



Chapter Newsletter

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Chapter News

By the time you read this, either you are at the APWA David Sherman Collegiate Scholarship Fundraiser or it has happened. This is the first event that we have been able to host in person since the COVID-19 Pandemic. The Chapter is excited that we can bring this opportunity to members and non-members. The APWA Golf Outing is the one and only fundraiser we provide for our scholarship fund, so thank you to those who have participated ensuring the future of Public Works. The Chapter would like to congratulate Tyler Kuss of Crown Point HS in Crown Point, IN who is our scholarship winner for 2021.

Something new we are trying is the member sponsored “White Papers” on the Chapter Website in the education tab. These are short articles written for members and provide an opportunity to learn something that is being done in our industry by Chapter Members. Topics could be something you are considering doing and are intended to provide a contact and information for you to help promote the industry.

I’m excited to say that PWX will be hosted in person this year in St. Louis. Don’t miss this opportunity if you have the chance to travel out of state!

The Indiana Chapter has 2 Social Media accounts that we will randomly post things, and would love to see pictures from our membership. Be sure to tag **@APWA_INDIANA** on Twitter, and **@APWA_IND** on Instagram.



Chapter Board Member Update:

The Chapter Board Members have been active at the National Level.

President Eric Pethtel is part of the National Steering Committee and is a part of Task Forces on a variety of issues that APWA looking into for membership.

Vice-President Kyle Winling is on the Advocacy Task Force and Struggling Chapters Task Force and will be helping the Indiana Chapter and state chapters on these issues.

Board Member Larry Campbell, Fort Wayne, is part of the National Certified Public Fleet Professionals and will be helping review and update test questions for the certification program.

We want to communicate that there is a very sincere level of commitment by APWA National that they want to see us all succeed professionally and as an organization

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CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2020 AWARD WINNERS

Project of the Year— Neuman Road Underpass.

This project was a significant improvement near the Purdue Campus that connected the Discovery Park District Aerospace, re-creating the gateway which was once a 1-lane 100 year old bridge underpass. The new project included reconstructing and widening of Newman Road, adding a dual lane roundabout at SR 26 and Newman Road and replacing the old bridge structure. Coordination was key to the success of this project, and KBS Railroad allowed a 106 hour track outage where the project used a Lateral Bridge Slide Technique reducing the track down time. After the new bridge was constructed, the structure was shifted 44 feet over a 90 minute period.

This project also made considerations for local traffic by maintaining access to the Purdue Technology Center Aerospace facility as well as letting a separate contract to provide an alternate route for emergency vehicles. Environmentally, the project preserved massive elm trees by carefully selecting construction staging locations. The project also used new LED lighting matching the community's other area projects within the district.

Public Works Leader of the Year—Shan Gunawardena, City of Fort Wayne Director of Public Works

Shan Gunawardena has been working in the Public Works field for 27 years, serving the last 13 years with the City of Fort Wayne. Shan has served as City Traffic Engineer, City Engineer and Director of Public Works. Shan has played a key role in Fort Wayne's neighborhood infrastructure investments with annual Division projects totaling over \$27 million per year. Shan has helped promote the city's complete streets policy by enhancing public spaces with landscaping, trails, sidewalks.

As well as promoting investment into infrastructure, Shan has also played a key role in re-branding the Division of Public Works, bringing the Fleet Department under PW control, establishing a traffic event website, promoting the annual Open Streets event and helping re-establish Tox-Away solid waste removal.

CERTIFICATIONS

Don't forget that you have resources available online at APWA.NET.

This may be the time to consider certification or accreditation? Certification Options are Winter Maintenance Supervisor, Winter Maintenance Operator, Public Fleet Management and Facilities and Grounds.

This may be the time to contemplate other professional certifications such as CPPF, CPII, CSM. APWA is also offering the new Certified Public Works Professional Certifications for Supervisors and Managers.



APWA Partnerships

Did you know that the APWA Board is working with other professional organizations such as LTAP on educational programming and ideas? LTAP is helping the Indiana Chapter promote public works and education topics for the membership.

APWA is also helping promote the Trade Association Professionals (TAP) annual event June 17, 2021 in Indianapolis. TAP helps promote future leaders in the construction and design community.

Did you know that 2 current Chapter Board members are also on the ISCA Leadership Team? The ISCA Partnership is integral to the success of our Indiana Chapter.



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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Christopher Moore	City of Crawfordsville
Adam Parsons	City of South Bend
Tom Whitaker	City of South Bend
Steve Smart	County Materials
Rik Hayman	Flies & VandenBrink
Megan McCain	FOCUS by TELUS
Jennifer Sharkey	LTAP
Peter Mahlock	Odle, Inc. Coating & Painting
Richard Graeber	Porter Co. Dept. of Development
Mary Perren	Starke Co. Highway Dept.
Andrew Pitcher	Town of Danville
Jim Perron	Woodard and Curran

Indiana Chapter of APWA currently has approximately 200 members statewide. APWA is a great way to network with other professionals throughout the state on the variety of different aspects of Public Works. This includes fleet, transportation, solid waste, facilities, water, right of way and more. The variety of fields sets APWA apart from other organizations and brings with it a large variety of experience that we can draw on from each other. Don't hesitate to reach out to the chapter if you have a question. We may be able to put you in touch with someone who can help!

SPOTLIGHT ON - MEMBER

The Indiana Chapter would like to recognize Mr. Steve Starek, (mostly retired) Senior Project Manager at VS Engineering. Steve has been a member of APWA for 38 years, being an Indiana member for 22. Steve is our "most experienced" member in the state.

In his 38 years as a member, Steve first learned to always be prepared to defend his design theories, even if he knew he was correct. This is good advice for anyone. One of his more challenging projects he has been a part of was the relocation of a 108" combined sewer around Lucas Oil Stadium and relocation of the CSO from the relocated pipe to the underground channel for Pougues Run.

Steve recognizes the importance of his connections through APWA, be it PW Directors, vendors, contractors or consultants. The connections helped with managing, designing and purchasing for public works projects. His advice is that you participate in what APWA has to offer. APWA is the organization and place to meet people that provide answers to most any type of question you may have. Of course, don't forget to NETWORK!

As noted, one of our partnerships is with LTAP on providing education topics for members.

The Chapter has a new e-mail address that will start being more readily available. If you have a topic that you would like to learn more about or question for the Chapter, please email apwa.ind@gmail.com or one of the Board Members.



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White Papers—Spotlight On—Education

We want to hear from you!

It has been said before that APWA is a great place to network, learn and create professional relationships.

I'm sure at one point or another you have thought "I wonder if...?" Well why not use APWA to your advantage. As Steve Starek noted, APWA is a great place to get questions answered.

We would love to showcase your knowledge, projects, ideas or even products.

If you have done a unique project in the following , please email APWA.IND@gmail.com so we can get a list going and share your knowledge.

Innovative Street Lighting

New Trenching Excavation or Methods

Working Around Utilities

Safe Sidewalk Program

Greenways Management

Pedestrian Access and ADA

GIS Systems for Public Works

Salt/Brine Storage Facilities

Recruiting and Training PW Professionals

City/County Parks Management

Community Involvement with Public Works

Different Types of Pavement Markings

OR do you have an idea or question about a topic you want to learn more about?

Let us know so we can investigate, ask our Industry Partners or help you get in contact with the right people.