

APWA Nevada Newsletter



Spring Conference Committee
top: Anita Marquez, Krupa Desai, Cheri Edelman, Lynette Russell, Raul Valdez, Jed Wheeler, Shawna DeSart, Stoney Mather, Jarah Parke, Gina Venglass, Sarjib Mulepati, Ben Taylor, Jeremy Leavitt, Ganesh Kadam
bottom: Sarah Hoffman, Matt Wilkinson, Lauren Warren, Shannon Ahartz, Jimmy Floyd, Raquel Speers, JP Woyton, Andrew Howard, Kaushal Shah, Brian Rowley (missing: Mike Mamer, Tanner Hartranft, Mike Bussio, Brooklyn Quiroz, Sarah Vido)

President's Message

What a great job the Conference Committee did with our Spring Conference in Laughlin. Thank you to Jarah Parke of MWH/Stantec and the entire conference committee. I know all of you spent a lot of volunteer hours working to make that event a success for our Chapter. And just like in the 1990's when I was watching the X-files, I have a renewed belief in aliens.

One of the primary goals of APWA Nevada is to encourage more involvement from students and young professionals in our organization. One way we achieve this goal is through our internship program. I am excited to report that this summer, APWA was able to co-sponsor three interns. This program has many benefits. Not only does it promote APWA, but these students get a flavor of the real world, and provide support to our partnering companies.

Recently I have been receiving emails regarding increased interest in the APWA National Congress, branded as Public Works EXPO (PWX). This year's annual convention will be in Minneapolis, August 28-31. Registration is at <https://www.apwa.net/PWX>. Our Nevada Chapter Dinner will be Tuesday, August 30. If you are going to PWX, please email me right away so I can include you in our reservation.

As President of APWA Nevada and with the support of the Board, I want to once again encourage all members to reach out to their neighbors, homeowners associations, and other organizations to spread the word

about the importance of Fuel Revenue Indexing. The Regional Transportation Commission of Southern Nevada (RTC) formed a committee comprised of prominent local businessmen and leaders of private interest organizations to recommend funding mechanisms for crucial projects. The Transportation Resource Advisory Committee (TRAC) is committed to sustaining Southern Nevada's economic vitality. TRAC's diverse array of stakeholders worked together for 10 months to ensure that the community has the transportation infrastructure in place to accommodate current and future growth. The recommendations from TRAC are going to the Board of County Commission for consideration on Tuesday June 21, at 9 AM. The ballot question will be considered by voters on November 8, 2016.

The Nevada Chapter will have our fall conference at Harrah's Hotel in Stateline, NV September 28- 30. Registration for this popular event will be opening soon. I suggest making your travel arrangements now and visit our web page often to make sure you do not miss this event.

Finally, I want to hear from you. If you have ideas regarding how APWA Nevada can better serve your organization please let me know. I respond to emails seven days a week. Please contact me at shansen@bcnv.org or 702.293.9291.

-SCOTT HANSEN, *Boulder City Public Works*

THIS ISSUE

- New Internship Program
- Spring Conference Recap
- Lifetime Members
- YP Activities

UPCOMING EVENTS

16th Annual Marv Byars' Memorial Golf Tournament
July 8, 2016

<http://nevada.apwa.net/EventDetails/8884>

Southern Branch Social

July 14, 2016

Sponsored by GCW, Atkins/Kiewit and CA Group/VTN

<http://nevada.apwa.net/EventDetails/8859>

Northern Branch BBQ

Rancho San Rafael Park, Reno
August 8, 2016

APWA PWX

Minneapolis, MN

August 28-30, 2016

Fall Conference

Harrah's Lake Tahoe
September 28-30, 2016

Southern Branch Picnic

Saturday, October 8, 2016

Northern Branch Luncheons

Third Thursday of the Month

<http://nevada.apwa.net/>

Southern Branch Luncheons

First Thursday of the Month

<http://nevada.apwa.net/>





From left to right are: Ruiko Maharjan (GES Intern), Scott Hansen (BC Public Works Director/APWA Nevada President), Greg DeSart (GES President/Owner), and Ryan Carey (GES Field & Laboratory Supervisor)

Introductory Round of APWA Internships Awarded

This year our chapter converted the scholarship program into an internship program where students will get hands-on experience working in public works with APWA-member agencies and businesses. The internship program will promote service in and support for the public works profession while also giving back to agencies and companies that support our APWA Nevada Chapter.

The first award was in Northern Nevada to Samuel Bruketta, a sophomore majoring in Civil Engineerin at the University of Nevada, Reno. Samuel is from Carson City and is the son of APWA member David Bruketta.

Two internships were set up in Southern Nevada. Melissa Liang, a freshman at USC, is working as an intern at Boulder City Public Works. She is particularly interested in the process of designing public roads and maintenance of the sanitary sewer collection system. Ruiko Maharajan, a PhD student at UNLV from Nepal, will be working with GES.

Congratulations to Samuel, Melissa, and Ruiko and thank you to CME, Boulder City and GES for their partnership with us in this program. A special thank you goes to our Nevada Chapter Vice President, Don Pawlowski, PE, for making these internships happen! Two internships will be offered in both the Northern Branch and the Southern Branch each summer. If you are interested in hosting an intern in 2017 or if you know of a student looking for summer employment, please contact Don at 775-815-4423 or Donald.pawlowski@atkinglobal.com.

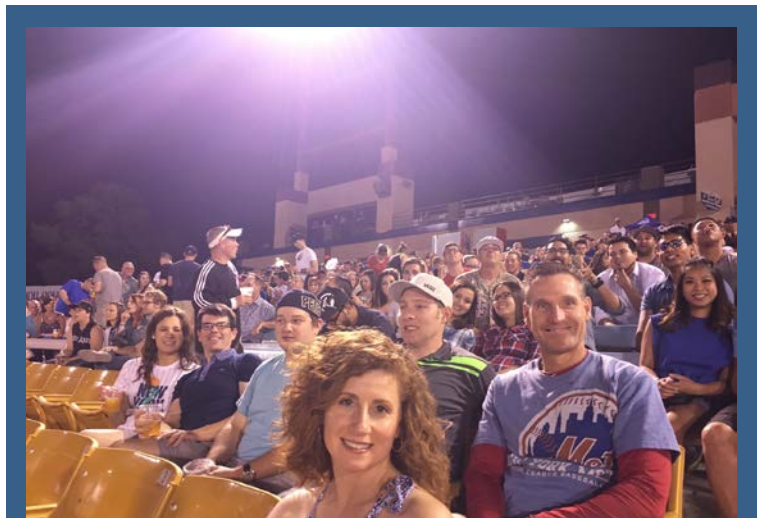


Don Pawlowski, PE, Atkins/Vice President of Nevada APWA (right) and Jon Del Santo, PE of CME (left) with intern Samuel Bruketta (center)

YP EVENTS ARE THE PLACE TO BE

The Young Professionals have been busy this year! In Southern Nevada they started off with a March social at Sierra Gold. At the Spring Conference they gathered a large group of attendees to join in Bar Hop Bingo after the BBQ. In May, it was a great night out at the 51s baseball game. Don't hesitate to join in the fun!

Brooklyn Quiroz (formerly Buzzone) is the newly appointed Southern Branch YP Chair. She is an Assistant Engineer with WSP Parsons Brinckerhoff assisting on projects relating to surface drainage, flood control, and construction management. She has been with the company for two years. She graduated from UNLV in 2013 with a bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering. Brooklyn also served on the Spring Conference Committee this year! It takes a lot of volunteers to make this such a great chapter! Thank you to Brooklyn and all of our chapter volunteers!



APWA Southern Branch YP Night at the 51s Game



#seeingorangeNV #votenovember8
<http://www.rtcsv.com/fri/index.html>



Southern Branch Shows Up Strong for Volunteering at Three Square

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Dallan Affleck, *CA Group*
 Manas Asthana, *HDR Inc*
 Robert Bidart, *City of Sparks*
 Vincent Bossio, *Geneva Polymer Products*
 Mary Carr, *Atkins*
 Timothy Echeverria, *Slater Hanifan Group*
 Ozwald Henke, *City of Fernley*
 Paul Judd, *Jacobs*
 Ganesh Kadam, *WSP|Parsons Brinckerhoff*
 McKenna Keefer, *Atkins*
 Daniela Machado, *MWH Americas*
 John Manning, *Advantage Civil Design Group*
 Jayne Mazurkiewicz, *City of Henderson*
 David Morreale, *City of Las Vegas*
 Frank Needham, *Wunderlich-Malec Engineering*
 John Penuelas, *Regional Trans Comm of Southern NV*
 Michael Phillips, *Industrial Supply Company*
 Nikki Phillips, *Aggregate Industries SWR*
 Brooklyn Quiroz, *WSP Parsons Brinckerhoff*
 Gene Ramos, *Atkins*
 Zen Rookhuyzen, *Jacobs*
 Brian Ruiz, *VTN Consulting*
 Thomas Stevens
 Michael Stojanoff, *Terracon*
 John Tobin, *GCW Engineering*
 Anthony Todechiney, *Terracon*
 David Tusler, *Kimley-Horn*
 Paul Villaluz, *Slater Hanifan Group*
 Daniel Wonders, *AECOM*

SPRING CONFERENCE 2016 WAS OUT OF THIS WORLD

As has become tradition, the spring conference featured stellar networking events, rocket science made easy by top-notch presenters, mind-blowing extra-terrestrial beliefs presentation by investigative filmmaker Jeremy Corbel, vendors representing the best services and products in our solar system and extraordinary approaches to leadership by Ty Bennett that will make us much better earthlings! Friday featured star-studded round tables with Women in Engineering and Public Works Directors. We didn't make it to outer space, but the great outdoors were definitely enjoyed with a hike to Grapevine Canyon and golfing at Laughlin Ranch.
 -Lauren Warren, CTS

Ty Bennett, Keynote Speaker

"Partnership is the New Leadership"

- Partner Leaders Build Genuine Relationships
- Partner Leaders Build A Culture of Commitment
- Partner Leaders Know that Motivation is Important but Overrated

www.tybennett.com



APWA Project of the Year award presentation at Boulder City Council Meeting

PROJECT OF THE YEAR AWARDS

Less than \$5M

Transportation

- Rancho Drive/ Decatur Boulevard, City of Las Vegas

Structures

-Whalen Ballpark Renovations, City of Boulder City

Environmental

-Bootleg Canyon Park Phase II Improvements, City of Boulder City

\$5-10M

Transportation

-Centennial Parkway / Camino Eldorado to Lamb Boulevard, City of North Las Vegas

Structures

-Colton Flood Control Improvements project, City of North Las Vegas

Environmental

-Pittman Wash Channel - UPRR to Arroyo Grande, City of Henderson

REGISTER TODAY!

PWX

PUBLIC WORKS EXPO


2016

MINNEAPOLIS CONVENTION CENTER
AUGUST 28-31, 2016

EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT

SAVE **\$100** REGISTER BY **JULY 8TH**

REGISTER ONLINE OR GET MORE INFORMATION AT:
www.apwa.net/PWX



**FALL CONFERENCE:
ATTEND YOU MUST**

NEVADA CHAPTER
APWA
2016 FALL THE WORKS-AWAKENING CONFERENCE

SAVE THE DATE!

SEPTEMBER 28-30, 2016
HARRAH'S LAKE TAHOE, NV

JOIN US IN A GALAXY FAR, FAR AWAY
TO CELEBRATE THE APWA NEVADA CHAPTER 2016
FALL CONFERENCE. THIS "WORKS-AWAKENING"
EVENT WILL BRING TOGETHER PROFESSIONALS IN
THE PUBLIC WORKS INDUSTRY FOR THREE DAYS OF
EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMING, VENDOR
AWARENESS AND NETWORKING EVENTS TO GIVE
YOU UNBEATABLE OPPORTUNITIES TO LEARN
ABOUT THE LATEST INNOVATIONS, EXCHANGE
IDEAS AND DEVELOP NEW BUSINESS
RELATIONSHIPS. PLUS, A SCHEDULE FILLED WITH
FUN, SPONSORED EVENTS!
WE LOOK FORWARD TO ANOTHER GREAT EVENT.
MAY THE "WORKS" BE WITH YOU.

WATCH FOR UPCOMING INFORMATION ON
NEVADA.APWA.NET

Registration will be forthcoming. For conference inquiries, sponsorship/vendor requests or speaker opportunities, please contact Jon Del Santo at jdelanto@cme.tv.com

APWA NEVADA RECOGNIZES TWO LIFETIME MEMBERS



Left to right: APWA Region VIII Director Shahnawaz Ahmad, PE; Les Henley, PE; Kevin Hill, PE; and 2016 Nevada Chapter President Scott Hansen, PE

Les Henley, APWA Nevada Past President 2008, and Kevin Hill, APWA Nevada Past President 2002, were awarded lifetime memberships to this organization which they have served for many years.

Mr. Henley spent 19 years of his professional career at Clark County Public Works and 12 years prior at the City of Phoenix. Mr. Hill has been an APWA member since 1986, working for the City of Henderson for 19 years and the Las Vegas Valley Water District the 10 years prior. We are appreciative of their commitment to both our industry and our Nevada APWA Chapter.