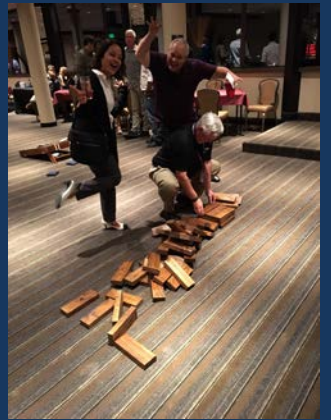


APWA NEVADA NEWSLETTER

Winter 2016



It's 2017! Let's Review & Renew



Fall 2016 Conference Committee

Front: Deanna Gray, Tracy Black, Mary Carr, Crystal Briscoe, Lori Bigham, Katie Weagel, McKenna Keefer
Back: Warren Call, Frank Peralta, Beth Legenbauer, Jonathan Pease, Jon Del Santo, Mike Brown, Kimberly Rossiter
Not Pictured: Dan Stucky, Randi Lynn Reed, Rebecca Bernier, Joy Guinn

President's Farewell

Wow, it is hard to believe 2016 is over. It has been a great year for the Public Works industry and APWA-Nevada. There was a notable increase in work being released by public agencies and it seems there are construction cones on every street. The two annual conferences hosted by our Chapter continue to thrive as members value this excellent opportunity to share knowledge within our profession.

Early in 2016, I proclaimed the fuel indexing ballot questions were the most important issue for the Public Works industry in Nevada in over a decade. Unfortunately, only the voters of Clark County supported us in this important effort. For the other Counties, it is time to lobby our elected officials for another opportunity. Hopefully Washoe County, Clark County, and NDOT can prove to the State the importance of fuel indexing by continuing to deliver quality transportation projects to the people.

For contractors, consultants, and public agencies, the rebound of the economy means the competition for staffing resources is ramping up. A great way to reward your staff is by encouraging their participation in APWA and supporting their attendance at

our conferences. It's a small price to pay that goes a long way to employee retention. I especially want to encourage you to get your young professionals involved in APWA. The knowledge they learn and the relationships they build pays back dividends for years.

The Spring Conference Committee is busy planning another great event in Laughlin. Please mark your 2017 calendars for April 19-21. This year the conference chair is Jed Wheeler. If you want to get involved on the committee or have a great topic to present, please contact Jed at: jwheeler@accbuilt.com. The 2017 dates for the fall conference at Lake Tahoe are September 27-30. If you are interested in this conference, please contact Jon Del Santo at: jdelsanto@cmenv.com.

Finally, I want to congratulate Joy Guinn as I pass the presidential gavel to her. Joy served many years on conference committees for APWA and countless volunteer hours for this organization. I am confident APWA-Nevada is in a great position with the incoming 2017 Board.

-SCOTT HANSEN, Boulder City Public Works

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- New 2017 Executive Board
- Historian's Corner
- APWA Gives Back

UPCOMING EVENTS

E-Week

February 19-25, 2017

APWA Membership Drive

Northern Branch v. Southern Branch

March 1 – August 31, 2017

Spring Conference

Aquarius, Laughlin, NV

April 19-21, 2017

National Public Works Week

May 21-27, 2017

APWA PWX, Orlando, FL

August 27-30, 2017

Northern Branch Luncheons

Third Thursday of the Month

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

Southern Branch Luncheons

First Thursday of the Month

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



Steven & Meagan Ireland at our chapter dinner at PWX in Minneapolis.

ATTENTION MEMBERS! NORTHERN BRANCH vs. SOUTHERN BRANCH MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

"The more the merrier" so we want to put "the ball in your court" to tell your colleagues and friends "to jump on the bandwagon" because "the grass really is greener" at APWA! Whichever branch increases the most in membership, on a percentage basis, from March 1st to August 31st this year will win the bragging rights of a cannon to be displayed in the respective region's curio. So don't leave this challenge "on the back burner!" "Get to work!" It's "a piece of cake," and just remember that "all is fair in love and war" and membership drives. May the best branch win! It's actually going to be a "win-win situation" for everyone involved!

APWA Nevada Chapter Raises Over \$13,000 For Local Charities in 2016



Northern Branch Charity Luncheon for Kids Kottage

Bert Wells the outgoing Director and Tim Grafton the incoming Director discussed the operations of the Kids Kottage. They serve children from newborn to 18 years old who have to be removed from potentially dangerous situations. They can have from 35 to 50 children on any given day and had 47 that day. All the children come with very little earthly possessions and need many of the basics of life. APWA and ASCE each donated \$500 cash, APWA bought \$500 of raffle prizes (which raised \$1265), members brought gifts and gift cards for the children and several of the engineering firms made large cash donations directly to Kids Kottage. In all, the cash and gift donations were estimated to be \$3,700.

-Kimble Corbridge, Washoe County

Many generous donations made the annual "Stuff the Stocking" effort a great success. This effort, in conjunction with a number of other professional organizations (ASCE, AIA, ITE, NSPE, SWE, SAME, CMAA, SMPS, ACEC) made a significant impact, helping many members of the Las Vegas Valley.

As co-chairs, Gina Venglass and Rosa Cortez researched worthy organizations and selected NHSSN because of their commitment to "offer a hand up, and not a hand out" to working individuals and families close to poverty level income. NHSSN provides transitional housing, affordable housing, and education to facilitate low to moderate income individuals and families an ultimate path to home ownership. The committee solicited donations from the partner organizations, consultant firms, construction companies, and hundreds of individuals collecting over \$10,000. Working with NHSSN they determined the needs of the residents. Committee members used the donations to

purchase toys, jackets, blankets, and gift cards for deserving residents in NHSSN housing in both the City of Las Vegas and City of North Las Vegas.

On December 7th, committee members delivered jackets, blankets, and a \$20 grocery gift card to each of the 53 residents at Parson's Place. Parson's Place currently sits on the corner of 7th and Stewart and was originally founded in the 1950's. It was named after Reverend Henry Hunt Parsons a priest serving at Christ Church Episcopal. He was well known for helping the homeless. NHSSN carried on his wishes and continued to house up to 57 southern Nevada residents whose income is less than \$12,650 annually.

On December 8th, committee members delivered toys and \$100 grocery gift cards to NHSSN residents in North Las Vegas. Santa and Mrs. Clause were present to deliver the presents and provide picture taking opportunities with each of the residents and their families. Thank you so much for your contributions!

Four Interns, Coming Right Up!

Our Nevada Chapter Internship Program is looking for partners, both public organizations and private consultants, interested in training an intern this summer. We will place two interns in Northern Nevada and two in Southern Nevada. We anticipate agreements with the selected agencies and companies by March 15th so we can advertise for interns shortly after, with final selections by early May. The agreement between APWA and the agency/company is that the intern work in a field that is representative of Public Works with a minimum of \$10/hour, 30+ hours a week, for at least 8 weeks in the summer. APWA will provide \$1500 to each agency/company in a lump sum after the intern has been selected and begins work. For more information and to request consideration please contact Debi Bohnet, Debi.Bohnet@ch2m.com or Don Pawlowski Donald.Pawlowski@atkinsglobal.com



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What is the PACE Award that our Chapter has received 11 years?
The Presidential Award for Chapter Excellence recognizes APWA chapters for contributions made to positively impact their membership, profession, and community. Our Past Presidents put a lot of effort into our award submittal. Chapters are selected based on education programs, younger member outreach, community service, public works promotion and advocacy, professional development and much more. We are so fortunate to be a part of such a great chapter that is recognized at the national level! Everyone's involvement makes a difference!



Project of the Year Presentation to the City of Las Vegas: Scott Hansen presented the award to Randy McConnell, Michael Ahlert, Mark Sorensen

“IMPRESSIVE APWA FALL CONFERENCE WAS”

A long time ago in a galaxy (or mountains) far, far away, the fall conference brought enthralling engineers, innovative industry leaders, mind-blowing marketers and significantly-crucial sponsors under one roof for preparations to protect our Nevadan Republic. Training the force included giant Jenga resistance training at the YP event, Jedi stunt training by extreme athlete JT Holmes, vendors representing the best services and products in the galaxy and extraordinary tactics from dozens of Jedi Knight presenters! A special thanks to Mike Brown for keeping all the Jar Jar Binks out of the POTY awards this year and allowing Rey, Finn, Poe and colleagues to save the day! If you missed this conference, may the force still be with you! –Lauren Warren, CTS



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

- Michael E. Miller, *City of Fallon*
Jeffrey D. Wilbrecht, *RTC*
Maria D. Paz Fernandez, *RTC*
Andrew Jayankura, *RTC*
Bob Schricker, *City of Sparks*
Christopher Cobb, *City of Sparks*
Jenelle M. Price, *Cardno TBE*
Steven Moon, *Lumos & Associates*
Xuan Wang, *RTC*
Jeff N. Griest, *CH2M HILL*
Cole N. Peiffer, *RTC*
Rebecca J. Kapuler, *RTC*
Anthony DeLeon, *Taney Engineering*
Kenneth Angst, *Stantec Consulting*
Roger A. Philippi, *Atkins North America*
John D. Frisby, *Town of Minden*
Robert Griffin Leonard, *USA Shade & Fbrc Struc Inc/Sun Ports*
George E. Jordy, *Atkins North America*
Cassandra Jean Watson-Mihelcic, *Atkins North America*
Jared H. Olsen, *Horrocks Engineers*
Joe Mamola, *Atkins North America*
Stephen M. Hein, *Construction Materials Engineers, Inc.*
Mark Elicegui, *Parsons*
Andre Douville, *Whiting-Turner Contracting Co*
Danielle M. Bertini, *Carollo Engineers*
Craig M. Galuska, *Carollo Engineers*
Michael D. Lanum, *Atkins North America*
Shane K. Dyer, *Dyer Engineering Consultants, Inc*
Chad Anson, *CA Group*
Rick Torrens, *KCI Technologies*
Rodney J. Savini, *Poggemeyer*
Stephen C. Roberts, *Atkins North America*

PROJECT OF THE YEAR AWARDS

\$10-20 Million

Transportation

- Main Street Phase I Improvement – Bonneville Ave to I-515, City of Las Vegas

Structures

-Rancho-Fort Apache Storm Drain, City of Las Vegas

Environmental

-Simmons Street Drainage Improvements – Alexander Rd. to Gowan Outfall Channel , City of North Las Vegas

Over \$20M

Transportation

-North 5th Street – Carey Avenue to Cheyenne Avenue, City of North Las Vegas

Environmental

-Las Vegas Wash – Sloan Channel to Cedar Avenue, Clark County Public Works

New Year, New Opportunities: SAY "YES!"

2017
CONFERENCES
COMING UP:
SAVE THE DATE!



APWA Nevada is a community of professionals focused on providing sustainable, valuable solutions for our local cities, counties, and municipalities. Our members are the constant responders that ensure there is clean drinking water, safe roads to travel on, and so much more that many of the public do not see or understand the value each of you bring to our neighborhoods.

In 2003, I joined APWA not really understanding what this organization did or how it would be an integral part of my life. That year I volunteered as the print/mail co-chair of the Spring Conference so I could get more active, meet new people, and learn more about APWA. The last 14 years have demonstrated to me what this organization truly means and how much it can impact your life. Every chance I had I said, "Yes" when asked to volunteer whether it was helping on a committee to serving as a leader at the branch and chapter level. I have visited events at multiple other chapters and what we have created in our Chapter is quite honestly, very unique.

I am humbled to take on the role and responsibility as President of the Nevada Chapter, I will continue to say "yes" to new ideas that will grow and support our membership, to more creative and innovative programs that will help educate our members, and the resources that will allow you to take your careers to the next level. Building connections, creating value, and advocating for public works will continue to be the focus for our Chapter in the upcoming year.

If you are considering APWA membership, now is the time to join and take advantage of all that APWA has to offer! When asked to pitch in as a volunteer, say YES – as you never know the doors it could open for you, the relationships it will create, and the new skills you might add to your professional toolbox. When all the membership benefits are taken advantage of the value attained through APWA will be immeasurable.

Many thanks and gratitude to the leaders that have served before me that have been my mentors and friends to prepare me for this upcoming year. APWA is YOUR organization and I want to make sure you are getting the most out of your membership. Please feel free to contact me with your ideas and suggestions to make our Chapter the best yet!

All my best, Joy D. Guinn, NCE
2017 APWA Nevada President



2017 Chapter Officers R to L: Scott Hansen, Joy Guinn, Don Pawlowski, Debi Bohnet, Jeremy Leavitt, Cheri Edelman, Raquel Speers, Mike Brown, Deanna Gray, Ron Maurizi (not pictured: Kevin Hill, Lynette Russell and Anne Laughlin)