



From the President



What is APWA all about? It's mostly about people and how we can best serve our customers.

I had the privilege to represent our chapter at the APWA National Congress in Atlanta in September. What amazed me is that there are so many great people working in public works, each coming from a different place with different circumstances. I met people from Maine to Florida, not to mention Australia, Canada and Mexico.

The more I talked with these people, the more I find that they have the same problems we have. I heard about turning secondary treatment plant effluent into water that is more pure than bottled

drinking water. I heard about rain barrels being used to capture water for irrigation in urban settings.

Public works is not just about technology and public facilities. It also includes management and leadership. I heard that a great many people come to work because they have to, not because they want to. What would it be like if everyone found fulfillment at work, with no infighting, bickering, or empire building? We would have truly extraordinary organizations. We can reach this lofty goal, if we, as managers and leaders, remember to really listen to our people.

I learned that laughing your way to success can work. We just need to learn how to take the work seriously while not taking ourselves so seriously.

APWA is a fantastic organization because it is dedicated to helping

us, public works professionals, to be better at what we do. We carry a heavy load. We are first responders in time of major crisis, like during the power blackout that covered the entire Northeastern part of our country. Who kept the emergency generators running? Consider the hurricanes in Florida this year. What gets hit hard? Public works.

I encourage all of you to get involved. Get involved in the Chapter committees, come to our conferences and training sessions or volunteer for national committees. You will get to know a lot of great people who are working on the same issues and finding solutions that you may never think of. APWA provides us a forum so we can help each other, if by nothing else, just talking and sharing our success and challenges. Don't miss out, get more involved.

Looking Forward to the Fall 2004 Chapter Conference

By Bruce Hoyt, Conference Chairman, City of Gresham

The City of Gresham and Murray, Smith & Associates invite you to attend the Fall 2004 Oregon Chapter APWA Conference October 12-15 in Welches. This year marks the 40th anniversary of the Oregon Chapter, and we have planned an exciting and memorable conference.

The conference starts out with great technical tours and sessions, including a rare chance to tour the Bull Run Watershed and a walk through Cascade Stream Watch with the design architect.

While attending the conference, take time to explore the area, visit the Resort's "Wee Burn Stream Restoration Project", meet the exhibitors, network with colleagues, make new friends, and renew old acquaintances.

The Resort at The Mountain is noted for its fabulous food, and Executive Chef Dale Rasmussen has prepared a special menu for our conference.

For more information visit www.oregonapwa.org.

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Oregon Members Serve on National APWA Committees

Several members of the Oregon Chapter have been tapped to serve on APWA National committee in 2005.

Kurt Corey, director of the Eugene Public Works Department and current chapter treasurer, will continue to serve on the Engineering and Technology Committee. The committee's 2004-2005 goals include maintaining and strengthening the relationships between APWA and its partners such as the academic community and the American Council of Engineering Companies as well as promoting opportunities for new partnerships,

including work with the Design Build Institute of America.

Ron Polvi, director of district engineering for Northwest Natural and past chapter president, will continue to serve on the Utility and Public Right-of-Way Committee. The goals of this committee include clarifying issues surrounding the use of public rights-of-way and providing for better communication between telecommunications companies, utility companies, and local governments.

Paul Klope, principal civil engineer for the Eugene Public Works Engineering Division, has

been appointed to the Education Advisory Committee, a group of six members who advise and assist APWA in directing the near and long range future of educational public works programs.

Peter Ruffier, director of the Eugene Public Works Wastewater Division, has been named to the Environmental Management System Committee, a new committee formed by APWA to help public works agencies manage operations more efficiently, improve compliance, and address environmental risk both inside and outside the scope of EPA's regulatory programs.

Wear the Oregon Chapter Logo With Pride

By Barbara Duda
Membership Committee Chair

If you missed out on getting a shirt with an embroidered Oregon Chapter logo at the Spring Conference, they will be available for sale at the Fall Conference. If we don't have the size or style that you are looking for, it can be ordered with a minimal shipping charge. Types of shirts for sale include men's and women's style long-sleeve denim, unisex long-sleeve button-down twill (hunter green or stone), men's golf shirts (blue or stone), women's golf shirts (light blue or white), men's short sleeve T-shirt (dark blue or heather gray), and women's short sleeve T-shirt (dark or light blue).

The Membership Committee will use the proceeds from the sale of the shirts to offer a one-year APWA membership to a city and county who does not currently have a member in APWA. Please help support your Chapter and purchase Oregon Chapter logo wear.

Chapter Pin Celebrates 40th Anniversary

New Oregon APWA chapter pins will be given to all members who attend the Fall Conference in Welches. The pins celebrate the 40th anniversary of the Oregon Chapter, which was founded in 1964.

Additional pins may be purchased for a nominal fee.

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New Logo Gives APWA New Face

APWA National has a new logo that fulfills the association's branding goal to update the face of APWA with a deliberate and consistent brand identity that matches APWA's essence, our promise, and personality. The updated elements of APWA's "face" include:

- The new, contemporary, high-energy design logo.
- A tag line — "your comprehensive public works resource" — to help define who we are.
- A color palette chosen to represent graphically APWA's strength and integrity
- A typographic family used in all communications.

Oregon Standard Specifications Amendments Online

By Paul Klope, Standard Specifications Committee Chair

Local agencies and consultants are beginning to use the new 2002 Oregon Standard Specifications and Standard Drawings. Some have prepared standard amendments to modify the Standard Specifications to better fit local needs. ODOT has also prepared a set of updates to amend the Standard Specs. APWA is beginning to collect copies of amendments to the Standard Specs. and will be posting them in the website at www.oregonapwa.org. ODOT's updates are available at www.odot.state.or.us/tsspecs/updates.htm. If you are just starting to work on the process to adopt the new specs. or to want to use them for the first time, take a look at the amendments and updates at these two websites.

If you have amendments you're willing to allow us to add to the APWA website, please send them to paul.w.klope@ci.eugene.or.us or dale.deatherage@odot.state.or.us.

Specifications Update

We want to know how you are using the new Oregon Standard Specifications and Drawings, and what additions or improvements you would like to see in the future.

Share your experiences and thoughts at an informal meeting at the Fall Conference on Wednesday, October 14, at 11 a.m..

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Eugene Earns APWA Accreditation

The City of Eugene Public Works Department has become the first agency in Oregon and the 19th agency nationwide to earn APWA accreditation.

Eugene took the first step toward accreditation – applying to go through the process — more than two years ago. Subsequently, the 425-member department assessed, improved, and evaluated 383 practices in 30 categories ranging from airport (a new chapter developed by Eugene) to wastewater collection.

The final step was an onsite evaluation in June by a team of evaluators including Bill Sterling of Greeley, Colorado, Scott Edmonds from Contra Costa, California, Randy Brown of Huntsville, Texas, and Ann Daniels of APWA National. The evaluation team found that Eugene was in full or substantial compliance in all practices evaluated. In addition, the evaluation team recommended 10 practices as model practices.

A formal accreditation ceremony has been scheduled on October 27 at 1:30 p.m. at Eugene City Hall. For more information about Eugene's accreditation experience, contact Roland Hoskins, co-manager of Eugene's accreditation project, at (541) 682-8421.



2004 Calendar

October 6-8, **Street Maintenance & Collection Systems Fall School**, Redmond

October 12-15, **Fall 2004 Or. Chapter Statewide Conference**, Welches

November 2-4, **Public Works Leadership**, Cannon Beach

November 17-19, **Safety in Public Works**, Newport

For more information or to register online visit
www.oregonapwa.org/training.

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