

## Chapter Leaders Announcements—October, 2023

## 2024 APWA Award Changes and Important Dates to Know

PWX is over, and it is time to prepare for the 2024 APWA Awards! In January 2022, the APWA Strategic Planning Committee recommended that a National Awards Task Force be appointed to review and make recommendations concerning all the national awards. After several months, the task force presented its recommendations to the APWA Strategic Planning Committee. The Committee recommended the following changes, which the Board approved to go into effect for the 2024 Awards program.

- 1. Sunset the current Distinguished Service to Public Works Award
- 2. Change the name of the Commendation for Exemplary Service to Public Works to Distinguished Service to Public Works Award, which is more appropriate for public visibility purposes when dealing with elected officials. Nominations will come directly to the APWA Board of Directors for approval.
- 3. Sunset the Community Involvement Award
- 4. Sunset the Exceptional Performance Award in all categories
- 5. Sunset the International Service Award
- 6. Sunset the Donald C Stone Award for Excellence in Education for Chapters.
- 7. Keep the Donald C. Stone Award for Excellence in Education for Individuals, but remove the name Donald C. Stone and change the name to Excellence in Education Award.
- 8. Remove the name Harry S. Swearingen from the Harry S. Swearingen Award for Outstanding Chapter Achievement and Excellence in Chapter Service. The name will now be Outstanding Chapter Achievement and Excellence in Chapter Service Award.
- 9. Reduce the population eligibility of the Small Cities/Rural Communities Projects of the Year from 75,000 to 50,000 or less.