

2021 Award Changes

Professional Manager of the Year awards nomination process has changed to no longer allow a candidate to be voted for multiple Professional Manager of the Year awards the same year. The wording is **“A candidate can only be nominated for one Professional Manager of the Year award per year”**.

Professional Manager of the Year Award in Administrative Management had the Eligibility made clearer. It now reads Any APWA member **whose primary responsibility is the management of administrative functions in support of a public works department. Administrative Management functions may include, but not limited to, human resources, financial/business operations, information technology, procurement, safety and/or office management.** Members of the APWA Board of Directors are not eligible during the time they serve on the Board. APWA Leadership and Management Committee members are not eligible during the time they serve on the committee.

Public Works Project of the Year Criteria numbers two, four and seven

2. Safety performance and demonstrated awareness of the need for a good overall safety program **for workers and the public** during **and after** construction, **where applicable**.

4. Demonstrated awareness for the need to protect the environment **during the project**. This includes any special considerations given to particular environmental concerns raised during the course of the project, **as well as climate change and/or resiliency components for long-term community benefit**.

7. Use of alternative materials, practices or funding that demonstrates a commitment to sustainability, **climate change/resiliency**, and/or use of sustainable infrastructure rating system or the equivalent.

Presidential Award for Chapter Excellence (PACE)

Eligibility: **All required fiscal-year end financial Reporting was submitted by July 31, (2020) of the nomination time period of January 1 through December 31, (2020); AND 1099 information was submitted by January 15, of (2021)**

Chapter excellence during a pandemic: Calendar year 2020 has been a highly unusual year. Typical chapter programs and services have been impacted significantly by the pandemic. The PACE Awards Committee, comprised of APWA Presidents, recognizes these challenges. The Best Practices for APWA Chapter Capacity Building will **not** be modified for the 2021 PACE Awards. Rather, the committee will evaluate PACE nominations to understand the creativity of contributions to positively impact the membership, profession and community. Please do not hesitate to submit for the PACE award simply because your chapter may not be able to check every box on the Best Practices sheet. Instead, strive to demonstrate the continued value your chapter has provided to members and communities.

The chapter Best Practices sheet has been updated with current language and practices, as well as eliminating duplicate items. The updated practices are posted on the APWA [awards website](#). Please look for criteria and forms.