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APWA Colorado Annual Chapter Conference

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The APWA Colorado Chapter held its 9th Annual Conference with the theme *Getting it Done* at the Denver Marriott West in Golden and it was a huge success! It was another attendance record with over 200 people attending the conference, and we had nearly 400 for the Awards Luncheon. Thanks to so many that came together to make this happen including a fantastic committee, great speakers, wonderful exhibitors and sponsors, and you, the attendees. This event was held Monday, October 23rd and Tuesday, October 24th, 2023 and featured two days of learning, networking, and entertainment.

The Colorado Chapter was pleased to host National APWA Region IX Director, Tina Nelson for the conference. Ms. Nelson gave opening remarks for the conference as well as the awards luncheon.

John Suthers, former mayor of the City of Colorado Springs, provided our keynote presentation on Monday. Mayor Suthers spearheaded the establishment of the Pikes Peak Rural Transportation Authority which was formed when local governments in the Pikes Peak region identified the need for a regional approach to transportation and transit. A coalition of Pikes Peak area governments, businesses, and community organizations worked for over two years to communicate the need for capital, maintenance and transit funding to the public, develop ballot language, and create organizational materials and structure. The PPRTA was established by voter-approved ballot in November 2004, which authorized a one-percent sales tax to support PPRTA goals. The voters approved the collection of the 55% capital projects funds with a ten-year sunset period ending December 31, 2014. In November 2012, nearly 80% of the voters in the region approved a ballot issue to extend the capital portion of the RTA from 2015 through 2024. Mayor Suthers spoke on the importance of the messaging to inform the voters to make an educated decision. Mayor Suthers also spoke of the legal challenges the City had with violations to the Clean Water Act with downstream municipalities. The strategies developed for the settlement invested millions of dollars



National APWA Region IX Director Tina Nelson

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in mitigated improvements along Fountain Creek and its tributaries. The improvements negotiated will improve the region and downstream communities well into the future. Thanks again to Mayor Suthers for sharing the great infrastructure accomplishments the city accomplished under his watch.

The conference featured general sessions as well as breakouts including presentations on local municipal agency projects. Presentations on CM/GC projects, funding strategies, and retaining talent were provided and were very informative. We held our networking reception Monday evening in the lobby of the Marriott and this provided a great layout for entertainment and catching up with colleagues. Thanks to those who attended for a great evening!

We held the Annual Awards Luncheon on Tuesday to close the conference, this allowed all attendees to enjoy some additional networking time and visit conference exhibitors. Please see the separate article on the Awards Luncheon below and the awarded agencies photos in this issue. This is the ninth year since we merged the Annual Awards Banquet with the Annual Chapter Conference which has allowed us to better position our chapter to pursue national recognition of our people and accomplishments with the National deadlines for applications.

We are in the process of preparing for the 10th Annual Conference. The conference is scheduled for Monday, October 21st and Tuesday, October 22nd, 2024. Our Call for Papers has been released, the theme is *SHAPING THE FUTURE*. Public Works professionals play a vital role in shaping the future of Colorado's infrastructure. Whether managing and operating roadways, drainage systems, or facilities, the best approaches look forward anticipating future needs and proactively planning for the challenges that inevitably come with each project. The 2024 Annual Conference will focus on the strategies, methods, tools, and technology Public Works professionals are using to plan ahead. Watch your inbox for conference announcements and sponsorship opportunities. We always welcome new additions to our committee. If you are interested in being on the committee, please contact Chuck Weiss at cweiss@e-470.com or by phone at 303. 537.3420.

*Chuck Weiss, Annual Chapter Conference Committee Chair
APWA Colorado Treasurer
E-470 Public Highway Authority*

APWA Colorado Annual Awards Luncheon

The American Public Works Association Colorado Chapter Awards Program was established in 1985 to recognize outstanding programs, projects, and individuals representing the best in the public works profession.

The awards program and luncheon became part of the Colorado Annual Chapter Conference in 2014. This year the luncheon was held on Tuesday, October 24th at the Denver Marriott West.

The awards committee was made up of APWA members Mark Jackson, Jay Goldie and Renée Railsback who had the tough task of selecting the awarded projects this year. Nominations were submitted and judged using established criteria:

- *Innovation*: Has the individual, program, or project found new methods to provide better service to the public or to internal customers?
- *Achievement*: Did the completed project or program achieve all set goals? Were the desired results achieved and were they consistent?
- *Transferable*: Is the resulting improvement and innovation transferable to other communities and situations?

- *Cooperation*: Was there special cooperation between individuals, agencies, citizens, businesses and the general public?

The Chapter awards ceremony was organized by the awards luncheon committee **Matt Knight** and **Matthew Matuszewski**. A video played during lunch allowing the Chapter to honor committee members, national awards, recipients of certifications, accreditations and scholarships as well as our many sponsors and vendors. The ceremony focused on the award recipients and the ninth graduating class of the Rocky Mountain Public Works Institute.

The awards luncheon and ceremony was attended by almost 400 people who came to celebrate these outstanding programs, projects and individuals. The Colorado Chapter would like to thank all the communities who submitted nominations and the outstanding public works professionals who work tirelessly to plan, build, maintain, and improve our communities.

Message from the President

Jay Goldie



It is my honor to be the newly elected President of the APWA Colorado Board of Directors and to help guide Colorado's premier education and training organization for public works professionals. 2024 is going to be a great year and look forward to working with all of you, to ensure the association is providing for its members and their needs. Just as all businesses continue to evolve, moving further and further away from the pandemic, the Chapter is looking forward to continuing to evolve and provide more opportunities and connections for our members.

There are a few points I would like to share. First, the Chapter is financially strong, the Board makes every effort to keep the cost for conferences as low as possible while still providing meaningful content. The entire Board are stewards of your funds and very financially conservative. The Board has committed to bringing PWX back to Denver in the future and has earmarked reserves to support this effort so when and if we are successful, we will be in a financial condition to make it happen. This brings me to the second point; our volunteers and supporters, who take on Chapter leadership, committee work, hosting conferences and events, contributing financially, contributing as technical experts and speakers, and giving their time to others in the public works profession. We always need more volunteers. The Chapter needs members to give their most valuable resource, time, to keep the Chapter strong.

There are a variety of ways to take a role in the Chapter, whether it be more formally by joining a committee or nominating a project or person for a chapter award, or informally by participating at a conference. If you have any interest, I encourage you to take a small step by asking about opportunities and seeing where best you, your staff, or agency could help.

In 2024 I will be attending many of our conferences and trainings throughout the state, if you see me at any of these events let me know what else you think the chapter should be doing or ask me about the accreditation process, the benefits are worth the effort.

Working together, APWA and its members contribute to a higher quality and more sustainable way of life. Thanks to all of you for your dedication, hard work, and professionalism.

Jay Goldie, City of Cherry Hills Village



2023 APWA Colorado Annual Chapter Conference & Annual Awards Luncheon



Former Colorado Springs Mayor John Suthers was the keynote speaker on Monday.



APWA National Region IX Director Tina Nelson presented Chapter President Mark Jackson with his President's certificate and thanked him for his service to the Colorado Chapter.

2023 APWA Colorado Annual Chapter Conference & Annual Awards Luncheon



Tina Nelson gave opening remarks before turning over the awards ceremony to co-chairs Matt Knight and Matthew Matuszewski who honored the award recipients while keeping the group entertained!

Tina Nelson presented the Colorado Chapter with its Presidential Award for Chapter Excellence (PACE) award. This is the seventh year in a row the Chapter has received this prestigious honor!



Photos courtesy of Colorado Public Work Journal, John Dibble and Chuck Weiss

Cover photo courtesy of Paul Ruud



2023 APWA Colorado Awards

Projects & Programs

Administration

- Large Community: Arapahoe County
Building Permit Electronic Document Processing / File Naming Conventions
- Medium Community: Town of Windsor
Innovative Public Services Operations and Maintenance Custom GPS and Asset Management Software System

Disaster or Emergency Construction

- Large Community: City & County of Denver
East 56th Avenue Emergency Sewer Repair

Environment

- Large Community: City of Arvada
Lake Arbor Restoration
- Medium Community: City of Brighton & Mile High Flood District
Brighton North Outfall Phase 3

Operations / Maintenance

- Large Community: City of Colorado Springs
AdAmAn Alley

Parks and Trails

- Large Community: Douglas County
C-470 Trail over Yosemite Street Pedestrian Bridge

Public Outreach

- Large Community: SEMSWA
SEMSWA and SPLASH Rain Barrel Workshops
- Medium Community: Town of Windsor
National Public Works Week Public Outreach

Structures

- Large Community: City & County of Denver
Park Avenue Viaduct Preventative Maintenance Phase 2

Sustainability

- Large Community: Pueblo County
Longest US Road Utilizing Waste Plastic in Asphalt Siloam Road

Transportation

- Large Community: City of Westminster / CDOT
Sheridan Boulevard Multimodal Transportation Improvement Project
- Medium Community: City of Littleton
County Line Road: Hot In-Place Recycling
- Small Community: City of Aspen
Paepcke Transit Hub Project

Individuals

Outstanding Public Works Employee

- Large Community: Paige Millen, City of Greeley

Professional Manager of the Year - Drainage & Flood Control

- Large Community: Lisa Knerr, Arapahoe County

Professional Manager of the Year - Fleet Maintenance

- Medium Community: Brent Spahn, Summit County

Professional Manager of the Year - Transportation

- Small Community: Dan Raine, City of Lone Tree

Professional Manager of the Year - Water Resources

- Large Community: Brooke Seymour, Mile High Flood District



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Administration



Disaster or Emergency Construction and Repair



Environment



Operations / Maintenance



Parks & Trails



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Public Outreach



Structures



Sustainability



Transportation





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Individual Awards

Professional Manager of the Year
Drainage & Flood Control

Outstanding Public Works Employee



Large Community
Lisa Knerr
Arapahoe County

Large Community

Paige Millen
City of Greeley



Professional Manager of the Year
Fleet Maintenance

Medium Community

Brent Spahn
Summit County

Professional Manager of the Year
Transportation

Small Community

Dan Raine
City of Lone Tree



Professional Manager of the Year
Water Resources

Large Community

Brooke Seymour
Mile High Flood District



2023 APWA Colorado Awards

Project of the Year

Adams County Veterans Memorial

Adams County



The Adams County Veterans Memorial at Riverdale Regional Park is nominated for a Public Works Award for its exceptional design and meaningful tribute to veterans from all military branches. The memorial's battleship-inspired structure over

Mann-Nyholt Lake, interactive Story Wall, and commitment to accessibility and environmental sensitivity create an inclusive and immersive experience for visitors of all ages. The collaboration between individuals, agencies, citizens, and the general public has resulted in a timeless tribute that fosters healing, remembrance, and connection within the community.



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William E. Korbitz Award

The William E. Korbitz Award is awarded annually to the individual who displays the character, integrity and leadership of Mr. Korbitz, the first President of the Colorado Chapter of APWA. The first award was given in 1995. The following evaluation criteria is used for evaluating the recipient.

- General accomplishments during his/her career
- Leadership characteristics that have positively impacted their agency, department, staff and community
- Contributions to the APWA Colorado Chapter
- Other contributions to the American Public Works Association
- Community involvement that has impacted and influenced the community
- Additional involvement and contributions not stated previously

Pam's association with the Colorado Chapter started when she assisted with our hosting Congress in 1999. Pam started working for the Colorado Chapter in late 2000. For over a decade, Pam did a lot of various tasks for the chapter – chapter newsletter, support for conferences, and other tasks as needed. As the chapter grew, our needs for a full-time chapter administrator became apparent. As I was Chapter Treasurer in 2012, I put together a request for proposal for a Chapter Administrator, and represented the chapter in signing Pam to her first contract with us.

Pam's first Chapter President for a full year was Steve Glammeyer, who was then the Public Works and Utilities Director for the City of Delta. Steve shared with me that he accepted the position knowing Pam would be in place. He says she was so organized and thorough that she made his role easy. Steve was also co-chair of the Spring Conference through 2022. Steve noted "She always was a great help with putting the conference together, but when they went to online registration, she was instrumental and invaluable."

I have worked with Pam for over a decade, including time as Chapter President, creation of the Annual Conference (formerly Management Conference), and on the Western Snow and Ice Conference the entire time. As each year passed, she has assumed additional responsibilities seamlessly. She took on the exhibitor coordination role with Snow and Ice and has run with it. She has developed a phenomenal relationship with our major sponsors and has taken us to having a waiting list for vendor space at our conference. Due to the change in leadership and support for the Western Snow and Ice Conference this past year, Pam helped create a checklist of things to be done in preparation for the conference and we made various updates to streamline the planning and event. This is how valuable she is to the organization, and what a great contributor she is.

If you look at the criteria for this award, Pam far exceeds all stated items. Her leadership in working with Chapter officers and conferences is second to none. Her contribution to the Colorado Chapter is obvious. Her contributions to APWA as a whole is shown by her pushing to be sure the Colorado Chapter has received the Presidential Award for Chapter Excellence (PACE) for the past six years. Additionally, Pam received a national award for her stories and coverage of the historic 2013 floods and particularly on the impacts on the affected cities and counties including Fort Morgan, which was overlooked in how that community was hit with the record high water. Her contributions to the activities of this chapter affects not only our members, but the entire public works community as the majority of the attendees at our events are not APWA members, but part of the total public works family.

Pam always cheerfully says that "She Loves Her Job" and acts like it. I want to note that Pam has been a friend to me for over a decade now. It is one of those great personal friendships you develop at work where you can lean on the other if something arises. When issues have arisen professionally, I know that I can talk with her for a little venting and also sage advice. I truly value her friendship.

But it's not just me. Renée Railsback, long-time co-chair of the Spring Street Conference in Grand Junction and a former Chapter President and currently our Alternate Delegate, refers to Pam in a broader sense. Renée says "she extends a warm embrace around our Chapter as a family. She understands that the success of our chapter includes the health and well-being of its members and their families. She is always checking in to make sure we're healthy and thriving outside of work, and doesn't hesitate to provide support that when that may not be the case."

Pam is a Colorado native and has been married to Bryan for 39 years. They have two daughters, Kayla and Cierra, and Brinkley, their Golden Retriever!



Article courtesy of Pete Adler who presented Pam with her Korbitz award.

Congratulations Pam!



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2023 Public Work Institute

The Rocky Mountain Public Works Institute is proud to graduate the ninth class. PWI 9 was made up of 24 outstanding individuals, representing four Western Slope and twelve different Front Range Public Works agencies. The City of Littleton graciously hosted the five, 2-day sessions. Thank you to the City of Littleton staff!

This class brings our total number to 220 graduates of the Rocky Mountain PWI! We have a strong group of volunteers on the steering committee, Laura Kroeger, Dan Hartman, Renée Railsback, Keith Reester and Bryan Weimer, as well as a wonderful group of instructors. We had a combination again this year of professional speakers as well as our own public works professionals leading class discussions. Thank you to **Dan Hartman, Laura Kroeger, Dave Skuodas, Bryan Weimer, Keith Reester, RA Plummer, Sheera Poelman, Steve Glammeyer, Rebecca Doane, Kathleen Osher, Amelia DeLeon, John Burke, Sue Hansen, Renée Railsback, Eric Daly, Chuck Passaglia, Larry Prochazka, Tyler Svitak, Jeff Wulliman, and Jeremy Deischer** for sharing their experience and commitment to elevating public works.



PWI focuses on teaching eleven core competencies desired by public works agencies as well as provide an opportunity to build a personal network to assist public works professionals on a trajectory of growth and success. The 2023 PWI Class was an outstanding group! The class actively participated in the core competencies taught within the PWI curriculum.

- Supervisory techniques and skills
- Legal understanding
- Finance
- Resource management skills
- Public works operations
- Creating the future
- Fundamentals of government
- Basic management skills
- Communication skills
- Leadership skills
- Community service/customer orientation skills

PWI 9 held true the vision and mission of PWI. We enjoyed hearing updates and supporting each other throughout the year. It was a pleasure to see the growth in individuals. Congratulations to Rocky Mountain PWI Class 9!

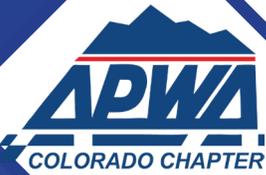
Megan Bednar, Town of Castle Rock
Nicholas Fitzgerald, City of Fort Collins
Andrew Focht, Town of Castle Rock
James Gilbert, Town of Parker
Elizabeth Goralski, Town of Vail
Matt Hady, Town of Parker
Erik Hamilton, Town of Parker
Michael Hayes, City of Greenwood Village

Jose Hernandez, City of Glendale
Adam Ingalls, Adams County
Timothy Kline, Town of Winter Park
Adam Koester, City of Greenwood Village
Tyler Koltay, City of Englewood
Noe Martinez, City of Brighton
Curtis Milton, Montrose County
Ben Rangel, City of Littleton

Christopher Roberts, City of Littleton
Brian Rowe, Town of Windsor
Julianne Sorensen, City of Englewood
Will Stambaugh, City of Golden
Justin Stone, Town of Timnath
Eli Vidales, Town of Parker
Tim White, Lake County
Anthony Young, City of Littleton



If you are interested in learning more about the PWI program please visit <https://colorado.apwa.org/>. Registration for the 2025 session will open this spring.



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2023 Accreditations

The purpose of the APWA accreditation program is to provide a means of formally verifying and recognizing public works agencies for compliance with the recommended practices set forth in the Public Works Management Practices Manual. It is a voluntary, self-motivated approach to objectively evaluate, verify and recognize compliance with the recommended management practices.

There are more than 200 agencies in the United States and Canada who have completed the accreditation process. In Colorado, there are ten agencies that have received accreditation; Arapahoe County, City of Arvada, City of Aurora, Town of Castle Rock, City of Centennial, City of Cherry Hills Village, City of Golden, City of Greeley, City of Lafayette and City of Northglenn.

**Congratulations to
the City of Northglenn
on their accreditation this past year!**

2023 Certifications

Patrick Hughes, CPII, MWH Constructors (re-certified)

Tracy Teschner, CPII, City of Durango

Gus Brown, CPFP, City of Loveland (recertified)

Shane Brandt, CPFP, City of Montrose (recertified)

Molly Trujillo, CPWP-M, SEMSWA

Charwon Walter, CPWP-M, Town of Windsor (recertified)

Jeremiah Unger, CPWP-M, CDOT (recertified)

Congratulations!

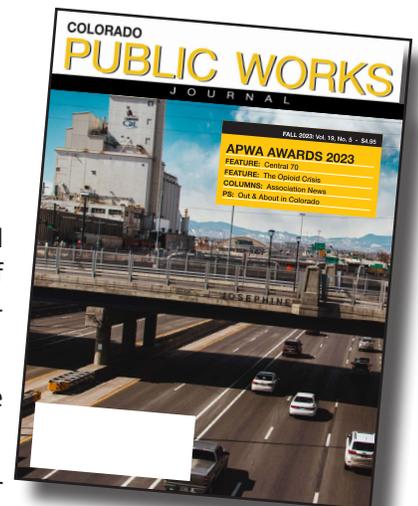
Achieving an APWA national certification (or re-certification) is no easy accomplishment, so we wish to honor individuals who accomplish this goal. The purpose of certification is to recognize the achievements of an individual in a particular profession. APWA currently offers Certification Programs for Certified Public Fleet Professional (CPFP), Certified Public Infrastructure Inspector (CPII), Certified Stormwater Manager (CSM), Certified Public Works Professional-Supervision (CPWP-S), and Certified Public Works Professional-Management (CPWP-M).

Special Thanks to the Colorado Public Works Journal

APWA Colorado Chapter would like to thank the Colorado Public Works Journal for their support of the APWA Colorado Awards Program. Their publication of each year's winners allows the Chapter to recognize the extraordinary nominations

You can view the [Colorado Public Works Journal 2023 Fall Issue](#) recognizing the APWA Colorado Awards on their [website](#).

The Chapter wishes to thank CPWJ and Jo Taylor for their work with the Chapter throughout the year!





2023 APWA Colorado Awards

Special Recognition

Although our scholarship and competition winners are announced and recognized throughout the year at our events and in the newsletter, they are also recognized in the Annual Awards luncheon video and are listed below. We are so proud of their accomplishments!

National Snow Roadeo

Single Axle Plow - First Place

Terry Thorsten & Mitch Anderson, Benton /Chisago County, MN

Single Axle Plow - Second Place

Nate Sullivan & Bob Christensen, City of Greenwood Village

Single Axle Plow - Third Place

John Prather & Dave Johnson, RTD

Tandem Axle Plow - First Place

John Prather & Dave Johnson, RTD

Tandem Axle Plow - Second Place

Greg Phillips & Bob Christensen, City of Greenwood Village

Tandem Axle Plow - Third Place

Brandon Santangelo & Nick Craig, City of Westminster

Grader - First Place

Rusty Catlin, Montrose County

Grader - Second Place

Dan Orcutt, El Paso County

Grader - Third Place

Kyler Fullmer, Idaho Transportation Department

Loader - First Place

Josh Roorda, City of Papillion, NE

Loader - Second Place

Robert Langley, CDOT

Loader - Third Place

Spencer Esch, USBR

Skid Steer - First Place

Anthony Maestas, Town of Pagosa Springs

Skid Steer - Second Place

Jed Henderson, Idaho Transportation Department

Skid Steer - Third Place

Alec Brown, City of Lenexa, KS

Top Agency

First Place - Idaho Transportation Department

Second Place - Ada County Highway District, Idaho

Third Place - Massachusetts Highway Association

Scholarships

APWA-ACEC Scholarship

Vincent Cremona, Colorado School of Mines

West Slope Branch

Kade Street, Colorado Mesa University

GMCO-Randy Parson Scholarship

Clay Sandridge, Trinidad State Junior College

Braeden Sprout, Trinidad State Junior College

State Backhoe Competition

First Place

Dustin Wright, Pitkin County

Second Place

Phillip Tunnell, Pitkin County

Third Place

John Cerise, Pitkin County

APWA Colorado Inspector of the Year

James Beall, Arapahoe County

Lifetime APWA Memberships

Susie Hervert, Town of Vail

Jim Kaiser, City of Thornton

Stuart King, City of Steamboat Springs

Brian Pettet, Pitkin County

Bryan Weimer, Arapahoe County



2023 APWA Colorado Awards

Member Anniversaries

The Colorado Chapter recognizes members each year who achieve “membership milestones” at five year increments. Those who marked anniversaries in 2023 are listed below.

Congratulations! APWA and the Colorado Chapter appreciate your continuing support of our organization!



Lee Alverson, City of Commerce City
Kirsten Armbruster, City of Grand Junction
Melanie Asquith, City of Lafayette
Eric Barnes, City of Lone Tree
Marissa Bebo, LM Enterprises, Inc.
Noelle Beegle, Benesch

Rhonda Hood, City of Aurora
Joseph Hurtado, Town of Mead
Ronald Hyer, Park County
Doug Jardine, City of Fort Collins
Jordan Jefferies, City of Wheat Ridge
Michael Kelso, City of Colorado Springs
David Lady, City of Salida
Matthew Langhorst, City of Glenwood Springs
Scott Logan, City of Greeley
Daniel Lord, Town of Castle Rock
Matthew Matuszewski, City of Littleton
Justin Mundt, City & County of Broomfield
Mara Nelson, City of Longmont
Laura Page, Mesa County
Brian Partington, Pinyon Environmental
Matthew Phillips, City of Steamboat Springs
Robin Price, Town of Bennett
David Priddy, City of Loveland
Erika Rasmussen, Town of Mead
Pete Rice, City of Aspen
Dan Roberts, Douglas County
Shane Roberts, City of Littleton
Katrina Rodriguez, City of Aurora
Al Roys, EnviroTech Serevices, Inc.
Jim Scales, SealCo.
Jim Scheid, City of Montrose
Casey Schroeder, Summit County
Craig Schroeder, City of Thornton

Vic Schroeder, Summit County
Brian Schultz, Douglas County
Shannon Smith,
Town of Breckenridge
Jon Snyder,
City of Steamboat Springs
Ahmad Soufiani,
City & County of Denver
Tim Stickel, El Paso County
Tom Sutton,
City of Greenwood Village
Ed Thompson,
City & County of Broomfield
William Truesdale,
Jefferson County
Robert Van der Hoeven, CST
Stephany Westhusin,
RockSol Consulting Group

Tanna Boisvert, IDES
Alex Bullen, Town of Superior
Keith Burke, Douglas County
Patty Carrico, City of Arvada
Chris Delles, Town of Vail
Chris Denike, City of Littleton
Rick Dennett, Town of Parker
Shawn Desotel, City & County of Broomfield
Wanda DeVargas, E-470 Public Highway Authority
Ant DeVita, City of Centennial
Kevin Gooley, Otak
Steve Fletcher, City of Lone Tree
Sarah Foster, Olsson Associates
Cassie Free, City of Thornton
Jim Gilbert, Town of Parker
Doug Gossett, Town of Johnstown
Rory Hale, Elbert County
Callie Hayden, City of Lafayette
Jeremy Hayden, Town of Columbine Valley
Mike Hayes, City of Greenwood Village
Ellen Hilbig, Town of Johnstown
Kristin Holt, City of Greenwood Village



Kim Blair, City & County of Denver
Tiffany Clark, SEMSWA
Dale Colerick, City of Brush
Kimberly Dall, City of Littleton
Corey Farkas, City of Colorado Springs
David Gray, Mesa County

John Hardy, City of Golden
Jimmie Hayson, Short Elliott Hendrickson Inc.
Jacob James, City of Lone Tree
Alden Jenkins, City of Longmont

Matt Knight, City of Littleton
Scott Murphy, City of Montrose
Shawn Poe, City of Commerce City
Todd Richardson, City & County of Denver
Paul Ruud, Town of Dolores
Jeffrey Sickles, Enginuity Engineering Solutions
Justin Stewart, Terracare Associates
Paul Wells, Short Elliott Hendrickson Inc.
John Wenzel, Town of New Castle
Bill Winfield, Terracare Associates



Dave Aden, Town of Parker
Chris Bieker, Upper Thompson Sanitation District
Gus Brown, City of Loveland
Jeff Case, Highlands Ranch Metro District
Russ Chameroy, City of Montrose
Forrest Dykstra, Highlands Ranch Metro District
James Fuchsberger, City of Littleton

Kelly Leedy, City of Loveland
Anne Martens, Town of Snowmass Village
Russell Pennington, Town of Fraser
Jeffrey Shreeve, Town of Gypsum
Marvin Sytsma, City of Centennial
Andy Walsh, City of Westminster



Jeff Arthur, City of Lafayette
Hans Jorgensen, City & County of Broomfield
Matt Laumann, City & County of Denver
Dan Sailer, Town of Castle Rock
Mikele Wright, City of Westminster



Scott Brown, Town of Erie
Trent Prall, City of Grand Junction
Edward Stafford, City of Boulder

SPRING STREET CONFERENCE

April 8-11, 2024

DoubleTree Hotel

743 Horizon Dr ♦ Grand Junction, CO ♦ (970) 241-8888



State Championship Backhoe Competition

1st & 2nd Winners Sponsored to Compete at National APWA PWX



ATTENDEES \$120 before April 1st

The Colorado West Slope branch of APWA presents the 37th Annual *Spring Street Conference*. Always an educational and enjoyable event - so plan to join us! Early registration is **\$120 before April 1st**. Registration is \$150 starting April 1. Cancellations must be received by April 4th for a refund. Please register *online* where you can pay by Check or Credit Card.

EXHIBITORS \$350 before April 1st

3 *Great Ways to Participate*: 1. **Purchase an Exhibit Space** - A 6-ft table/chairs, Wednesday lunch for two reps and two 10'x20' outdoor equipment spaces are included. Add'l outdoor spaces \$50 each. Registration is \$375 starting April 1. 2. **Sponsor Lunch or the State Championship Backhoe Competition** - Your company's name/logo will be promoted and prominently displayed. Ask how you can help sponsor this exciting event! 3. **Sponsor a Hole at the Golf Tournament** - You could sponsor a Hole or prizes for Longest Drive, Closest to Pin, or Longest Putt for \$150 each. Prize donations are also accepted (golf balls, tees, putters, etc.)

AGENDA TOPICS

KEYNOTE SPEAKER - Kirstie Ennis, Adaptive Adventure Athlete, Marine Corps Veteran
Inspiration in Overcoming Adversity

- Dealing with Spring Runoff and Flooding
- Asphalt Industry Update and Current Trends
- Traffic Control and MUTCD Update
- GIS and Asset Management Systems
- Public Works Support in Wildfire Response
- Working in Extreme Temperatures
- Designing a Good Public Works Facility
- Longest US Road Utilizing Waste Plastic in Asphalt
- How Drinking Water Utilities Can Mitigate Wildfire Risks
- Pavement Preservation and Overlay Solutions
- Cost of Building Roads
- Curing Concrete & Effects of Type II Cement
- Pavement Maintenance - Front-Line Basics
- Corn Hole, Horseshoes ~ *and MORE!*

State Backhoe Competition (Thurs, 4/11) 1st & 2nd Place Winners are Sponsored to Compete at National APWA PWX
\$25 add'l if attending conf., \$50 if not registered for conference. Day-of registration is \$50, regardless of attendance.

Monday, April 8th

GOLF TOURNAMENT
Tiara Rado Golf Course

\$75 per person
includes cart

2057 South Broadway ♦ Grand Junction, CO

Registration Coming Soon!

West Slope Agency SCHOLARSHIPS Available!

2024 Colorado Chapter Calendar

April 8	Spring Street Conference Golf Tournament Tiara Rado Golf Course, 2057 S. Broadway, Grand Junction, Colorado 81507
April 9-10	Spring Street Conference DoubleTree Hotel, 743 Horizon Drive, Grand Junction, Colorado 81506
April 11	State Backhoe Competition DoubleTree Hotel, 743 Horizon Drive, Grand Junction, Colorado 81506
May 19-25	Public Works Week
June 18	Chapter Golf Tournament Todd Creek Golf Club, 8455 Heritage Drive, Thornton, Colorado 81506
September 4-5	West Slope Snow & Ice Conference Gunnison County Fairgrounds, 275 S. Spruce Street, Gunnison, Colorado 81230
September 8-11	APWA PWX, Atlanta, Georgia
September 25-27	Western Snow & Ice Conference & National Snow Roadeo Embassy Suites, 4705 Clydesdale Parkway, Loveland, Colorado 80538
October 21-22	APWA Colorado Annual Chapter Conference Denver Marriott West, 1717 Denver West Blvd., Golden, Colorado 80401
October 22	APWA Colorado Annual Awards Luncheon Denver Marriott West, 1717 Denver West Blvd., Golden, Colorado 80401

2024 Colorado Chapter Board

Elections for the Colorado Chapter Board and West Slope Branch were held in November 2023. The Chapter would like to introduce you to this year's Board and welcome our new officers and directors.

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CALL FOR CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

The Colorado Chapter of the American Public Works Association (APWA) is requesting abstracts for presentation at the 10th Annual Chapter Conference to be held October 21 & 22, 2024. The conference will be held at the Denver Marriott West in Golden. We are interested in creative and innovative presentations. You are invited to speak and share your public works experiences.

The theme for the 2024 Conference is **SHAPING THE FUTURE**.

Public Works professionals play a vital role in shaping the future of Colorado's infrastructure. Whether managing and operating roadways, drainage systems, or facilities, the best approaches look forward anticipating future needs and proactively planning for the challenges that inevitably come with each project. The 2024 Annual Conference will focus on the strategies, methods, tools, and technology Public Works professionals are using to plan ahead.

The conference committee is calling for papers that identify new or existing technologies, emerging industries, sustainability practices, and innovative project planning techniques that help you prepare for tomorrow's work. The best approach is a proactive approach. Come share your ideas and collaborate so we can collectively continue to grow as an industry and shape a better future.

This conference gives you an opportunity to network with public works professionals, and share new ideas, innovative project approaches, or lessons learned with your peers.

No matter your role in public works, there is something for everyone at the Colorado Chapter's 10th Annual Conference. Public works professionals from both the public and private sectors attend to stay up-to-date on emerging trends, and innovative practices and strategies. Speakers at the Conference are people like you who have met the challenge of managing public works projects and organizations. They view speaking at this Conference as a chance to advance their careers and to invest in the future of the public works profession by sharing what they know. Presentations are a way to instruct your fellow engineers, scientists, and community leaders on new techniques and interesting project lessons unique to the industry.

ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

The conference will be held at the Denver Marriott West, 1717 Denver West Boulevard, Golden, Colorado.

Conference registration will begin in July.

Speakers will receive conference registration for the day of their presentation. If you wish to attend the other day of the conference, there is a one-day registration fee.

ABSTRACT SUBMITTAL FORM

Submittals will only be accepted using the submittal form available on the Colorado Chapter website! Please complete the submittal form and return via email to Pamela at bdweimer@msn.com by May 1, 2024. You will receive a confirmation email. We anticipate notifying speakers of their selection by June 3, 2024.



CAPA-APWA NCAT Scholarships

The Colorado Asphalt Pavement Association (CAPA) created a partnership with the APWA Colorado Chapter to establish a scholarship in 2001 to afford people the opportunity to attend the National Center for Asphalt Technology (NCAT) Asphalt Technology training course at Auburn University. Since the inception of this partnership, 157 people have been awarded scholarships and attended the course. In 2024, four have been selected to be attendees at the NCAT Technology Course in February 2024. The persons traveling to Auburn, Alabama are Travis Cole (Mesa County), Zachary Nover (City of Aurora), Tony Pennell, Jr. (Jefferson County), and Jason Sanchez (City of Commerce City). Congratulations!

Not only does our partnership with the Colorado Chapter of the APWA work to send people to the technology course, but we partner in other educational opportunities. CAPA and the Rocky Mountain Asphalt Education Center (RMAEC) hold webinars many times each year and each of those is open to ALL APWA members at no cost simply by registering and logging into the scheduled sessions. Many of the sessions have been recorded and are available on the CAPA website for on demand playback.

CAPA typically holds one or more technology forums each year highlighting one of the most talked about asphalt related subjects affecting agencies and industry. These are either in the spring or fall as the construction season is beginning or ending. CAPA also typically presents at the APWA Spring Street Conference in Grand Junction on one of the current issues with road maintenance as well as the annual Construction Inspection Conference. We partner with APWA members on open houses and product showcases.

To raise funds, CAPA holds a golf tournament each year. In 2024, the tournament will be on Friday, September 13 at Fox Hollow Golf Course in Lakewood.

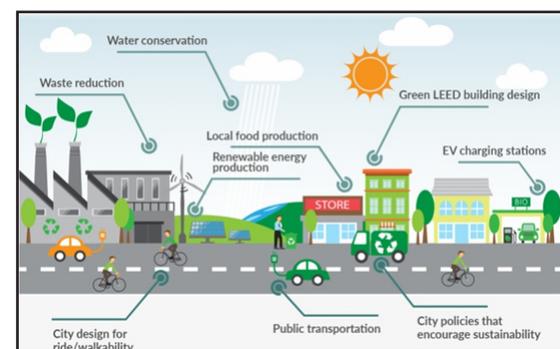
If you are interested in being considered for the scholarship to Auburn, look for the announcement in the CAPA Newsletter "In Front of the Paver" and on the CAPA website early summer.

Join the Sustainability Committee!

The APWA Colorado's Sustainability Committee is a small group composed of private consultants and government staff that share information about different environmentally friendly programs and trends to help build a sustainable future for all.

Aligned with the APWA Center for Sustainability (C4S) goals, we deliver resources, education, and member engagement and networking opportunities for public works professionals to implement environmentally, economically and socially responsible projects and services.

We are always looking for innovative projects, programs or services that displays sustainable practices. If you have an interesting project in mind to share; or if you would like to join our team, just send an email to mjarchuleta@adccgov.org



Resources about Sustainability in Public Works:

- APWA Colorado Sustainability Committee:
- <http://colorado.apwa.net/PageDetails/11108>
- APWA Center for Sustainability (C4S Toolkit):
- www.sustainabilitytoolkit.apwa.net
- www.apwa.net/centerforsustainability
- ENVISION Certification for Public Works Projects
- Institute for Sustainable Infrastructure: www.sustainableinfrastructure.org
- CDPHE Environmental Leadership Program (ELP):
- <https://cdphe.colorado.gov/sustainability-programs/environmental-leadership-program>
- GreenBiz: Great newsletter: <https://www.greenbiz.com/>

*Juliana Archuleta,
Adams County Stormwater Administrator
APWA Colorado Sustainability Committee Chair*

2024 APWA Colorado Chapter Golf Tournament

Save the Date!

Tuesday, June 18, 2024

Todd Creek Golf Club

Information and Registration
available this spring

Sponsorship Opportunities available

Are You Ready for National Public Works Week?

May 19-25, 2024

Start planning now for this great week where we celebrate public works professionals!

APWA encourages public works agencies and professionals to take the opportunity to make their stories known in their communities during National Public Works Week. There are resources available to agencies to assist in the development and implementation of their own individual celebrations. Details, more information, and resources will be available on the website: [National Public Works Week](#)

APWA Western Snow & Ice Conference & National Snow Rodeo

**Working in a Winter Wonderland:
Plowing the Frosty Frontier**

September 25-27, 2024

Embassy Suites, Loveland

APWA Colorado Annual Chapter Conference

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APWA National

News You Can Use!



APWA New Initiatives Proposals Due February 26, 2024

National APWA is excited to share a new opportunity with you to apply for funding from the New Initiatives Committee. This committee was established to ensure that our organization continues to adapt and innovate in a rapidly changing environment. The committee's goal will be to provide start-up funding for new products, services, and programs that you bring to them for review. The first round of proposals is due Tuesday, February 26, 2024, so you are encouraged to get started today.

First, visit the [new initiatives webpage](#). You'll find details on how the committee's process will work, what criteria will be used to evaluate each proposal, and a link to the application.

Second, consider one of the following potential proposal topics:

- Increasing membership recruitment and retention
- Enhancing and creating new innovative educational and credentialing programs and resources
- Enhancing the member experience through chapter development and leadership training
- Expanding global technology exchange
- Enhancing technology for the digital transformation of the Association
- Targeting industry research to further the profession
- Enhancing APWA's public visibility and community outreach

The principal objective of the committee is to support APWA's Strategic Goals and initiatives, so keep that in mind as you're putting together your proposal.

Top 5 Trending Technologies

Check out the Top 5 Trending Technologies for 2024 in the January issue of *The Reporter*!

Every year since 2018, APWA holds an annual contest to determine the Top Trending Technologies in Public Works for the upcoming year. APWA's Technical Committees, Standing Committees, and the Council of chapters all give input and suggestions with the top 16 technologies ultimately selected. Then the voting begins. Technologies battle it out until the ultimate victors are chosen. After two rounds and 4,590 total votes across 915 bracket entries, the winners for 2024 are:

- Artificial Intelligence Condition Assessment Data Collection
- Availability of Centralized Community GIS mapping data
- Lead Service Line Identification
- Microgrids
- Sustainability Due to Severe Events - Improving Transportation Infrastructure.

[Check out the article here!](#)

Focus on Public Works

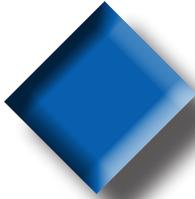
Get ready to experience APWA's best in education and credentialing with an all-new learning experience each month with Focus on Public Works! Focus on Public Works will celebrate a new technical area each month, featuring expert-led online education, trending technologies, resources, networking, and more opportunities!

February: Water Resources

Explore this topic and the resources available including the Introduction to Basic Stormwater Concepts workshop on February 22.

[Focus on Water Resources](#)

News & Announcements



News

Check out the APWA Colorado Articles in the Colorado Public Works Journal!

APWA Colorado contributes to each issue of the Colorado Public Works Journal with timely topics. *APWA Insights* articles are written by public works professionals from across the state. “*Helping APWA Become a Resource for Everyone*” was written by Jay Goldie, Deputy City Manager/Public Works Director with the City of Cherry Hills Village and current Colorado Chapter President. There is also a great page celebrating the 2023 Annual Awards lunch! You can view the [Winter 2024](#) issue as well as archived issues on their [website](#).

2024 APWA National Awards Program

Nominations are being accepted for the 2024 National Awards Program. There are several categories including Top 10 Public Works Leaders, Public Works Project of the Year, Small Cities/Rural Communities Project of the Year and many other categories. For more information, criteria and how to submit, please go to <https://www.apwa.org/resources/apwa-awards/>.

APWA National Awards deadline is Wednesday, March 4, 2024.

Detailed information about each award/category is posted on National’s website for your assistance. Should you have any questions please contact Rhonda Wilhite at rwilhite@apwa.org.

APWA Reporter

It’s always exciting to see Colorado contributors/articles in National’s publication, [APWA Reporter](#).

[December 2023](#)

Recognition of **Lance Paplow**, Denver Water, for receiving his Certified Public Infrastructure Inspector (CPII) certification.

[January 2024](#)

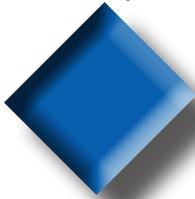
Call Issued for Nominations to APWA Board of Directors - Technical Director, Leadership and Management: **Laura Kroeger**, Executive Director, Mile High Flood District.

[February 2024](#)

Recognition of **Tanis Manseau**, Pueblo County, and **David Layman**, Town of Parker for receiving recertification of Certified Public Works Professional Management (CPWP-M).

Big Cities/Counties Group Meets in Denver - **Adam Phipps**, City & County of Denver.

Incorporating Reuse into a Water Supply Portfolio - **Jill Tedder (Vandegrift)**, CDM Smith



Announcements

The Practitioner

Do you have information on an emerging topic of interest, project, or news that would be of interest to our members? All members are welcome to contribute to future newsletters. *The Practitioner* is published quarterly. The submissions deadline for the next newsletter is April 12, 2024.

Interested in Membership?

When you join APWA, you join a network of professionals dedicated to excellence in all aspects of public works. Discover the many benefits of APWA membership and options for joining by visiting the [Membership](#) page of National APWA’s [website](#).

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Did you know that much of the information contained in this newsletter is also available on the Web? Go to the APWA Colorado Chapter website at <https://colorado.apwa.org/>



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