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APWA-CARMA Spring Street Conference

Colorado APWA and CARMA celebrated a successful 30th Anniversary Spring Street Conference in Grand Junction this past April. The event continues to grow, welcoming 147 attendees and 41 vendors sending 75 representatives. The opening Keynote Speaker Chris Carter, a comedy mentalist from Chicago, provided an alternative ice breaker getting participants thinking, networking, and laughing with each other as he blew our minds with tricks thought impossible. The audience was especially in awe as he predicted what attendees were thinking, and correctly identified the serial number on currency that was safely hidden in an audience member's pocket – with coins duct-taped over his eyes! The all-encompassing agenda covered Pavement Management Systems, Traffic Control Planning, Best Practices for Crack Sealing, Successful Street Sweeping, Roundabout Maintenance & Local Issues, Sustainability Evaluation System, Best Practices for Concrete Pavement Contracting, Effective Asphalt Paving Operations, and Public Works HazMat Recognition & Response. Dave Zelenok and Steve Glammeyer inspired the audience to think about the future with their sessions on *"The Future Isn't What It Used To Be – Emerging Trends in Technology and Public Works"* and *"Is This the End?? Nope, Just Hoping to Retire"*. Specific time was also set aside for participants to run heavy equipment activities in the back dirt lot for fabulous prizes; and an outdoor demonstration on Vehicle Lighting options.

This year, the conference program was highlighted by the first annual **State Championship Backhoe Competition**. Twenty-six local agency representatives competed in the event that included two hands-on backhoe operation activities. Each activity was judged

on points completed and total completion time. Winners of this year's competition include: 1st Place – **John Scharnhorst**, City of Montrose; 2nd Place – **Michael Minnick**, Summit County; and 3rd Place – **Joe Lucero**, Gunnison County. The winners were the only 3 participants to score 200 points, and all 3 finished within 21 seconds of each other! The first and second place winners, Scharnhorst and Minnick, will be sponsored by the Colorado Chapter to attend the National APWA PWX in Orlando, Florida in August to compete in the National Backhoe Competition. Come to Grand Junction to show your talent next year!

It wasn't all work and no play – thanks to Macdonald Equipment, Cobitco, Faris Machinery and Colorado Barricade for sponsoring the Hospitality Hours and Tournaments. Congratulations to Dale Frey and Spencer Esch who went undefeated to the championship podium of the Pool Tournament. New this year, the conference switched to a Corn Hole Tournament instead of horseshoes – and the event was more popular than ever! Ed Fuller and Elvia Owens came up from the loser's bracket with a startling upset of an undefeated team to win the first annual Corn Hole Championship.

Ten West Slope agencies received scholarships from the West Slope APWA board to cover conference registration fees for one person each. Keep an eye out for these scholarships to attend next year.

Plan to join us at the Street Conference next year April 18-20, 2018, and don't miss the pre-conference Golf Tournament on April 17th at Tiara Rado Golf Course.

*Renee Railsback
Colorado LTAP, APWA Colorado Director*

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2017
Spring Street
Conference



First Annual APWA Colorado
State Backhoe Competition

1st Place - John Scharnhorst, City of Montrose
2nd Place - Michael Minnick, Summit County
3rd Place - Joe Lucero, Gunnison County

Congratulations!



2017 Spring Street Conference

Golf Tournament

1st Place
Rich Neal, Rick Brown,
Jim Tisdall, Tim Lang

2nd Place
Dan Stephens, Carl Martin,
Chris Lee, Allen Peterson

3rd Place
Wayne Lupton, Ray Zeleny,
Sean McCormick, Brian Thomas

Longest Drive: Eric Weidner
Closest to the Pin: Josh Mayerle
Longest Putt: Ben Munoz



Pool Tournament

1st Place - Dale Frey, Summit County &
Spencer Esch, National Park Service

2nd Place - Ed Fuller, Town of Snowmass Village &
Joe Lucero, Gunnison County

3rd Place - Johnny Martinez, City of Greeley &
Daniel Pacheco, City of Greeley



Cornhole Tournament

1st Place - Ed Fuller, Town of Snowmass Village &
Elvia Owens

2nd Place - Daniel Olsen, Arapahoe County &
Renee Railsback, CLTAP

3rd Place - Mike King, EXCAL &
Dave Delier, City & County of Broomfield

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Sarah Wilson, CLTAP,
Allen Peterson and Jeff Kaiser,
Arapahoe County*



Message from the President



As I sit down to write the summer president's message, all I can say is "Wow, way to go Colorado Chapter of APWA!" Coming off a very successful Spring Street Conference and our first ever State Backhoe Roadeo Competition, we rolled into June with YP sponsoring the very popular Rockies Night. The very next morning was the APWA Chapter Golf Tournament. Both events had participation levels that surpassed previous years.

The news shifts to National American Public Works Association, starting with our Region IX Director Jill Marilley being selected to run for President Elect of the APWA National. Jill has been a strong supporter of the Colorado Chapter and we should be well represented as she moves into her new role. Jill's advancement created an opening for the Region IX director position, and our own Dan Hartman was selected to fill this role. Great job Dan!

The Colorado Chapter applied for the President's Award for Chapter Excellence (PACE) Award in late spring. Just recently, we were informed that the Colorado Chapter had been selected as a recipient for the award. This is the result of being recognized by the national presidents and past presidents of APWA as being one of the top Chapters in the country. I'd like to thank Pam for spearheading all the work that goes into the application and to Chapter members for putting in many hours which allows us to share what the Colorado Chapter of APWA is all about with the rest of the nation. The award will be presented Monday night in Orlando at PWX. At the awards ceremony, I invite all Colorado Chapter members attending PWX to come up on stage and accept the PACE Award as it is a complete team effort of the Chapter and all its members.

Additionally at PWX, the Colorado Chapter is sending our winner and runner-up to compete in the National Backhoe Roadeo. On Tuesday night, join members from the chapters of Region IX for a social get together and dinner.

Finally, we were just informed that the Colorado membership has increased annually by 5.4% and outpaced the national increase of 2.4%. All this growth has set a new national record of 29,839 total members as of the end of June.

Going forward, we can celebrate our success and aim to continuously improve the services we provide to our membership. Keeping in pace with the banner year of accomplishments, September highlights the West Slope Snow and Ice in Gunnison and finishes with the Western States Snow and Ice Conference and the recently designated official National Snow Roadeo in Loveland. We will be cheering for our fellow Colorado chapter members as we surely want the first national winner to be from our state! Colorado has the best snow fighters in the country who battle our extreme conditions from large snow falls, to rapid temperature changes, making conditions change from warm to wet to frozen back to wet then frozen all within a day's time. The topography and weather patterns from blowing snow, upslope weather patterns, to high mountain passes and avalanches all being done under ever increasing traffic contributes to the challenges they face. A big thank you for the job everyone does.

Great Job!

Greg Hall, Town of Vail

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 - Risk Management 101
 - How to Develop Web Apps and Use the Data for Performance Measures
- ✓ Winter Maintenance Supervisor Certification Workshop
- ✓ National Snow Rodeo Competition
- ✓ 90+ Exhibitors with the Latest Technology and Equipment



West Slope Branch

Scholarships and Internships

This spring, six students were selected to receive scholarships from the APWA West Slope Branch for their pursuit of a career in the public works field as well as their outstanding scholastic achievements. The scholarship recipients were recognized at the annual West Slope Spring Street Conference luncheon on April 19, 2017.

- Paul Roman** - \$1,500 Horizon Scholarship. Paul is currently a junior at Fort Lewis College majoring in General Engineering Studies.
- Cody Nielson**- \$1,500 Horizon Scholarship. Cody graduated from Meeker High School and will be studying to be an electrical lineman at Western Colorado Community College.
- Reese Pertile** - \$1500 Horizon Scholarship. Reese is a recent graduate of Meeker High School and will be attending Colorado State University to study Civil Engineering.
- Remmington McLean** - \$1500 Horizon Scholarship. Remmington recently graduated from Fruita Monument High School and will be studying Civil Engineering at Colorado Mesa University.
- Stephen Worrall** - \$1,500 Horizon Scholarship. Stephen is a Parks Supervisor with the Town of Breckenridge and is pursuing a Master's Degree in Public Administration at the University of Colorado-Denver.
- Heddie Hall** - \$500 Horizon Scholarship. Heddie is a junior at the University of Colorado-Boulder where she is majoring in Environmental Studies.



Colorado Chapter President presents Stephen Worrall with his scholarship award.

Congratulations to the 2017 scholarship winners! The APWA West Slope scholarship application is open every year to graduating high school seniors, current college undergraduates, and employees currently working in the public works field.

Scholarship information can be obtained by contacting the APWA West Slope Scholarship Coordinator, Susie Hervert, at shervert@vailgov.com.

Remmington McLean with his proud parents!



As part of the APWA Colorado West Slope Branch's commitment to strengthen and promote the Public Works professions, the Branch created a program to provide financial assistance for municipalities and agencies wishing to support existing or develop new internship programs. Through this program, the West Slope Branch Board hopes to inspire future generations to pursue careers in public service.

2017 Internship Award Recipients:

Town of Fruita

Town of Breckenridge



Join Us for the The 4th Annual
APWA Colorado Chapter Conference

PERFORMANCE MATTERS

Arvada Center

Arvada, CO | October 23 - 24, 2017

Performance Matters! is the theme this year of the APWA Colorado 4th Annual Chapter Conference, which will be held at the Arvada Center on October 23 and 24, 2017. The conference committee encourages everyone to take advantage of the opportunity to learn from industry professionals as well as your peers. Performance in all aspects of public works has never been more important with increasing budget restraints and the need to become more efficient.

During the conference, we will get a chance to hear how the Urban Drainage and Flood Control District is using performance measures to identify gaps in service and identify quality of results to drive change. We will learn from Jo Matton and Associates on how to create a dynamic culture of performance for your organization. You will also have an opportunity to join a two-part interactive session with the Denver Peak Academy, which fixes problems by helping public employees eliminate waste and continuously improve business processes. We will also get to hear about other important topics such as Intelligent Mobility, a new way of thinking about how to connect people, places, goods and services across all modes of transportation.

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. You'll also have access to several product vendors and suppliers showcasing the latest innovative tools throughout the conference. We also encourage you to seize the many networking opportunities you'll have with your fellow public works professionals, and we invite you to attend the social hour on Monday night.

The APWA Colorado Chapter Awards banquet will be held on Monday, October 23, 2017 during the Conference and is included in your conference registration. We hope you took the opportunity to nominate the most deserving and noteworthy public works projects and professionals!

Early bird registration for the conference has begun! You can register on the APWA Colorado Chapter website: <http://colorado.apwa.net/EventDetails/12505>

The planning committee looks forward to your attendance at the 4th Annual Chapter Conference.

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

*Dannette Robberson, Town of Parker
Annual Chapter Conference Committee*

APWA COLORADO

2017 GOLF TOURNAMENT

The 2017 APWA Colorado Chapter Golf tournament was held at Riverdale Dunes Golf Course in Brighton on June 21st. The tournament was a huge success with wonderful weather, great course conditions and record number (23) of sponsors. We had another great turnout with 110 players participating.

The tournament committee would like to thank the sponsors for their tremendous support and generosity!

This year first, second and third place was awarded for two flights.

Flight A

1st Place (59): Dean Harris, Steve Hibbeler, Jim Jones, Austin Jones

2nd Place (60): Mike Martin, Brent Sampson, James Colbert, Bruce Uhernik

3rd Place (64): Steve Suniga, Tony Boscia, Mark Proper, Chris Proper

Flight B

1st Place (57): David Barthel, Ryan Giesler, Steve Brooks, Scott Rafferty

2nd Place (58): Randy Mourning, Jason Okerlund, Shawn Dankenbring, Karl Brauer

3rd Place (60): Carl Martin, Chris Lee, Allen Peterson, Dan Stephens

High Score (72): John Mierzwa, Kirk Skogen, John Juranek, Jacob Jones

Due to the tremendous sponsorship we had TEN contest holes. Contest Hole winners were:

#3 Men's Longest Drive: Jason Okerlund

#4 Closest to the Pin: Scott Rafferty

#7 Closest to the Hazard: Scott Jardine

#8 Closest to the Pin: Eric Garner

#9 Men's Longest Drive: Mark Moskowitz

#10 Shortest Drive: Carl Armijo

#12 Closest to the Pin: Pete Adler

#13 Women's Longest Drive: Jenna Siegal

#14 Closest to the Hole: Dan Stephens

#17 Closest to the Pin: Steve Hibbeler

The day was rounded out with lunch and door prizes. Thanks to the great generosity of our many sponsors and participants the Chapter was able to raise over \$2000 for the Internship and Scholarship Programs. Thanks to everyone who participated and we look forward to another great event next year!

Dave Schmit, Arapahoe County

Chapter Golf Tournament Chair, APWA Colorado Chapter Director

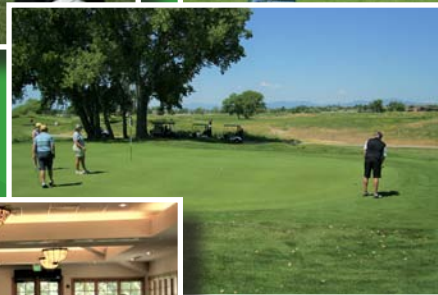
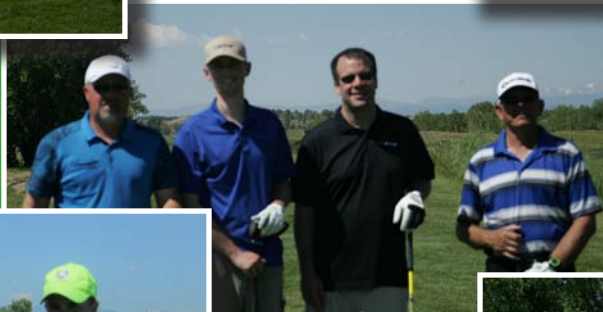
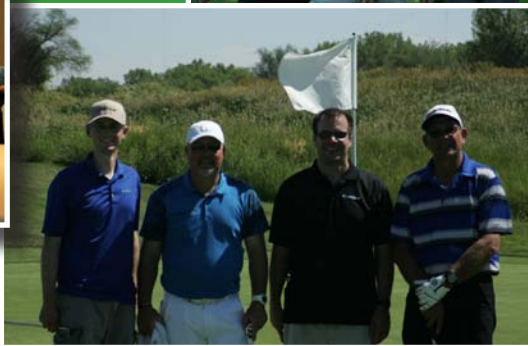
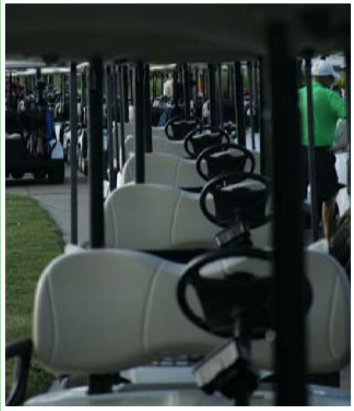
**JUNE
21**



**Riverdale
Golf Course
The Dunes**

APWA COLORADO

2017 GOLF TOURNAMENT



20th Annual APWA Colorado

Pool Tournament

Friday, October 20, 2017

Wynkoop Brewery

1634 18th Street, Denver

Join in the fun at the 20th Annual APWA Colorado Pool Tournament. Have a great time in our no-skill required pool tournament. Bring your friends to enjoy the food and fun!

Registration and Lunch: 12 Noon
Play starts at 12:30 pm

Fee: \$45 per player (up to 10/13/17)
\$50 per player (after 10/13/17)
(Registration fee includes: entry fee, winner's trophy, lunch and drink)
No refunds after 10/13/17 Substitutions are allowed

Cancellation Policy: Cancellations must be submitted in writing (email only to bdweimer@msn.com) by October 13th for a refund. Substitutions may be made at any time.



Sponsorship Opportunities Available
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briank.schram@rinkerpipe.com
303-918-1628

Registration <http://colorado.apwa.net/>

4TH ANNUAL ROCKIES NIGHT

Thanks to everyone who rallied for the 4th Annual APWA Rockies game! With nearly 40 in attendance, it was a beautiful summer evening to share among new faces, APWA Board members, and Young Professionals. We even managed to make the jumbotron!

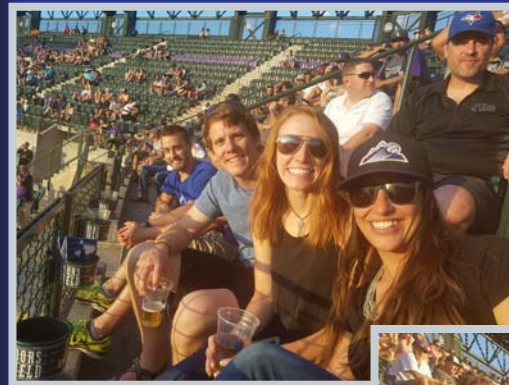
A special thank you to Muller Engineering for sponsoring a \$10 concession credit for each ticket. It was quite the success!

Whether you are early in your career, are willing to share words of wisdom, or want to help shape the group, the Colorado Chapter Young Professionals (YP) Group has a place for you!

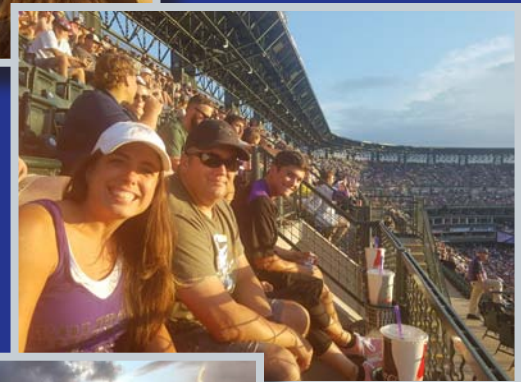
Contact Melissa Jucha at Melissa.jucha@dot.gov if you would like to get involved. Feel free to share with others in your office that may be interested in becoming part of this professional organization. Public Works is best shared with others, so come be a part of the group!

Keep your eyes open for our upcoming Fall Networking Event!

*Melissa Jucha
YP Chair
APWA Colorado Chapter Emerging Professional Director*



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Melissa Jucha,
Renee Railsback
and Keith Reester*

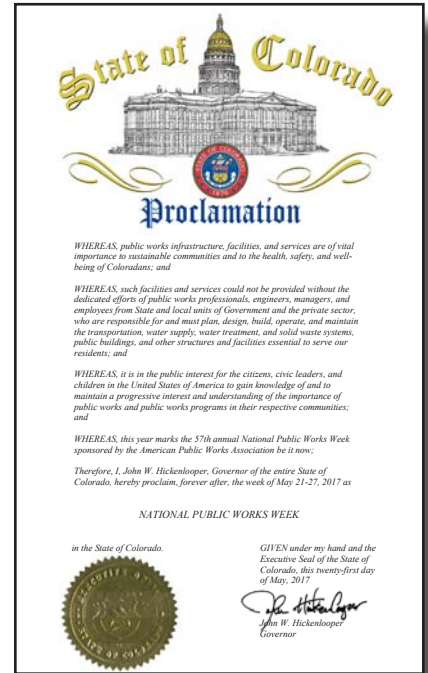


2017 National Public Works Week

Public Works Connects Us

May 21-27, 2017

Governor John Hickenlooper proclaimed May 21-27, 2017 Public Works Week in the State of Colorado. In keeping with the 2017 theme, "Public Works Connects Us", agencies around the state celebrated the vital role public works plays in connecting us all together.



Arapahoe County Celebrates National Public Works Week

Visitors to the Arapahoe County offices were greeted with banners celebrating Public Works Week and had the opportunity to see a display highlighting the many public works related services the County provides its residents including "A Year in Public Works".



A YEAR IN PUBLIC WORKS
PUBLIC WORKS WEEK MAY 21-27, 2017

56 Capital Transportation Projects	385 Land Development Cases
832 Miles Mapped	2,777 Tons of asphalt used to repair potholes
127 Public Works Employees	137 Engineering Cases
12 Safety/Traffic Projects	3,417 Building permits
603 Zoning Violations	1,698 Dog Licenses Issued



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Photos courtesy of Caitlin Wilson Arapahoe County



Denver Celebrates National Public Works Week

Denver Public Works marked National Public Works Weeks in May by celebrating the Department's 1,300 employees and the work they do every day to improve quality of life in Denver.

The week began with a proclamation from Denver City Council, declaring it "Public Works Week in Denver" and recognizing the men and women of Denver Public Works who deliver critical services to the city's residents, including trash and recycling collection, street paving and transportation and mobility solutions that help people move around town more easily. Ten employees were given special recognition in the proclamation, as they were named our 2016 Employees of the Year for their commitment and passion to Denver Public Works.

Later in the week, Denver Public Works invited all staff to an employee appreciation luncheon! The Employees of the Year were recognized at the event, with the director of each division sharing how their employees went above and beyond their job duties to receive the honor. In addition, our Department took the time to recognize two employees who recently passed away, reflecting on their contributions and dedication. The annual luncheon is a great way for Denver Public Works employees, many of whom work in different buildings and facilities, to connect with one other in celebration.

Denver also celebrated National Public Works Week in the media by announcing a new program to construct and improve sidewalks along city parks to make Denver a more "connected" place for pedestrians. Communications staff invited the media to photograph crews working on a stretch of new concrete sidewalk. The sidewalk was a good example of the vital role public works plays in "connecting people" to each other and to their destinations.

2017 National Public Works Week



May 21-27, 2017



Denver Public Works Employees of the Year

Row 1, left to right:

Joe Purvis, Right-of-Way Enforcement/Permitting
Heather Burke, Office of the Executive Director
Tim Bowen, Street Maintenance
Kyle Smith, Solid Waste Management
Bill Gordon, Right-of-Way Services
Brent Thomas, Transportation & Mobility
David Shaw, Capital Projects Management

Row 2, left to right:

Amber Zollo, Finance & Administration
Tara Nguyen, Wastewater Management
Robert Jurgens, Fleet Management



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Nancy Kuhn
City & County of Denver

Public Works Connects Us



ROCKY MOUNTAIN PUBLIC WORKS INSTITUTE

Developing Tomorrow's Public Works Leaders Today

The Rocky Mountain Public Works Institute provides a regional program that educates and elevates public works employees, helping them achieve their management and leadership potential through interactive classes taught by experienced public works officials. The Institute follows the proven APWA model that has been successfully implemented by a number of other Chapters throughout the country.

The Rocky Mountain Public Works Institute is targeted at developing managers and leaders who are seeking to grow from a non-supervisory/early career supervisory position into public works leaders and managers. The Institute will provide a great opportunity for large communities looking to develop their next generation of managers or small towns seeking to develop their next public works director. The program entails 90 hours of contact time with instructors from across Colorado and the United States and requires a commitment to five two-day sessions every other month and concludes with the 2018 Annual Chapter Conference. The first 24 applicants to submit their completed paperwork will be accepted. The sessions are tentatively scheduled for the second Thursday and Friday of January, March, May, July, and September 2018. The final session will be the 2018 Annual Chapter Conference (location and dates to be determined) The January through September sessions will be held at the Southeast Metro Stormwater (SEMSWA) office located at 7437 S. Fairplay Street in Centennial.



2018 Registration Open!

We are accepting applications for the 2018 session. If you would like to be part of this exciting program, go to the Colorado Chapter website <http://colorado.apwa.net/> and click on PWI for more information and the application.

REGISTER NOW!



PUBLIC WORKS EXPO

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APWA REGION IX DINNER

August 29

Social Hour

6:00pm

Dinner

7:00pm

Tin Roof

The APWA Region IX Dinner is sure to be a fun time as attendees gather for a social hour and dinner!

Join the Washington, Oregon, Alaska, Rocky Mountain, Utah, Colorado, British Columbia, Alberta and Saskatchewan Chapters for a fun evening at a joint Chapter Dinner!

Buffet Menu
Appetizers
Dixie Biscuits, Avocado Toast, Shrimp & Grits Poppers
Dinner
Salad
BBQ Pulled Pork, Chicken & Biscuits, Mac & Cheese
Dessert
Banana Pudding Shooters
Soda, Tea, Coffee, Lemonade

Tin Roof
8371 International Drive, Orlando
\$75 per person
Registration deadline: August 21
Register online: <http://colorado.apwa.net/>

Questions?
Please contact Pamela Weimer,
APWA Colorado Chapter Administrator,
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Within walking distance of the Convention Center and the conference hotels making it easy to connect with fellow PWX attendees from our Region!

Join us at The Roof!

Past President Spotlight

Keith Reester



Keith Reester's adventurous life started in upstate New York, the real part of the state according to Keith! He grew up in Endwell and Ithaca before heading off to college at Alfred University in New York where he received his BA in Public Administration as well as a minor in coaching that led to his universal coaching certification in track and field. He went on to receive his MPA at Penn State University.

Over the years Keith has held an interesting assortment of jobs starting with life guard. There isn't quite enough space in our newsletter to list all the jobs Keith has held over the years but a few include wilderness canoe/raft guide, wild land fire fighter, solid waste and recycling general manager, restaurant chef, consultant, college track coach, Boy Scout Executive and asbestos remover. His first industry job was as an unpaid intern for the City of Binghamton, New York Public Works Department. He is currently the acting Public Works Director for the City of Littleton and he also provides consulting and speaking services with Reester & Associates.

Although his favorite job may have been as a wilderness expedition guide, he was drawn to the profession by the diversity and challenge of making communities great. He came to Colorado in 1990 and is proud to note that this winter marks his 20th year in the state! A career highlight for Reester was acting as the Incident Commander in the 2013 Colorado flood disaster and then guiding community rebuilding.

Keith first became involved in APWA in 1990. In that first public works job as an intern in Binghamton, the then director, John Walluk, took Keith to an APWA lunch and learn meeting. Over the years John proved to be a mentor as well. Walluk went on to head the City of Pittsburgh Public Works Department and the University of Pittsburgh Facilities and Operations Department.

Over the years Reester has been involved with APWA at both the National and Chapter levels in many roles. In 2011 he became Colorado Chapter President. That year the Colorado Chapter hosted Congress (now PWX) which is the most attended PWX event to date. Keith notes "the process of volunteer management, partnership with APWA National and fundraising were all great challenges but frankly made easy by the awesome professionals we have in the state in every aspect of public works."

In the years since he was president, Reester believes there continues to be the evolution of great leaders from so many parts of this diverse profession. "I'm excited about the increasing levels of diversity in our state and chapter."

When asked about his perspective of the public works field today, Keith remarks "We have so many opportunities to make communities and regions great! Our challenge will always be funding, building community support, and driving a new paradigm of whole systems thinking and community resiliency in all we do. Our perspective must always be future oriented and regionally based regardless of what parochial thinking pervades decision-making sometimes."

An interesting observation from Keith on the public works profession is that it "is a unique blend of getting stuff done today while planning a vision for your community and region that will last beyond your lifetime. It is truly matchless from that perspective."

Keith's career is not all that keeps him busy. He is a single dad with "two amazing kids", a 13 year old daughter and 8 year old son. He enjoys golf, skiing, world travel, running, and scuba diving. His travels have literally taken him all over the world as he has been to every continent except Asia which he will be visiting later this year. His favorite place he has ever visited is Antarctica noting that it "is stunningly beautiful and unique. The wildlife is awe inspiring and it is truly wilderness." His travels will also take him back home this fall where he will be running the New York City marathon to celebrate the 25th anniversary of running his first marathon there!

Keith may someday spend some of his retirement in Alaska where he owns some land but today the Colorado Chapter is very glad that he continues to lead his adventurous life here!

2011
Colorado
Chapter
President

2014
William E.
Korbitz
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Colorado Sustainability Update - Summer 2017

It's the height of the summer vacation season as I write this, and like millions of other people, I am out on Colorado's highways, bi-ways and back roads trying to get in as many Colorado outdoors experiences as I can. There are so many beautiful Colorado vistas that look much like they did when I was younger and was first exploring some of the more remote areas of our wonderful state!

However, as we can all likely attest – there are other areas that I can hardly recognize – or landmarks that simply do not exist anymore. Colorado continues to attract people from all over the world – and I can't blame them. We have a booming economy, natural playgrounds all around us - and there's a festival going on somewhere every weekend!

For those charged with providing the infrastructure needed to support our continuously growing population and active lifestyles –it can be a serious challenge. Particularly when we are concerned about preserving those qualities of Colorado that we enjoy so much – accommodating the needs of our communities in a sustainable fashion.

Fortunately, Colorado has many municipalities, institutions and individual leaders dedicated to the principles of Sustainability. The APWA Colorado Chapter is actively engaged in planning a great gathering of these minds – the Symposium for Sustainable Infrastructure 2 - currently slated for November 3 & 4, 2017, on the campus of the University of Colorado at Boulder. The theme for this year's Symposium is "Tools for Responsible Growth".

While still in the planning stages, this year's Symposium promises to provide an opportunity for sharing a wide range of information that can help all those involved in the planning and design of critical public works systems, including transportation, water resources, energy systems and architectural design. Many Sustainability partners will be participating in

this year's event – including APWA (local and national), ASCE, the national Institute for Sustainable Infrastructure (ISI), Colorado Higher Education, and many others – the list keeps growing. Please visit our Colorado Chapter website periodically to keep posted as the program continues to be developed. <http://colorado.apwa.net/>

Another advancement in Colorado's Sustainability efforts, is the addition of a Sustainability Category in this year's APWA Colorado Chapter Annual Awards. One of the most useful and effective ways to help each other in meeting the challenges of growth is by providing examples, sharing experiences and recognizing our successes. I am looking forward to seeing all the projects that are nominated for this year's awards – I suspect many of them will have a Sustainability component, if not a major focus. As always, our Colorado Chapter Sustainability Committee is interested in hearing from Chapter members regarding their Sustainability efforts and assisting in any way we can. One of the means by which we can share information throughout our Colorado community – and nationally, is through the APWA's Center for Sustainability (C4S) Toolkit – which is a searchable database of many types of Sustainability resources. Please visit <http://sustainabilitytoolkit.apwa.net/>

If you would like to share any of your agency's policies, technical guidance documents or example project information with others, feel free to contact me at Rich.Horstmann@gmail.com - or any of our Sustainability Committee members. Our contact information is available on the Chapter website. We'd be particularly interested in hearing about any great Sustainability speakers or prepared presentations you may be aware of – we'd like to help build a Sustainability discussion into our local Chapter events whenever possible.

*Rich Horstmann
APWA Colorado Sustainability Committee*

SAVE THE DATE

CARMA Winter Workshop

The Colorado Association for Roadway MAintenance (CARMA), a committee of APWA Colorado, continues its tradition of delivering a great opportunity for training and networking with the annual Winter Workshop. This is a full-day training opportunity designed to offer topics to help your agency prepare for winter and keep your staff on the cutting edge of methods, materials, and operations. Last year's topics covered Environmental Best Management Practices for Snow & Ice Control, Roundabout Winter Maintenance, Changing your Attack for Weather Conditions, Winter Maintenance Apps for Mobile Devices, Local Panel on Snow & Ice Control Equipment, Techniques and Materials, and a winter operations facility tour at Loveland's new Public Works Operations Facility. Thank you to our gracious hosts at the City of Loveland for a successful 2016 event!

Come join us this fall at the **City of Golden** and learn about topics such as winter maintenance resources, equipment, and best practices. The registration fee is \$30 per person and includes lunch. This year's program is shaping up to be just as informative - so mark your calendars!

Thursday, October 12, 2017



News & Announcements

Announcements

APWA Colorado Chapter Committees

Would you like to be more involved with APWA and the Colorado Chapter? Please let us know if you are interested in serving on or chairing a committee or if you have an idea for an event. Contact Pamela Weimer, Chapter Administrator at bdweimer@msn.com.

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 October 13, 2017.

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/Employment: <http://colorado.apwa.net/> For more information, contact Pamela Weimer, Chapter Administrator at bdweimer@msn.com.

Partnering Opportunities

Are you a member of a similar professional organization to APWA? The Colorado Chapter is interested in partnering or co-sponsoring educational or training opportunities. Please contact a Chapter Board member or Pamela Weimer, Chapter Administrator, on how we can work together to assist our members.

APWA Certifications

Achieving an APWA national certification is no easy accomplishment, so we wish to honor individuals who accomplish this goal. The purpost of certification is to recognize the achievements of an individual in a particular profession.

APWA currently offer Certification Programs for Certified Public Fleet Professional (CPFP), Certified Public Infrastructure Inspector (CPII) and Certified Stormwater Manager (CSM).

Congratulations to the following Colorado Certificants that received their certification during the first quarter of 2017!

Certified Public Infrastructure Inspector (CPII)

Jay M. Jensma, Town of Castle Rock

A full list of all APWA certificants can be viewed under their professional category on an interactive map at <http://www.apwa.net/certificaton/>

National APWA Appointments

National APWA has assembled their leadership team for 2017-2018. National APWA works to identify quality individuals willing take on a leadership role for volunteer committees. Thanks to all of you for your continued dedication and support of APWA!

Neil Grigg, Colorado State University - DCS Quality Council

Jeffery Maxwell, Adams County - Diversity Committee

Laura Kroeger, UDFCD - Institute Review Committee and Leadership and Management Committee

Jay Goldie, Cherry Hills Village - Public Works Projects of the Year Awards Committee Co-Chair

Steve Materkowski, UDFCD - Emergency Management Committee

Dan Sailer, Town of Castle Rock - Small Cities/Rural Communities Committee Co-Chair & Asset Management Task Force

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APWA Reaches Record Number of Members - Again!!

Membership in APWA has reached an all-time high. The official membership as of June 30th showed 29,901 members, another all-time record! In order, the months of July, June, May, March and April of 2017 constitute the five highest membership totals ever for APWA!

Membership

New Members

Colorado APWA would like to welcome the following new members who have joined in the last quarter.

Barbara Aguilera, City of Commerce City
Gary Bales, City & County of Denver
Charles Beebe, Town of Parker
Kelly Behling, City & County of Broomfield
Gary Blenda, EnviroTech Services, Inc.
Addison Canino, Town of Frisco
Kip Carroll, City of Boulder
Brittney Clark, CompassCom Software
Steve Clark, EnviroTech Services, Inc.
Michael DeVol, Town of Elizabeth
John Essex, City & County of Denver
Kenberley Field, EnviroTech Services, Inc.
Austin Ford, EnviroTech Services, Inc.
Ed Fuller, Town of Snowmass Village
Jordan Gray-DeKraai, City of Aspen
Tamra Gregory, CH2M
Cassandra Guild, Colorado LTAP
Tim Hanlin, EnviroTech Services, Inc.
Benjamin Hasseman, City of Littleton
Lisy Henson, City of Commerce City
Chris Johnsen, Town of Frisco
David Joyner, Town of Snowmass Village

Robert Jurgens, City & County of Denver
Brendan Kelley, City & County of Denver
Wade Kessler, EnviroTech Services, Inc.
Wayne Lupton, EnviroTech Services, Inc.
John McGinley, DIA
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Loren Roberts, CH2M
Brad Salazar, City & County of Denver
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Colin Taylor, City of Commerce City
Michael Terry, CH2M
Jacob Velasquez, City of Glenwood Springs
Jerold Vincent, EnviroTech Services, Inc.
John Wannigman, City of Greenwood Village
Mark Wolfe, EnviroTech Services, Inc.

Upcoming Events

Colorado Chapter Events

August 27-30:	PWX, Orlando
August 29:	Region IX Dinner, Tin Roof, Orlando
September 27-29:	Western Snow & Ice Conference & National Snow Roadeo, Embassy Suites, Loveland
October 12:	CARMA Winter Workshop
October 20:	Chapter Pool Tournament, Wynkoop Brewery
October 23 & 24:	Annual Chapter Conference, The Arvada Center
October 23:	APWA Colorado Annual Awards Luncheon, The Arvada Center
November 3 & 4:	Sustainability Symposium - 2, CU Boulder

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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 <http://colorado.apwa.net/>



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