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2024 APWA Colorado Chapter Golf Tournament

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The 2024 APWA Colorado Chapter Golf tournament was held at Todd Creek Golf Club on June 20th. It was a beautiful blue sky day on the course with the snowcapped Colorado mountains in the background!

The tournament was a great success with another sell out of 144 participants and several hole sponsors! The success of this tournament would not be possible without all of our sponsors. The tournament committee would like to thank them for their tremendous support and generosity!



BackSwing Golf provided a fun opportunity for participants to "Beat the Pro" with a donation that benefits BackSwing Golf's mission to help lady professional golfers chase their dreams of getting onto the LPGA tour as well as benefitting the APWA Colorado scholarship program. It was a fun experience to try while raising money for our program!



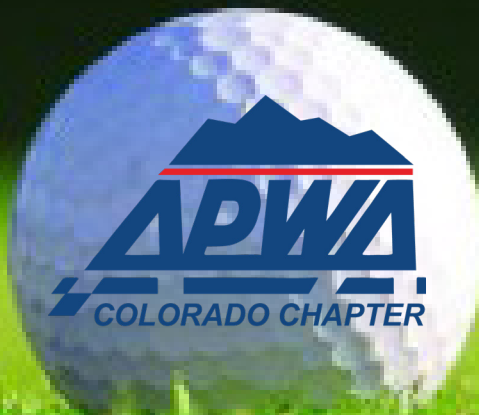
The day was rounded out with lunch and door prizes. The Chapter uses proceeds for the scholarship programs.

Co-chairs Matt Knight and Jeff Dankenbring organized the tournament this year and the Chapter is thankful

to them for putting on such a successful tournament!

Thanks to everyone who participated and we look forward to another great event next year!

THURSDAY
JUNE 20, 2024
TODD CREEK
GOLF CLUB



APWA COLORADO CHAPTER GOLF TOURNAMENT

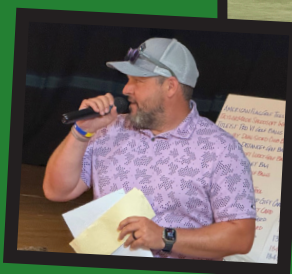
Tournament Winners:

Tiebreaker rule applied for 1st place

1st Place (59): Brooks Budelis, Mark Kaelbarer, Aksel Campbell, Jeremy Diamond

2nd Place (59): John Dibble, Alex Thibodeaux, Jim Brady, Lou Davenport

3rd Place (61): Jeremy Clayton, Kimberly Dall, Jeremiah Shafer, Paul Hitzges



Contest Holes

- #1 Longest Putt: Tristan Siegel
- #3 Closest to the Pin: Jordan Coupal
- #7 Closest to the Pin: Tristan Siegel
- #8 Longest Drive (Women): Danielle Smith
- #8 Longest Drive (Men): Jeff Manchester
- #17 Closest to the Pin: Bryan Weimer
- #18 Longest Putt: Nik Armstrong





APWA COLORADO CHAPTER GOLF TOURNAMENT



Message from the President

Jay Goldie



Here we are again more than half of the year has slipped by in a flash. I hope the first half of the year has been productive and successful for you and your organizations. Maybe you haven't been as successful as you want, I know I have had my share of failure lately. This has led me to take time to reflect and re-evaluate what success means to me and how I should measure success as a professional. With high turnover rates, newer and less experienced employees entering the workforce, we are going to need to adapt to some degree of failure as we train and encourage new professionals in the Public Works field. How we react as managers, supervisors and fellow employees is what separates us from those who don't have an understanding of what failure means and how to turn it into a positive learning experience. If you use failure as a teaching moment, and link it to growth and improvement, you are giving new and less experienced employees a better chance at future success. If you only associate failure with negativity and defeat, you are doing an injustice to the individual and the organization by not giving them a chance at becoming a great asset.

It has taken me a long time to come to the understanding that failure can create success. How you react to our own failures as well as those around you is a true test of character. It can be difficult to see failure as a positive experience, especially when everything we do is under scrutiny from the public. We need to relearn and teach ourselves and our employees to reflect and recognize we all have weaknesses that can become our strengths, but without failure we cannot develop and grow.

We are interested in hearing about your failures and if you are willing to share them let me know. I'm sure we all have stories that serve as a reminder that while public works professionals do their best to serve the community, we are also human and capable of a few blunders along the way. It's these imperfections that often bring us together, sharing a laugh and appreciating the hard work that goes into keeping our public works operations running. For the second installment of our new

Lunch and Learn Round Table Series (sometime this fall, date tba) we want to talk about failure and need your help with

some real-world examples. Contact me directly if you are willing to participate (there is free lunch!).

Enough about failure and on to our successes. The Colorado Chapter has once again been awarded the Presidential Award for Chapter Excellence (PACE). This is the 7th year in a row that the Chapter has received this award. The PACE Award recognizes APWA chapters for contributions made to positively impact their membership, profession, and community. In other news, each year the National APWA President appoints members from around the US and Canada to participate on committees and boards at the national level. If you are interested in serving in the future go to the APWA website for more information. For the next term the Colorado Chapter has several members that have been selected to serve. Thank you to all of them for their time and representation of our great chapter at the national level. This year's appointments are recognized on page 18.

*Jay Goldie, City of Cherry Hills Village
Deputy City Manager / Public Works Director*

9th Annual Rockies Night

**The APWA Colorado Chapter
Young Professionals
are excited to announce the
9th Annual Night at the Rockies!**

**All Young Professionals, APWA members,
friends and family are invited to celebrate
Public Works and watch your
Colorado Rockies take on the Florida Marlins!**



**Wednesday, August 28, 2024 vs. Florida Marlins
6:40pm**

Tickets are in Section 205 (center-right field)

\$20 each and include

\$10 concessions

sponsored by Benesch



Reserve your seat by Friday, August 23!

Tickets are limited!

Buy Your Rockies Tickets on the Colorado Chapter website:

<https://colorado.apwa.org/>

Registration Deadline: August 23, 2024

Tickets will be emailed to you prior to the game

2024 Spring Street Conference

37th Annual Spring Street Conference Pushes to Reach New Heights

Professionals in the public works and transportation industries are always looking to improve the way we do business and serve the community. To achieve this, we need to share ideas, learn from the best, and change the way we think about our transportation systems.

Over the course of two-and-a-half days, colleagues from throughout Colorado came together to share best practices and lessons learned to improve operations and processes. The annual Spring Street Conference held in Grand Junction, April 9-11, featured compelling sessions on what it would take to move public works and transportation toward new practices and ideas. Over 200 people joined together to learn how they can reinvent their operations to make their communities safer, greener, and more efficient.

The Conference was kicked off by Adaptive Adventure Athlete and Marine Corps Vet, Kirstie Ennis, with her inspiring story of surmounting many of life's challenges and summits while overcoming adversity. She continually displays her entrepreneurial spirit to further help firefighters, veterans, and disabled climbers.

Despite all the adversity we each face, she has encouraged us to PUSH HARDER and prevail.

Workforce development sessions covered a wide variety of topics this year, from pavement preservation, GIS, runoff flooding, and traffic control to designing public works facilities and sustainable practices for utilizing waste plastics in Colorado roadways. Participant's favorite topics addressed avalanche mitigation and public works role in responding to and mitigating wildfires.



Who knew drinking water utilities could mitigate wildfire risk?! With water providers and communities experiencing severe consequences from burns in their watershed, Kerry Major, Water Quality Lab Manager for City of Golden, shared best practices regarding their collaborative approach to watershed protection. Resource limitations, land ownership conflicts, and the complexities of working at the watershed scale were all discussed. Successful projects have addressed debris flows, beaver habitat development, creek restoration, and more. One resource that has come out of this initiative is a multi-agency collaboratively funded watershed wildfire hazard



assessment. The Upper Clear Creek Watershed Pre-Wildfire Planning Study discusses how to identify critical infrastructure locations and possible mitigation projects. Their Clear Creek Watershed and Forest Health Partnership has successfully brought together over twenty agencies with a common goal – to save our natural resources and improve forest health.

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2024 Spring Street Conference

Participants always comment that the networking events often provide some of the best opportunities for participants to gain valuable insight and guidance from colleagues sharing additional stories and experiences. Isaac Lopez and George Hubert from the Town of Erie were victorious in the Corn Hole Tournament; while Shawn Poe and Jay Goldie – who coincidentally, are APWA Board members – took away the top award in the Horseshoe Tournament. Who'd they pay off?? Seriously though, both events were exhibits of great sportsmanship and talent in a fun and relaxing atmosphere.



Horseshoe Tournament

Congratulations to **Shawn Poe**, City of Commerce City, and **Jay Goldie**, City of Cherry Hills Village, for their win in the Horseshoe Tournament!



Cornhole Tournament

Isaac Lopez and **George Hubert** from the Town of Erie were victorious in the Corn Hole Tournament! Congratulations!



2024 Spring Street Conference

Golf Tournament



Tucked away at the foot of Colorado National Monument in southwest Grand Junction are beautiful greens, rolling hills, picturesque sandstone, breathtaking views, and....Golf Carts! On a sunny day in April, several street conference participants kicked off their week with a competitive Golf Tournament at the scenic Tiara Rado Golf Course. The course offers some unique challenges, but is a fun experience for all skill levels. Thirteen teams competed in the tournament to help raise funds for the APWA West Slope Chapter. In addition to awarding the top three winning teams, prizes were also given to the winners of Longest Drive, Longest Putt, and Closest to Pin. Thank you to **Sam Kearl** of Enviroad for managing the event. Congratulations to all of this year's winners!



Tournament Winners:

1st Place (52): Tyler Michel, Theodore Opie, Ricky Barron, Randy Peters

2nd Place (53): Pete Adler, Terry Perkins, Kevin Hart, Peter Byrne

3rd Place (55): Josh Krueger, Paul Miller, Josh Miller

Contest Hole Winners:

Longest Drive: Todd Gonser

Longest Putt: Matt Knight

Closest to the Pin: Randy Peters

Thank You!

Thank you to all of our Sponsors, the CARMA Committee and APWA Members that helped make this 37th annual training event a success again this year. We appreciate the public works agencies and individuals being open to new ideas and leadership possibilities that can raise everyone to success!

A special THANK YOU goes out to all our speakers for their time and preparation as well as all the companies that exhibited their services and equipment on site throughout the conference. We also greatly appreciate the support of CAPA for sponsoring lunch and Suncor for sponsorship of the keynote speaker.

Thank you to Dawson Infrastructure Solutions, Owens Equipment, International and OJ Watson for sponsoring the Hospitality Hours and Tournament prizes.

2024 Spring Street Conference

2024 APWA Colorado Backhoe Competition

The State Backhoe Competition held on the final day was an exciting event for operators to showcase their skill and compete in various challenges that included intricate bucket maneuvering, tire stacking, and equipment transport. Competitors are judged on total time, successful completion of tasks, and following safety procedures. A special thank you to **DJ Hughes, Pitkin County** and his crew for building the courses and implementing the event. Colorado APWA will be sponsoring the first and second place winners of the Backhoe Competition to attend and participate in the equipment competition at National APWA PWX in Atlanta in September. **Jimmy Romero of Lake County** and **Colin Seaward from Town of Snowmass Village** are the winners that will be representing Colorado on the national stage this year. I know they will make us proud!



1st Place
Jimmy Romero
Lake County



2nd Place
Colin Seaward
Town of Snowmass Village



Martin Schmidt, West Slope Branch Chair-Elect, presented the winners with their plaques.

Special thanks to Transwest Trucks for sponsoring the competition!

We also greatly appreciate Wagner Equipment for providing the equipment for the competition this year. We couldn't do it without the equipment!

Come to Grand Junction and exhibit your talent next April!



3rd Place
Carlos Loya Rico
Town of Carbondale

*Conference article and photos courtesy of Renée Railsback
Spring Street Conference Chair & APWA Colorado Alternate Delegate
Backhoe competition photos courtesy of DJ Hughes, Pitkin County*

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April 15-17, 2025

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2024 APWA COLORADO AWARDS PROGRAM

“It’s Time to Share Your Accomplishments!”

The Colorado Chapter of the American Public Works Association requests nominations for the 2024 Awards Program. This will be the 39th year of this celebration of Public Works. Awards will be presented in each category for extraordinary Colorado projects and programs as well as individual achievement. Nominations are limited to NEW projects that have not been previously submitted for an award to this program. Projects eligible for this year’s awards would have been completed between July 1, 2023 and June 30, 2024.

The APWA Colorado Chapter judges will be selecting one Project / Program of the Year from all the nominations submitted regardless of category and community size. Please note: The Project/Program of the Year/category winners will be expected to be submitted to the APWA National Awards program. The Chapter Board encourages all nominations submit to the National APWA Awards Program.

You may nominate more than one project/program per category, but each nomination must be submitted separately. More than one nomination in the same category from the same agency is not exclusionary!

Nominations are due by midnight, August 2, 2024!
(This deadline will not be extended)

Nominations will only be accepted using the Awards Nomination Submittal Form for Projects/Programs available on the Colorado Chapter website: [APWA Colorado Awards](#). Please complete the submittal form and return the nomination and photos via email to bdweimer@msn.com. You will receive a confirmation email. If you don’t receive confirmation or if you have questions, please contact Pamela Weimer, Colorado Chapter Administrator, at 303.979.2190.

A description of the required items on the submittal form are listed below. When submitting your nomination, please make sure you fill out the form completely addressing all the criteria listed below. You may include up to four (4) digital pictures (jpeg format in as high resolution as possible). It is also helpful if you label the photos. Please submit photos separately (not embedded in the document):

- **Name of nominated Project, Program or Individual (Individual Award information on next page)**
- **Nomination’s Agency and Department**
- **Category of the Nomination (choose ONE per nomination)**

CATEGORY	DESCRIPTION
Administration	Software implementations, accreditation attainment, certification programs, education programs
Structures	Public Structures, preservation/rehabilitation, municipal buildings
Parks and Trails	Roads, bridges, mass transit
Environment	Parks, trails, pedestrian and bicycle facilities
Operations / Maintenance	Treatment and recycling facilities, landfill reclamation, sewer projects, water projects, flood control, pipeline
Disaster or Emergency Construction, Repair or Response	Maintenance operations are defined as scheduled actions or programs that are regularly completed by public works departments. Includes preventative maintenance, corrective maintenance and recurring maintenance or rehabilitation of buildings, structures or infrastructure such as roadways, storm sewer, sanitary sewer, facilities, etc.
Sustainability	Efficient delivery of infrastructure in an environmentally and socially responsible way that ensures the best choice in the long term.
Public Outreach	Recognition of a public works agency that has developed public outreach programs or special events such as Public Works Week activities that demonstrates awareness and understanding of public works operations and issues, promotes the value of public works and educates the public

Community Category:

- Small Community (under 25,000 in population)
- Medium Community (25,000-100,000 in population)
- Large Community (over 100,000 in population)

Accomplishment for the nominated Project or Program

Criteria Participation

- Innovation: Has the program/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?
- 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?

Three sentences to summarize the nomination



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Individual Award Nomination Information

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(This deadline will not be extended)

Nominations will only be accepted using the Awards Nomination Submittal Form for Individuals available on the Colorado Chapter website: [APWA Colorado Awards](#). Please complete the submittal form and return the nomination via email to bdweimer@msn.com. You will receive a confirmation email. Please include a digital photo of the nominee in a separate file (jpeg format). For questions, please contact Pamela Weimer, Colorado Chapter Administrator, at 303.979.2190.

CATEGORY	DESCRIPTION
Young Leader	To recognize and encourage young APWA 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. Nominee must be with organization for a minimum of one year.
Outstanding Public Works Employee	This award is given to an individual at the operational level (first line supervisor or below) who performs his/her responsibilities at an exceptionally efficient and courteous manner. Nominees need not be a member of APWA, but must have been employed by a public works-related agency for a period of not less than five years.
Professional Manager of the Year - Administrative Mgmt.	The Professional Manager of the Year Award in Administrative Management seeks to recognize outstanding achievement in the area of administration within the public works field and to inspire excellence and dedication in the public sector by recognizing the outstanding career achievements of administrative professionals.
Professional Manager of the Year - Transportation	The Professional Manager of the Year Award in the Transportation category seeks to recognize excellence and dedication by recognizing the outstanding career service achievements, exceptional leadership, and management of public transportation professionals.
Professional Manager of the Year - Water Resources (Water and Sewer)	The Professional Manager of the Year Award in the Water Resources category seeks to inspire excellence and dedication by recognizing the outstanding career service achievements, exceptional leadership and management of potable water and sanitary sewer professionals.
Professional Manager of the Year - Fleet Maintenance	The Professional Manager of the Year Award in the Public Fleet category seeks to recognize excellence and dedication in the public sector by recognizing the outstanding career service achievements and exceptional leadership of public fleet management professionals.
Professional Manager of the Year - Drainage & Flood Control	The Professional Manager of the Year Award in the Drainage and Flood Control category seeks to recognize excellence and dedication by recognizing the outstanding career service achievements and exceptional leadership of stormwater management and flood control professionals.
Professional Manager of the Year - Engineer	The Professional Manager of the Year Award in the Engineering category seeks to recognize excellence and dedication by recognizing the outstanding career service achievements, exceptional leadership and management of engineering professionals.

Accomplishment for the nominated Individual

Criteria Participation

- Profession: Significant contributions to the advancement of professional discipline.
- Leadership: Outstanding leadership and vision evidenced by employing techniques in the field.
- Innovation: : Employment of new and innovative ideas resulting in the advancement of the effectiveness of operations.
- Achievement: Achievement of desired outcomes and a consistent history of achievement.
- Customer Service: Maintenance of a high degree of satisfaction among customers and other stakeholders.

Three sentences to summarize the nomination

2024 West Slope Snow & Ice Conference Gunnison

The 37th Annual APWA West Slope Snow & Ice Conference
is coming up soon!!

Dates: Tuesday, September 3 to Thursday, September 5, 2024
Location: Gunnison, Colorado – Gunnison County Fairgrounds

Tuesday, September 3:

Golf at the Dos Rios Country Club, 1:00 p.m.
Road Scholars course (TBD)

Wednesday, September 4:

Conference: speakers and vendor booths
Equipment Roadeo
Lunch (included in registration fee)
Hospitality & Happy Hour (vendor sponsored)

Thursday, September 5:

Conference: speakers and vendor booths
Awards Luncheon (included in registration fee)

Colorado APWA West Slope Branch is proud to offer the 37th annual Snow and Ice Conference in Gunnison, Colorado. This conference has been a mainstay of the training, networking, and competition for Public Works agencies and employees for decades. Once again in 2024 we are offering a program that will deliver operator-oriented courses and an equipment roadeo over three days. Our first day offers LTAP training (additional fee and registration required) or a golf tournament at the Dos Rios Golf Course. The second day is a slate of courses, lunch, and a roadeo. The third day is additional training courses and an awards luncheon with the conference wrapping up by 1pm. This year's focus is on the tools for snow removal and management. This year's topics will cover items from cutting edges to ice melting and safe operation, all with a focus on the operator. Registration is only \$50 per attendee and includes two lunches and the roadeo. We hope that you can join us in Gunnison at the end of the summer!

**September 3-5, 2024
Gunnison County Fairgrounds**

Please email
publicworks@gunnisoncounty.org
to make sure you or your
company are on our distribution list
to obtain invitation packets to our
conference.

Save the Date!!

2025 APWA COLORADO CONSTRUCTION INSPECTION CONFERENCE

Lone Tree Arts Center
10075 Commons Street
Lone Tree, Colorado 80124

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29, 2025
Check-in/breakfast 7:30am
Sessions begin at 8:00am

THURSDAY, JANUARY 30, 2025
8:00am-1:00pm

Registration opens in November!



APWA COLORADO CHAPTER
2025 CONSTRUCTION
INSPECTION CONFERENCE

*Watch the
Colorado Chapter
website and your
inbox for updates!*

2024 APWA Colorado Annual Chapter Conference

SHAPING THE FUTURE is this year's theme for the APWA Colorado 10th Annual Chapter Conference, which will be held at the Denver Marriott West in Golden, October 21-22, 2024. It's our tenth year since revamping our annual conference and we are excited to welcome the APWA membership to help us celebrate! Our conference committee encourages everyone to take advantage of the opportunity to learn from industry professionals as well as your peers on some of the new and exciting trends in our industry on innovation and technology.

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. This year's conference will focus on the strategies, methods, tools, and technology Public Works professionals are using to plan ahead. How we meet our future challenges is often determined by our vision and thoughtful planning, from variable work schedules to emerging technologies. Our goal is to provide a fulfilling experience and have you walk away with a new perspective on projects and your agencies.

Our two-day conference format will again include both general sessions and breakout sessions with topics focusing on technical and maintenance; financial and funding; and leadership and management aspects of public works. Keith Reester will present our keynote speech on Monday where he will share his experiences on his Colorado Trail journey! We will have a general session on the Floyd Hill improvement project from CDOT. You'll also have access to the best product vendors and suppliers showcasing the latest innovative tools throughout the conference. As we face these new challenges, there are new ideas and resources available which will help us find a successful path forward. The networking opportunities of the APWA conference are always a tremendous benefit for conference attendees to engage with your fellow public works professionals outside of work, and we will have an energetic and entertaining social hour with mentalist and magician Shawn Preston on Monday night!

The APWA Colorado Chapter Annual Awards banquet will be held on Tuesday, October 22 during the Conference and is included in your conference registration. We hope you take the opportunity to nominate the most outstanding, deserving and noteworthy public works projects and professionals! Registration for the conference will start in August! You can register on the APWA

Colorado Chapter [website](#). The planning committee looks forward to seeing you at the 10th Annual Chapter Conference!

If you have any questions related to the conference, please contact Pamela Weimer, Chapter Administrator, at bdweimer@msn.com.

2024

**Annual Chapter
Conference**

October 21 & 22

**Denver Marriott
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October 21 - 22, 2024

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- Targeted Discussions to Help Solve Challenges Facing Your Agency.
- The Annual Chapter Awards Luncheon.
- Exhibitors Sharing Their Latest Technology and Expertise.

Visit **colorado.apwa.org** for updates and to learn more.

Registration opens in August!

NATIONAL PUBLIC WORKS WEEK CELEBRATIONS

National APWA has resources and ideas to help agencies celebrate Public Works Week so you can start planning your 2025 celebration now!

Check it out online:
[National Public Works Week](#)

Mark Your
Calendars!
2025 National
Public Works Week
May 18-24, 2025



Governor Jared Polis
proclaimed May 19-25, 2024
Public Works Week in the
State of Colorado.

City of Loveland



Proclamation

WHEREAS, public works professionals focus on infrastructure, facilities, and services that are of vital importance to sustainable and resilient communities and to the public health, high quality of life, and well-being of the people of Loveland; and

WHEREAS, these infrastructure, facilities, and services could not be provided without the dedicated efforts of public works professionals, who are engineers, managers, and employees at all levels of government and the private sector, who are responsible for rebuilding, improving, and protecting our nation's transportation, water supply, water treatment and solid waste systems, public buildings, and other structures and facilities essential for our citizens, and

WHEREAS, it is in the public interest for the citizens, civic leaders, and children in Loveland to gain knowledge of and maintain an ongoing interest and understanding of the importance of public works and public works programs in their respective communities; and

WHEREAS, the year 2024 marks the 64th annual National Public Works Week sponsored by the American Public Works Association;

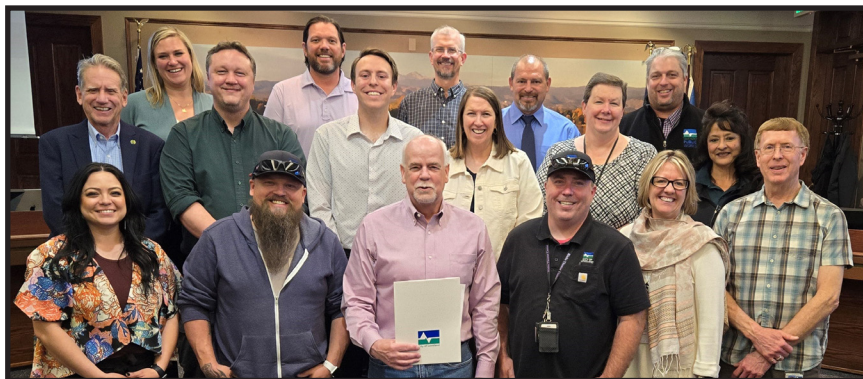
NOW, THEREFORE, we, the City Council of Loveland, do hereby proclaim May 19-25, 2024 as

NATIONAL PUBLIC WORKS WEEK

In the City of Loveland, and we call upon all citizens to join with representatives of the American Public Works Association and government agencies in activities, events, and ceremonies designed to pay tribute to our public works professionals, engineers, managers, and employees and to recognize the substantial contributions they make to protecting our national health, safety, and advancing quality of life for all.

Signed this 14th day of May, 2024.

Jared Marsh
Mayor



How to perform a Trash Audit

By Juliana Archuleta, Adams County Stormwater Administrator (APWA Sustainability Committee Chair for the Colorado Chapter)

Looking for a way to raise employee awareness about the quantity and type of trash being generated in your building? Then consider performing a “Do-It-Yourself” (DIY) waste audit within your organization. This is a great educational activity to confirm if your team is recycling properly. Follow the basic steps:

HOW TO CONDUCT A WASTE AUDIT



Source: wasteeducation-qld.org

Audits can also be performed by the community at trash clean-up events along roadways, trails or ponds. Here is an example of the results found at a pond located in a commercial area lead by a youth group:



2025 APWA Colorado Chapter Elections

The APWA Colorado Chapter and West Slope Branch will be extending a call for nominations for Director positions this fall on their respective Boards. The term runs for two years. Duties include attending Board meetings, events, being a liaison between the Board and committees as well as the membership and provide direction to the Chapter and West Slope Branch.

For over 60 years, APWA Colorado has been the education and networking choice of public works professionals who seek professional excellence and quality education experiences. If you are interested in helping to lead the Chapter, watch for information in October that will detail how to submit a nomination.

Join the team!

APWA Colorado Chapter Receives PACE Award!

The Colorado Chapter has been selected as a recipient of the Presidential Award for Chapter Excellence (PACE)! The PACE award recognizes APWA chapters for their impact on APWA's membership, professional development and the advancement of public works.

Thank you to all of you who help the Chapter positively impact the membership, profession and our communities!

The Colorado Chapter will be recognized during the PWX Awards & Recognition Ceremony, Monday, September 9, 5:00pm.



National APWA Appointments

National APWA has assembled their leadership team for 2024-2025. National APWA works to identify quality individuals willing to take on a leadership role for volunteer committees. Thanks to all of you for your continued dedication and support of APWA!

Jason Stawski, Evergreen Metro District

Margaret Medellin, City & County of Denver

John Davis, Retired

David Zelenok, ZK Engineers, LLC

Tyler Bandemer, City of Loveland

Susan Baillargeon, Front Range Community College

Emergency Management Committee

*Engineering & Construction Committee and
Projects of the Year Awards Committee*

Government Affairs Committee

International Constituents - Chair

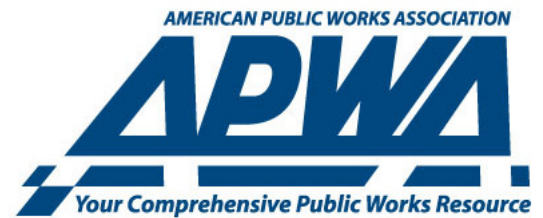
Solid Waste Management Committee

Workforce Development Committee



APWA National

News You Can Use!



Check out the APWA Resources Page!

APWA is your comprehensive public works resource. From job postings and technical resources to valuable members-only publications and tools, you'll find the information you need to succeed in public works!



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SEPTEMBER 8-11, 2024 | #PWX2024

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PWX Atlanta!**
September 11, 2024
10:00 a.m.–5:30 p.m.

This certificate program
can be added to any
registration type
or as a
standalone
activity.

APWA'S FACILITIES AND GROUNDS MANAGEMENT CERTIFICATE

New to the PWX Schedule in Atlanta

The American Public Works Association (APWA) offers a comprehensive certification program designed to equip new facilities and grounds managers—or those aspiring to become managers—with the specialized knowledge and tools required to excel in a dynamic field. Participants who complete this workshop and score at least an 80 percent on the test will be able to successfully demonstrate a well-rounded approach to project, workflow, and CIP asset management as well as proficiency in custodial, grounds, and preventative maintenance.

WHY CHOOSE OUR PROGRAM?

- 1 Industry-Relevant Curriculum:** Our program covers essential topics such as Americans with Disability Act (ADA) compliance, grounds maintenance strategies, capital improvement planning, and much more, ensuring participants are prepared to tackle real-world challenges.
- 2 Experienced Instructors:** Learn from seasoned professionals with years of experience in facilities and grounds management, who will guide participants through every aspect of the program.
- 3 Practical Learning:** Gain hands-on experience through case studies, simulations, and interactive exercises that mimic real-world scenarios. Participants can apply what they've learned in a practical setting.

Continuing Education Units (CEUs):

Participants will receive a certificate of completion and continuing education credit (.8 CEUs/ 8 professional development hours (PDHs)).

Workforce Retention:

We know that talent is hard to attract and keep. Certificate programming helps develop employees and prepares them to stick with a career in which they can thrive and advance. It's a win-win for everyone, including our communities—where real work needs to be done.

News & Announcements

Announcements

Otak Welcomes New Leadership

Otak is happy to announce the appointment of multiple key leadership roles in its Colorado offices. “We’re thrilled to enter this new phase of growth in Colorado” remarked Raul Aviles Jr, CEO of Otak. Henry Alaman, Colorado Regional Director, Todd Kelley, Bridges & Structures Business Unit Leader, and Kevin Deeley, Transportation & Infrastructure Business Unit Leader were announced. *(Courtesy of Otak press release issued June 12, 2024.)*

Dibble Introduces Mountain West Airport Development Team in Denver

Dibble recently announced its dynamic-based Mountain West Airport Development Team in Denver. The team consists of Jared Bass, John Cessar, and Mario Maraccini. “This initiative marks a pivotal step toward transforming airport infrastructure throughout the Rocky Mountain states, reinforcing our commitment to progressive growth and exceptional airport developmental outcomes”. *(Dibble press release issued June 13, 2024.)*

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 submission deadline for the next newsletter is October 11, 2024.

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. Pete Adler, APWA Colorado Chapter Delegate and Western Snow & Ice Conference Chair, wrote this month’s APWA Insights article. The Summer issue also showcases the Western Snow & Ice Conference and National Snow Roadeo featuring the schedule, sessions, and our incredible list of exhibitors! You can view the [2024 Summer](#) issue as well as archived issues on their [website](#).

APWA Reporter

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

[May 2024](#)

Certifications

CPII - **Stephen A. Voigts**, City of Durango

Smart Planning at Denver Water’s Northwater Treatment Plant Ensures a More Sustainable and Resilient Future, **Catherine McIntosh**, CDM Smith & **David Blood**, AECOM B+P

Saving the Environment by Giving Items a Second Life, **Damon Carson**, repurposedMaterials

[June 2024](#)

Certifications

CPII - **Craig Schroeder**, City of Thornton (Recertified)

[July 2024](#)

Transportation Committee Update - Recognition of committee members for their contributions to the *APWA Reporter* and work throughout the year: Federal Transportation Subcommittee Co-Chair, **John Davis**, Retired

Awards

Project of the Year - Transportation - \$5 million-\$25 million: 30th Street and Colorado Avenue Protected Intersection and Underpass, City of Boulder (co-winner)

Maybe You Should Re-think that Weekend “Drive in the Country” - It Could be Deadly, **John T. Davis**, Retired

Going Dutch: Bringing High Transportation and Transit Service Levels to US Cities, **David Zelenok**, ZK Engineers

News & Announcements



News

APWA Colorado Email List

The Chapter is in the process of updating and reviewing its email distribution list. You may receive an email verifying we have a current email address. If you have updates at any time, please contact Pamela at bdweimer@msn.com.

Email Scams

Unfortunately, APWA and the Colorado Chapter can be targets of email scams. These emails are sent by scammers impersonating as APWA or Chapter Board members claiming to have an association with APWA, PWX, or the Colorado Chapter and asking for gift cards or claiming to have access to APWA National or Colorado membership or attendee lists. Please delete these emails and do not respond.

Job Postings

Does your agency have a job opening? The Colorado Chapter website can help you with getting the word out! We list public works employment opportunities on our Chapter website under Resources. You can now submit online using the form available on the Colorado Chapter website:: <https://colorado.apwa.org/> For more information, contact Pamela Weimer, Chapter Administrator at bdweimer@msn.com.



Membership

New Members

As you may be aware, APWA switched to a new platform last year. As we have gone through the process, we haven't been able to access the information to recognize new members but are looking to start doing that again. We apologize to all those we may have missed over the last several months but we hope you know that you are valuable to us and we hope you are finding ways to connect with Colorado APWA. We also apologize if we are showing you as a new member but you have been a member previously. Hopefully this will be sorted out soon! If you have questions at any time, please contact Pamela Weimer, Chapter Administrator, at bdweimer@msn.com. We would like to welcome the following new members.

Matt Adams, City of Greenwood Village
Rob Allen, SEH, Inc.
Nik Armstrong, EJ
Patrick Bergman, City & County of Denver
Brett Boncore, City & County of Denver
Kristofer Carlstedt, Rick Engineering
Joseph Cordts, City & County of Denver
Katie Gargaro, City & County of Denver
Geoffrey Grant, City of Commerce City
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Kristine Obendorf, Boulder County
Brittany Price, City & County of Denver
Steven Ricci, DEN
Patrick Riley, City & County of Denver
Josh Roper, Town of Estes Park
Dawny Warner, CST
Nicholas Williams, City & County of Denver

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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is also available on the Web? Go to the
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