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By Nathan Wachtendonk, Fall Conference Committee

The APWA Wisconsin Chapter Fall Conference will take place Nov. 2-4 in Platteville. It will be held on the historic UW-Platteville Campus, where many of our members started their journey into the rewarding career of Public Works.

Over the years, the Chapter has prided itself with hosting exciting and fun conferences with diversified educational sessions and informational technical tours.

The conference planning committee has been working diligently, making every effort to make this conference unique and one of

the best ones yet. We are excited to continue traditional activities like the golf outing, YP Committee gathering, technical field trips and scholarship banquet. We are even more excited to bring you new and exciting activities like educational technical tours every day of the conference, a Thursday meet-and-greet lunch with students presenting senior design projects, faculty presentations and the banquet with featured keynote speaker Steve Bench, who will present an informative address on "Attracting Tomorrow's Talent with Today's Leaders."

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President's Comments



By Eric Dundee

In late August, about 30 attendees represented the Wisconsin Chapter at PWX, the National

APWA Conference. I am very pleased to say the Chapter was well represented as speakers, vendors, and attendees, including our two newest emerging leaders. We accepted the Chapter's 17th consecutive annual Presidential Award for Chapter Excellence (PACE) award, which has become almost a certainty for the Chapter with our Awards Committee's commitment to memorializing all of the great things the Chapter, committees, and members do throughout the year. We also got to celebrate **Jeff Mazanec**, raSmith, who is officially the Communication/Website Committee chair, and unofficially the stitches in the fabric that holds the Chapter's leadership and members together. Jeff received the Harry S. Swearingen award for outstanding chapter achievement and excellence in Chapter service.

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Editor's Note


By Nancy Cavanaugh

I'm Running Out of Verbs!

As I began to typeset the table of contents, I couldn't think up enough verbs for the titles. Each article describes a "win" situation and I had to scramble to find the best verb without resorting to cliches. (See below. Check the middle column, items 2-4, you'll see what I mean.) Time to check the thesaurus!

I get picky about verbs because reporting on events and various awards is repetitive and pedantic without action verbs. You already know about the awards; only the faces of the winners change. Even group shots of winners holding plaques is tedious unless you recognize a familiar face—or you are pictured in one of them yourself!

However, this issue *does* include a National award that hasn't involved our Chapter since 1999—23 years ago! Be sure to read about **Jeff Mazanec** and why he won the prestigious Harry S. Swearingin Award (page 3). The details of his Chapter participation and achievements go back to 1984. (New members, don't be discouraged. His story reveals an individual blueprint for success you can learn from.)

The Membership Services report (page 11) is be worth checking, too, because it lists 98 new members who joined since January 1. Is there a name you recognize? Someone you'd like to know? Get in touch and share your common interest in public works with them. 

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ON THE COVER:

Banner images: Left: Bird's eye view of the Snowplow Rodeo at the Fox Valley Technical College in Appleton (page 5). Center: The Sesquicentennial Engineering Hall at UW-Platteville, site of the Fall Conference (page 1). Right: Chapter members **Jason Atchison**, Baxter & Woodman and **Glen Morrow**, City of Franklin, at the Chapter Dinner (page 9).



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National News



Jeff Mazanec receiving the Harry S. Swearingen Award with Scott Grayson (left), APWA Executive Director, and Stan Brown (right), APWA national president.

Jeff Mazanec Presented with the 2022 Harry S. Swearingen Award

By Tim Barbeau, Senior Project Manager, raSmith

Congratulations to **Jeff Mazanec**, winner of the 2022 Harry S. Swearingen Award. The award is a National award selected by the APWA Awards Committee. The purpose is to recognize individuals for outstanding chapter achievement and excellence in chapter service. Jeff has been a consistent contributor to the success of the Wisconsin Chapter throughout his time associated with the organization.

Jeff Mazanec has been an active member of the Wisconsin APWA Chapter since 1984. Once an official member, he did not wait to get involved.

Jeff served on the Chapter's Research and Program Committees throughout the late 1980's and 1990's. Starting as a director in 1999, he advanced through Executive Committee positions to serve as Chapter President in 2003 and past president in

2004. Through that period and into the present, he has also served as the Chapter's website administrator, Communications Committee Chair and as a member of the Past President's Committee.

During his tenure as the Program Chairperson, Jeff spent numerous hours with city host committees establishing meaningful and relevant programs for the Wisconsin Spring and Fall Chapter Conferences. He recognized early during his chairmanship that the most important service the Wisconsin Chapter offers its members are the educational sessions at its state conferences. He took responsibility for contacting speakers, coordinating sessions, and communicating with host committees stationed throughout the state of Wisconsin.

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Fall Conference (Cont.'d from page 1)



The Platteville Golf & Country Club.

To magnify the message from Steve Bench on attracting future talent, UW-Platteville students and faculty are welcome and encouraged to attend at no charge. This conference will be an excellent opportunity to promote and attract the next generation of workers that will pick up and carry the torch keeping our public works legacy alive far into the future.

As you prepare for the conference, we have a couple thoughts for you to remember.

1. Do not forget to wear shirts displaying your agency or company logo so you can easily be recognizable to students (your possible next hire).
2. Having plenty of business cards and any company/agency profile information to hand out.

President's Comments (Cont.'d from page 1)

This marks the first time the Chapter has had a recipient of this award since 1999, when **John Curtis**, HNTB, won the award...and before that was 1962. To one of my mentors in APWA, congratulations again, Jeff!

As the Chapter moves into the fall, I am very excited for the Fall Conference in Platteville. For more information, see the article on page 1. For my short version, hear this: "It will be fantastic, don't miss out!" This conference is going to be very unique and a large portion of the conference will be dedicated to events and activities that take advantage of being on the UW-Platteville campus. For some of us who are alums, this is even a chance to go back to where our public works involvement started. I will be participating in the conference and trying to connect with students who attend the conference to sell them on a life of ser-

vice to public works. When I think about this, I can't help but wonder how my path to where I am now would be different if I wouldn't have known about it. When I was a student, I didn't understand the engineering and public works landscape let alone the benefit of professional associations. I think I got lucky with every move I have had in my professional career. I learned about public works with experiences during summer internships and after I graduated with both private companies and public agencies. Eventually, that learning led me to APWA and to understand the value of what APWA is as an association, and what its members and supporters do to make the world a better place. Now I just hope I can explain it to students!

3. Do not miss the chance to promote APWA and the important and thankless job we all do. What we do is exciting and betters the world every day—share your story!

For all of the details on the conference, registration or reserving a room, contact the Conference Program Planning Chair **Eric Dundee** at (608) 709-1867 or ericd@madsewer.org, or simply check out the Wisconsin Chapter APWA website at <http://wisconsin.apwa.net/EventDetails/29490>.

The Wisconsin Chapter goes to great lengths to maintain high-quality, affordable conferences.

We are looking forward to seeing you *all* there.✍️

Fleet Services Committee



Winners from left to right: 1st place, Mike Loose, Calumet County; 2nd place, Brett Bayer, Village of Greenville; 3rd place, Anthony Leitner, Calumet County; 4th place, Mike Patenaude, Village of Allouez; 5th place, Terry Rutledge, Waukesha County. Far right: Tom Zembruski, Fleet Services Chair.

32nd Annual Snowplow Rodeo Debuts in New Location with Strong Participation

By Thomas Zembruski, Chair, Fleet Services & Snowplow Rodeo Committee

In last year's October newsletter, the previous Fleet Chair, **Jay Getka**, finished out a great event and looked forward to seeing everyone in Green Bay the next year. However—construction, timing, and other events at Lambeau Field culminated in a huge effort to change venues for the 2022 APWA Wisconsin Chapter Rodeo.

This year's event was held at Fox Valley Technical College in Appleton, Wis. and included a great increase in driver participation, with a total of 99 competitors for 2022! A huge thank-you goes out to Event Planner Teresa Tuschl and her team from Fox Valley Tech—their willingness to work with our planning committee was critical in putting together this year's event in such a short amount of time.

The Rodeo Vendor Showcase featured nearly 20 vendors again this year with a wide variety of equipment—plow trucks, sweepers, front end loaders, and brine-making equipment were just some

of the great products on display for Rodeo attendees. A special thank-you goes out to Truck Country Wisconsin for being the major sponsor for this year's event and vendor social hour that was held at the Wisconsin Timber Rattlers baseball game on Sept. 8.

This year's Rodeo obstacle driving course was similar to last year's, with the only change being a slightly shortened straightaway to accommodate both courses in Fox Valley's parking lot. The challenging course included a sweeping curve, round-about, outside curve, slalom course, dead end/backing, and start-stop finishing line, in addition to stopwatch timing for each competitor. I'm sure it's happened in the past, but **Mike Loose** from Calumet County now holds the distinction of back-to-back championships for 2021 and 2022! Congratulations to Mike and our other Top four finishers for this year.

In addition to the driving course, competitors

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Jeff Mazanec (Cont.'d from page 3)

Jeff continues to be actively involved in planning and administering the Chapter's two major conferences each year and supports the Executive Committee with the organizational history, experience, and knowledge he has gained from being involved with the Chapter for so many years. Over the past two years, Jeff has been instrumental in developing, organizing, and figuring out how to conduct these conferences virtually and has been directly involved in the resolution of technological challenges associated with these conferences.

Even today, Jeff continues to fully engage in the



operation and organization of the Chapter and its committees. He has been the one person who has been consistently involved in all matters related to the APWA Wisconsin Chapter.

In the past, Jeff has hosted three to five "Click, Listen and Learn" events per year, inviting APWA members, non-members and engineers to engage in discussions about public works and to promote public works and APWA membership.

Jeff has been involved in the Lakes Area Public Works Association (LAPWA) in eastern Wisconsin, providing website support, attending their bimonthly meetings and providing occasional speakers. LAPWA provides an opportunity for public works leaders in smaller communities to connect and discuss the public works issues they deal with every day.

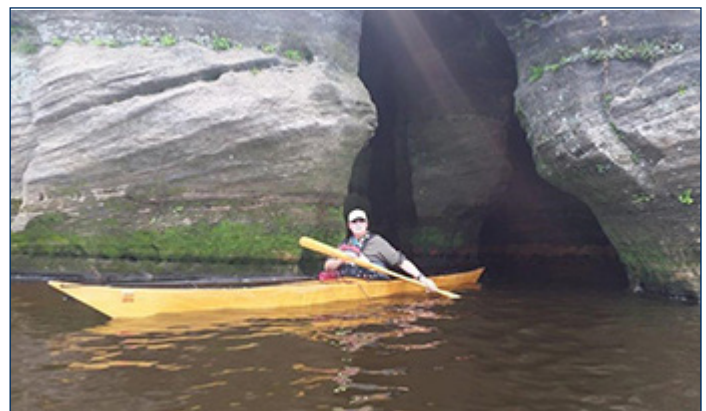
Jeff continues to nominate, encourage, and seek out candidates for the Wisconsin Chapter Emerging Leaders Program and nominates students for its

annual scholarship awards regularly. He sees the benefit in these programs for the people who are chosen as well as for the future of the organization.

Jeff became the Wisconsin Chapter's first web administrator and this Chapter became one of the first to have a site disseminating information to its members. Since then, the Chapter website has provided helpful, timely information and helped retain as well as gain members. Jeff spent many hours developing and updating the initial site and administering the template-driven Chapter website after it was offered by National APWA. As an early user, Jeff was influential in the development of the Chapter template system. He also introduced and administered use of the Whova mobile application to support the Chapter's Spring and Fall Conferences.

Throughout the past 20 years, Jeff has remained an invaluable and contributing member to the APWA Wisconsin governing board through ongoing participation in Executive Committee meetings and connecting Chapter membership to its leadership through website updates and mass email communications.

There is absolutely no question that the Wisconsin Chapter is stronger and more vital because of the efforts of Jeff Mazanec in his various Chapter leadership roles.



One of Jeff's passions is paddling. In 2000, he began hosting paddle events on local lakes and streams to expose residents to their communities from the water, with the goal of improving a sense

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News from National

Wisconsin Chapter Receives PACE Award 17 Years in a Row

By Jennifer Barlas, Awards Chair; Baxter & Woodman Consulting Engineers

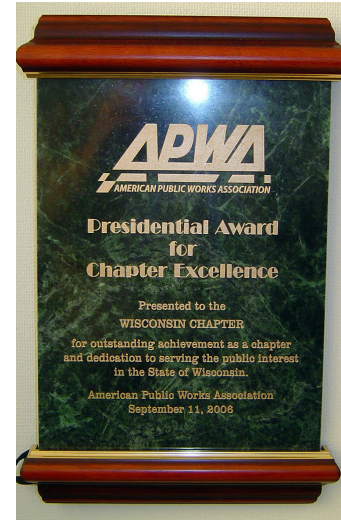
The Wisconsin Chapter has been informed by APWA that it has been selected as a recipient of the 2022 Presidential Award for Chapter Excellence (PACE).

This is the 17th year in a row that Wisconsin has won the award.

Being recognized for this award means the Chapter excelled in total membership, service to the Chapter, advancement of public works and sustainability, service to the community, and Chapter best practices. The award reflects the dedication to excellence displayed by our Chapter and the involvement of our Chapter members in various activities promoting public works within the industry as well as to the public.

The Awards Committee is very interested in learning about your community events and involvement in public works outreach for our future award applications.

Congratulations to all of you for making the Wisconsin Chapter a 17-year winner of this prestigious award. 📧



The PACE Award as it appeared in 2006, the first year the Wisconsin Chapter won the award.

Public Relations Committee Updates

By Lynda Fink, Chair; Project Manager, KL Engineering

Mission Statement: *The Public Relations Committee serves to promote the role of Public Works, to provide tools for public outreach of Public Works activities, and to increase public knowledge of the Wisconsin APWA Chapter.*

Some of the activities we are working on to promote the mission statement above include the following:

- In addition to the presentation for award winners at the Chapter Spring Conference, presentation of those awards locally to Common Councils/County boards to further promote the positive public works projects and increase knowledge of the Wisconsin Chapter.
- Continual investigation into on-line discussion forums for Wisconsin Public Works professionals.
- Creation of an on-line toolkit for resources that Public Works professionals can utilize. Examples of this include:
 - o Public Information/Involvement Best

Practices (from project inception through construction)

- o Hints for development/renewal of standard policies that need formal board/council approval (e.g. snow removal, facilities rentals, etc.)
- o “Crib notes” for restrictions for state/federal funding opportunities
- o Design contract basics
- o Construction contract front end decluttering/protection
- o **Suggestions for resources needed are strongly encouraged**
- Partnering with other state organizations like League of Wisconsin Municipalities to share resources

If you're interested in joining the committee or have ideas for specific resources that would be helpful, please do not hesitate to email the committee chair, **Lynda Fink**, at LFink@klengineering.com. 📧

Jeff Mazanec (Cont.'d from page 6)

of ownership of the water and enjoying a safe paddle experience.

Since then, he has led more than 180 public paddle events, ranging in size from a handful of paddlers to over 350 participants per event. Through paddling, he has been able to consistently promote public works projects in the community from the perspective of the river passing through it. He uses public works projects as a jumping off point to start conversations with community members. In 2021, the American Canoe Association (ACA) named him its Joe Pina Volunteer of the Year, recognizing his

efforts as a paddle instructor and community leader. The ACA, formed in 1880, is the largest and oldest worldwide paddle sports organization.

Jeff is currently a senior consultant with raSmith. Jeff's project experience includes municipal, water and wastewater, water resources, transportation, and solid waste and environmental engineering services from planning through design and construction phases for public and private clients. His work lately has centered on the development of transportation utilities for various communities and PermiTrack MS4 stormwater permit administration.✍️

Comments from APWA Colleagues

"It is virtually impossible to understand how many hours of volunteerism Jeff has dedicated to making the Wisconsin Chapter so successful the last 20+ years. He is assisting at every turn with Chapter governance, communications, website development, and most importantly, the mentoring of the next generation of leaders for the Chapter. If you measured his dedication in lane miles, it would assuredly stretch from the Apostle Islands to the Illinois border."

— Eric Dundee, Madison Metropolitan Sewage District

"Jeff has been the backbone of APWA WI's Chapter for as long as I've been involved with APWA, which dates back over 20 years. He's served as a key mentor to me and numerous other APWA Wisconsin directors and committee chairs, and nearly single-handedly runs our Chapter's website and conference/event registrations with the utmost professionalism."

— Rick Eilertson, Project Engineer/Manager

Jeff has continued to be active in the Chapter years after being President. Many times people tend to fade away after having completed the top leadership role. Jeff has played an instrumental role in maintaining the website and conference program and hosting. He attends virtually all of the Executive Committee meetings and provides wisdom and historical perspective to the meeting topics in a way that people listen to him and value what he says. I am not sure if I would have been as involved in APWA had it not been for Jeff. He always encouraged me to get involved when the time was right for me, which I did. I think there are a lot of members, including active ones who participate due to Jeff's way of getting people involved in the Chapter and getting people connected. The Chapter is very fortunate to have a member like Jeff. Our Chapter is stronger because of him."

— Paul Woodard, P.E., Retired Director of Public Works, City of Janesville



Back row (left to right): Matt Schuman, Mad MSD; Erik Rehr, Mad MSD; Bob Givens, Westwood; Robert Wielgos, raSmith; Eric Lindman, City of Wausau; Cory Horton, raSmith; Ben Jordan, UW-EPD; Jason Atchison, Baxter & Woodman; Jeff Mazanec, raSmith; Samir Amin, Darr Corp.; Frank Damato, Darr Corp. Second row (left to right): Bill Brandl, City of Janesville; Jennifer Barlas, Baxter & Woodman; Mike Klonskinski, Berntsen; Brad Reents, City of Janesville; Alan Wesolowski, City of Wausau; Steve Grenier, City of Green Bay; Glen Morrow, City of Franklin; Tom Hafner, City of Delafield; Christopher Johnson, City of Stevens Point. Third row (left to right): David Simpson, Wauwatosa; Kamron Nash, Village of Summit; Clark Wantoch, Wis. Concrete Pipe Assoc.; Eric Dundee, Madison MSD; Scott Thoresen, City of DePere.

Charlotte 2022: Ready and Resilient

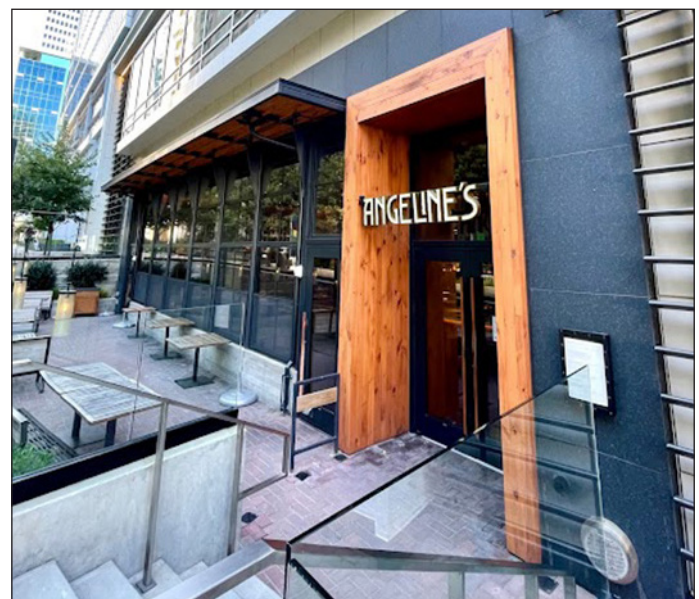
By Jennifer Barlas, Chair, Awards Committee; Baxter & Woodman

The National conference was held in August in Charlotte, N. Carolina, hosting a first-class multi-modal learning experience designed for professionals at all levels and across the entire spectrum of public works. The Wisconsin Chapter was represented at the traditional and interactive sessions, seminars, and workshops.

Networking opportunities and fellowship abounded at our Wisconsin Chapter Dinner held at Angeline’s.

To say the 30 chapter members and guests were charmed by the Italian fare, especially the yummy, whipped ricotta and honey dish would not be wrong. The North Carolina version of an Old Fashioned—*meh!*

All in all, Charlottee was very good to us!👉



Snowplow Roadeo (Cont. 'd from page 5)

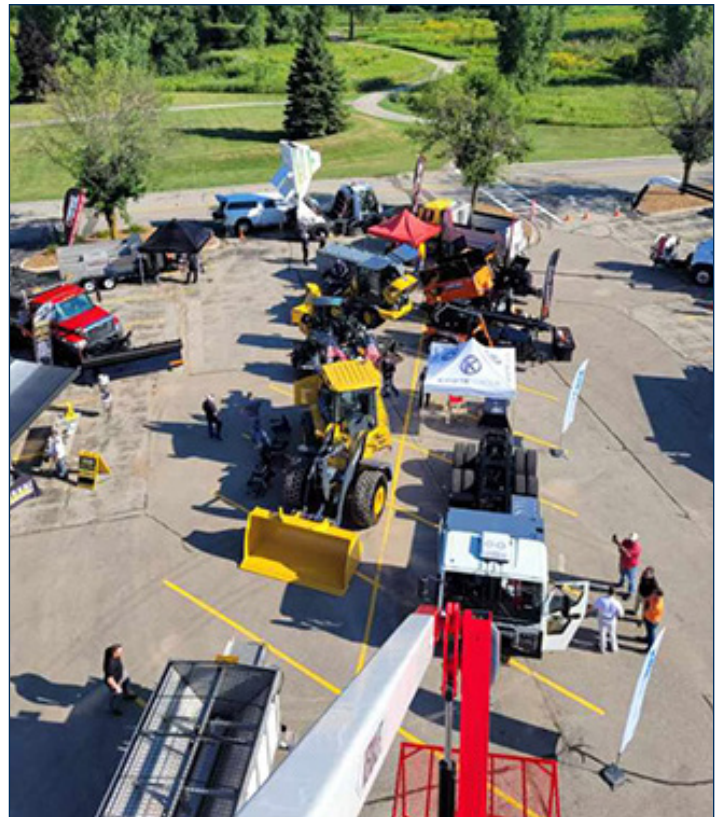


were tasked with completing the disabled vehicle inspection event. Once again, former Fleet Chair Jay Getka stepped up to coordinate, judge and tabulate the competitors scores. A special thanks to Jay and his team for not only overseeing the disabled competition, but also for graciously supplying the vehicles for the actual competition. Vehicle pre/post-trip inspections are critically important to safe snowplow operation and will continue to be an important part of our annual Roadeo competition.

The 2022 Roadeo featured the Director’s Cup driving competition with six total competitors vying for a whole year of bragging rights and stewardship of our traveling Director’s trophy. In the end, Chad Scheinoha from Calumet County came away as the top performer for 2022—Congratulations Chad, and we hope you display that trophy with pride!

There are many people to thank for this year’s successful Roadeo. Specifically, I would like to personally thank **Nathan Wachtendonk, Bruce Brazee, Lonnie Fischer, Jeff Tews, and Jay Getka**

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Member Services

Chapter Membership Update

By Aimee Irwin, Member Services Chair

Our current member count as of Sept. 6, 2022 is 764 members. This includes 98 new memberships that have occurred between Jan. 1 through Aug. 31.

I'd like to thank these new members and wish them well as they enjoy all the benefits the Wisconsin Chapter has to offer.

Name	Title	Municipality/Business
Jason A. Atchison	Transportation Engineer III	Baxter & Woodman
Thomas J. Ballweg	Senior Project Engineer	City of Fitchburg
Gary W. Banaszynski	St. Sewer Supervisor	City of West Allis
Todd Berg	Product Specialist	JWR Inc.
Thomas J. Blohowiak	Maintenance Supervisor	City of De Pere
Jared Books	Community Services Supervisor	City of Eau Claire
Amber Borchardt	Director of Marketing & Sales	JWR Inc.
Bradley Bruun	Project Manager & GIS Specialist	City of Monona
Przemyslaw R. Bungo	Airport Engineer	Milwaukee County
John R. Campbell, IV	Director of Traffic Safety Services	TADI (Traffic Analysis & Design)
Kari Campbell		Berntsen International Inc.
Caleb Cooley	Civil Engineer	City of Janesville
Frank A. Damato	President	DAAR Engineering
Seth Devoe	Inside Sales Manager Municipal Division	Monroe Truck Equipment Inc.
John Deziel	Business Development Manager	Fer-Pal Infrastructure
Todd A. Dohnal	Business Development Manager	Road Widener LLC
Joel Ehrfurth, PE		Mach IV Engineering
Tina Erickson	Interim Utilities Manager	City of La Crosse
James A. Fluette	Director of Public Works	Viillage of Winneconne
Ashley Freeman	Recycling Coordinator	City of La Crosse
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Kaitlyn Hansel	Civil Designer	GRAEF
Jeff Helgesen	Operations Municipal Division	Monroe Truck Equipment Inc
Samantha Herheim		
Laura Herrick	Chief Environmental Engineer	Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission
Andrea L. Hetzer	Business Process Analyst	City of West Allis
Charles G. Hoepfner	Sales Representative	RNOW Inc.
Brian G. Huibregtse	Team Leader	MSA Professional Services
Sarah Jaeckel	Administrative Assistant	City of Columbus
Justin Jaeger	Street Superintendent	City of Clintonville
Christopher M. Johnson	Streets Superintendent	City of Stevens Point
Christopher Johnson	City Engineer	City of Fond du Lac
Jeff Johnson	Street Supervisor	City of Lodi
Scott Kirkendall	Sales Manager	Casper's Truck Equipment
Mark Kivela		City of Marshfield
Wade Kretsinger		
William Leader	Director of Operations	City of Beloit
Sarah C. Lerner	GIS Specialist	City of Madison
Caden Lindner	Marketing Admin	Packer City International Trucks
Philip Livingston	Director of Public Works	City of Portage
Elizabeth Lodzinski		
Lindsey L. Machkovich	Operations Manager	Marquette County Highway Dept.

Awards Committee

Nominate Your Colleagues or Projects for an APWA Award

By Jennifer Barlas, Chair, Awards Committee; Baxter Woodman

Wisconsin APWA members perform outstanding service to our citizens every day so let's recognize them for their superb work. Now is the time to take a moment and write down the names of a couple of colleagues who deserve special recognition and email them to **Jennifer Barlas**, Chapter Awards Chair, at jbarlas@baxterwoodman.com for consideration by the Awards Committee. Recognition of individuals can be made for the following awards:

Rheinfrank Award

This award recognizes a person or organization who has had a far-reaching, positive impact on public works programs, services, or policies through distinguished public service and commitment to their community and the State of Wisconsin.

Curtis Award

The John W. Curtis Chapter Service Award recognizes outstanding individual achievement through Chapter activity and service to the Wisconsin Chapter while supporting APWA's strategic plan, goals, and objectives.

Greeley Award

The purpose of this Award is to give formal recognition of honorary character to persons who have continuously served a local public or private agency long term (minimum 30 years) in an official capacity and who have contributed to the advancement of Public Works practice as a member of APWA (minimum 15 years) thereby improving the quality of life for those who live and work within that community.

Outstanding New Member Impact Award

The purpose of this award is to recognize and encourage new or young APWA-Wisconsin members who have demonstrated an initial commitment to the profession and the association and show potential for future growth within the association. The award promotes the concept that length of career does not necessarily indicate leadership abilities or potential for service. In addition, the award recognizes that becoming an active member of the

association will not only strengthen the association, but also grow stronger Public Works leaders.

And don't forget about those outstanding **Public Works Projects of the Year Awards** (which are eligible for both state and national recognition).

Award nominations are accepted from chapters, public agencies, corporations, APWA's general membership, as well as the general public.

APWA National Awards

If you know a colleague that who excelled in one of the following categories, APWA National has an award program that recognizes those professionals. Feel free to contact the Awards Committee for more information or go directly to the APWA National website for a more detailed description of the award criteria.

- administrative management,
- emergency management,
- engineering and technology,
- facilities & grounds,
- public fleet
- public right-of-way,
- transportation,
- solid waste, and
- water resources.

To review the APWA Wisconsin Chapter or National award programs, please visit the following websites:

APWA National Awards

<https://www.apwa.net/About/awards>

Wisconsin Chapter Awards

<http://wisconsin.apwa.net/pagedetails/7341>

Award nominations are due to the Wisconsin Chapter Awards Committee by **January 31, 2023**.

Keep Current!

Be sure to notify APWA National of any changes in your contact information. Go to <http://apwa.net> and log in using your member credentials. Update your contact data and the Wisconsin Chapter will receive that update in our next Member Roster. Don't miss out!



Public Works Classes Offered by UW-Madison Transportation Information Center (TIC)



By Ben Jordan, Director, Wisconsin Transportation Information Center

These public works supervision and management classes will provide you and your organization an opportunity to:

- Build a more effective management team;
- Enhance supervision skills and management practices;
- Prepare staff to grow in their career and take on new responsibilities.

Classes lead to two public works certificates offered in cooperation with the Wisconsin Chapter of APWA: the Public Works Supervisory Academy (PWSA) certificate, composed of nine,

one-day classes (54 class hours in total), and the Public Works Management Institute (PWMI) certificate, composed of 15 classes (90 class hours in total), including the nine courses in PWSA, plus an additional 36 class hours in five courses that focus on more advanced management-oriented courses. The PWMI certificate is recognized by National APWA as meeting requirements for Leadership Excellence in Public Works.

You may enroll in individual classes without enrolling in the Academy or Institute. Academy and Institute classes may be

taken in any order, except that the PWMI certificate requires a Capstone course that must be taken as the last class in the series.

No academic experience is required to participate in either program. Each class is normally offered at least once each year. In fall 2022, classes are being offered online and in person.

For additional PWSA & PWMI information, go to:

<https://interpro.wisc.edu/tic/public-works-certificates>

You can register for currently scheduled classes at:

<https://interpro.wisc.edu/tic/>

Fundamentals of Public Works Operations

October 4, 6, 18, 19

8:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. each day

Online

Instructor: Benjamin J. Jordan

Focus on managing the range of services in a public works department, including current operational issues. Each student will make a short presentation and lead a relevant Public Works operations topic that they identify during the course topic of their choice. (PWM)

Management Assessment for Personal Planning and Development

October 5

9:00 a.m.-3:45 p.m. Online

Instructor: Avrie Schott (offered

in partnership with the Division Continuing Studies; registration closes October 4.

Learn how your own style compares with other managers' and your agency goals.

Discover strategies to build on your identified strengths and address limitations. Register a week before course to be able to complete a self-assessment before class. (PWSA)

Human Resources (HR) Basics for Non-HR Professionals

October 20

8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. In-person

Instructor: Karen Bender (offered in partnership with UW-Madison Small Business Development Center, alternate course for PWSA)

Learn the laws most often violated (unknowingly) and provide information on how to prevent those violations and focus on common issues encountered when dealing with employees. (PWSA)

Fearless Performance Management

October 27

8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. In-Person
Madison

Instructor: Jeffrey Russell (offered in partnership with UW-Madison Small Business Development Center, alternate course for PWMI) Gain tools you can use to set performance goals, document and manage performance, maintain ongoing communication, conduct performance

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Membership Update (Cont.'d from page 11)

Name	Title	Municipality/Business
Robert W. Malzahn	Project Engineer	Short Elliott Hendrickson Inc.
Lynn M. Marsh	President	Road Widener LLC
Justin L. Mc Auly	Director of Public Works	City of Clintonville
Andrew Mcfadden	Senior Transportation Engineer	City of Fitchburg
Britney A. Meyer, PE	Civil Engineer	GRAEF
Thomas Miles	Associate Project Manager	Lynch & Associates-Engineering Consultants LLC
Ms. Emily Moccerro	Civil Engineer	City of Janesville
Aaron Moss	Fleet Supervisor	City of Wausau
Brandon Munnik	Streets Supervisor	City of Sheboygan
Matt R. Murphy	Director of Public Works	City of Algoma
Camren Napper	Civil Engineer	City of Janesville
Dave Pantzclaff	Director of Transportation Services	Ayres Associates
Jay Pare	Infrastructure Training Program Supervisor	City of Madison
Elisabeth Payne	Student	
Kent Peters	Account Manager Municipal Division	Monroe Truck Equipment Inc.
Brian D. Peterson	Deputy Director-Public Works Utilities	Village of Cottage Grove
Ritchie Piltz	Engineering Project Manager	City of Watertown
Steve J. Plaza	Parks Forestry Manager	City of Eau Claire
Daniel W. Rammer	Project Manager	MSA Professional Services
Cynthia A. Rausch	Facilities Superintendent	City of West Allis
Tim Renkens	Sales Director	Packer City International Trucks
Allen Ripp	Department of Public Works	City of Lodi
Karyn J. Rittenhouse	Water Systems Superintendent	City of West Allis
Keith Robinson	Senior Director of Sales & Operations	Ninja De-Icer
Justin Rollin	President & Owner	Ninja De-Icer
Larry Roth	Community Svc Supervisor	City of Eau Claire
Chris Scharf	Construction Supervisor	City of Madison
Zachary M. Schinke	Enviromental Engineer	RaSmith
Jay Schlimgen	Engineering Operations Supervisor	City of Madison
Sheri L. Schmit	VP Transportation & Parking Services	Milwaukee Regional Medical Center
Ryan Schmitz	Department of Public Works	City of Lodi
Craig Schroeder		
Colt Schwaller	Public Works Foreman	City of Oconto
Chad Schwebke	Director of Upfi	Monroe Truck Equipment Inc.
Gregory G. Shanen, PE	Project Manager	Clark Dietz Inc.
Thomas J. Snyder, PE	Utility Engineer	City of Green Bay
Matthew Staudenmaier	Community Services Supervisor	City of Eau Claire
George Sterner		Ayres Associates
Rob Strauss	Project Manager	Safe Step, LLC
Jim Streich	Sewer Maintenance/Cleaning Supervisor	City of Madison
Dylan Swerig		Baxter Woodman
John Toso	Locator & Safety Supervisor	City of Madison
Paul Van Treeck	Buildings and Grounds Superintendent	Marquette County
Robert J. Vanden Noven	Director of Public Works/City Engineer	City of Port Washington
Terry Weter	Director of Operations	City of Lodi
Trevor Wittwer	Civil Engineer	City of Eau Claire
Todd Wolf	City Administrator	City of Sheboygan
David Wolf	President	JWR Inc.
Denny Wood	Inside Sales Manager, Strategic Accounts Municipal Division	Monroe Truck Equipment, Inc.
Mark Yandre		City of Lake Mills
Daniel Zuelsdorf	Street Superintendent	City of Watertown

Update on Chapter Bylaws Changes

By Jim Hessling, Council of Chapters Representative, 2017 Chapter President

Members of the Executive Committee, **Rick Eilertson, Jeff Mazanec, and Jim Hessling** have been working on updating the Chapter Bylaws. Our bylaws establish how decisions are made within our organization. And, just as importantly, they establish who makes those decisions. Bylaws put into writing the various policies for appointing

directors and officers, holding various meetings, and the handling of conflicts of interest, among other issues.

This update will modernize the technology used to be in line with National APWA. Corrections to various dates of meetings and the change to the fiscal year will also be addressed. ↵

Water Resources Committee

The Water Resources Committee has been working on several diverse activities:

- The committee offered two presentation topics that were accepted for the Fall Conference. The first will be an interesting culvert replacement project that discusses the challenges of reconstructing large culverts with out current supply chain/workforce issues. The second will be on how UW-Platteville is preparing the next generation for work in Public Works. Click on the Conference Program link at <http://wisconsin.apwa.net/EventDetails/29490> for the latest updates.



- We are also going to host a lunch and learn on the updates that have been made to Atlas 14 and the future Atlas 15. This will be held Oct. 17, 2022 from noon to 1 p.m. Information will be posted on our Chapter website soon.
- Finally, we are supporting WICCI (Wisconsin Initiative on Climate Change Impacts) assisting with the effort to create practical guidance for municipalities on how to use the changing rainfall data due to climate change. ↵

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reviews, and develop performance improvement plans. (PWMI)

Municipal Engineering Fundamentals for Non-Engineers

November 15-16

8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. both days In-person

Madison

Instructors: David Barber and Ben Jordan

Learn about basic engineering concepts and methods used by public works engineers to design, construct, operate, and maintain municipal infrastructure. (PWMI)

Local Government Fundamentals

November 17

8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. In-Person

Madison

Instructors: Bryan Gadow and Ben Jordan

Examine how the powers and structures of Wisconsin towns, villages, cities, and counties, and their relationships to the state set the framework for local service finance and service delivery. (PWSA)

Advanced Communication Skills

November 30 & December 1

(8:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m. each day) Online

Instructor: Dave Hutton

Improve communication skills in one-on-one and public-facing situations, making formal presentations, and speaking with the media. (PWMI) ↵

Snowplow Rodeo (Cont.'d from page 10)



for the time spent volunteering to help put on this great event. Additionally, I would like to thank the staff from the City of Appleton, City of Green Bay, and Waukesha County for assisting with course setup and providing equipment for the event.

With an event this large, it goes without saying that we truly appreciate our volunteer judges and Force America for their substantial support in providing staff to score all 99 of our competitors. Finally, I

would like to thank all our vendors who stepped up to provide raffle prizes, gift cards, and sponsor our top five finishing competitors. I look forward to next year and hope to build on this year's success for 2023.

In holding with tradition, our top two finisher represented Wisconsin at the Western Now and Ice Conference in Loveland, Col. held Sept. 28-30, 2022.

2022-23 CALENDAR

2022

October 6	SE Wisconsin 7th Annual Public Works Expo	Konkel Park Greenfield, WI	Randy Esch City of Greenfield
November 2-4	Fall Conference	UW-Platteville (TBD)	Eric Dundee

2023

January 31	Awards Nomination Deadline		Jennifer Barlas
February 5	Strategic Planning Meeting	Sturgeon Bay	Dundee
February 6	Door County Ice Fishing with Wacky Walleye Guide Service	Sturgeon Bay	Wachtendonk
May 3-5	Spring Conference	Eau Claire/Altoona	Rick Eilertson
November 1-3	Fall Conference	Lake Geneva Grand Geneva	Shelly Billingsley

Please refer to the <http://wisconsin.apwa.net> website for more detailed program and registration information.