Mr. Brent Goodin, City of Worthington | Mr. Brent A. Wheeler, City of Columbus |
| Mr. Mike Gould, Springfield Township | Mr. Dan Wilson, City of Hilliard |
| Mr. William Harphant, Sugar Creek Township | Mr. Kacey Young, Ohio Department of Transportation |