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## From the President

As this year comes to a close, I'm pleased to report on our chapter accomplishments in 2003. It began with developing our chapter goals, budget, and work plan last December when

we identified 35 goals for the year! Well, we accomplished most of them and made progress toward all of them.

We welcomed about 20 new members to the chapter, trained over 800 attendees at our education events, and awarded four scholarships. We end the year financially healthy, with revenues exceeding projections by \$12,000 thanks to sales of the APWA-ODOT Standard Specifications and the terrific performance of the host committees for the Eugene and Kah-nee-ta conferences.

The work done by committees this year was also impressive. Special thanks to Kevin Timmins (Water Resources) and Rick Garner (Equipment Services) our newest committee chairs.

The chapter submitted 11 nominations for National APWA Awards recogniz-

ing the exceptional accomplishments of many of our members. We elevated our presence at National APWA this year with many of our members now serving on task forces and technical committees.

We say big thanks to three of our executive committee members who won't be returning to the board in 2004: Ken Stoneman who served as Director-at-Large for four years, Terry Kelsey, who served as Director-at-Large for two years and Treasurer in 2003; and Bob Deuel our awesome immediate past president who served on the board more years than he cares to count. It has been a true privilege to work with each of them.

I leave this position in good hands passing the gavel to Ted Kyle who will be supported by an incredibly talented and energetic executive board in 2004. Serving as your chapter president this year has been an experience I will always cherish. Please have a safe and wonderful holiday season!

*Stephanie Reid*

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conference photos

## Commitment to Scholarship Foundation Earns Schut Bowes Award

Don Schut received the Oregon Chapter's highest honor, the William A. Bowes Award, at the chapter's fall conference in Kah-Nee-Ta.

Schut was recognized for his deep commitment to founding and maintaining the Oregon Chapter Scholastic Foundation. Schut chaired the task force that recommended establishing the foundation in 1994 and then served as its first president.

"Because of Don's leadership and commitment to the foundation's growth, students in Oregon and the public works industry in general will continue to benefit for years to come," said Gordon Merseth, a previous recipient of the Bowes Award.

Schut, a registered Professional Engineer, is the Community Development Director in McMinnville where he has been employed since 1986. A member of the Oregon APWA Chapter since 1974, he has served on a number of chapter committees and served on the Oregon APWA board directors from 1987 to 1993.



# Scholastic Foundation Fills Trustee Posts

By Don Schut

Three Trustees were elected to fill vacancies on the Board of the Scholastic Foundation October 21 at the Fall Conference annual meeting. Mary Meloy, Director of Public Works for Redmond, was elected to a one-year term to fill a new position. Jim Gilmer, Senior Civil Engineer for David Evans & Associates, was elected to fill a three-year term. Dan Boss, Operations Supervisor for the City of Tualatin, was re-elected to a three-year term.

Meloy has been very active in the Oregon Chapter over the years. She has 29 years experience in management of public works and planning departments. She has served on the Education, Conference Steering, and Conference Guidelines Committees for the Chapter and was Chapter Vice President in 1988. At the National level she has served on the Transportation Committee and T-21 Task Force. She has been an instructor for APWA sponsored leadership classes.

Gilmer has more than 30 years experience in project design and management. He has also been active in the Chapter by serving on Standard Specifications and Computer Committees. Jim also has been an instructor at the APWA Pump Station Design seminars.

We welcome these two new members to the Board of Trustees to serve with Dan Boss, Gordon Merseth, Jeanne Nyquist, Ron Polvi, Stephanie Reid, and Ted Kyle. The Board is always looking for new ideas for raising funds for the scholarship program. Please contact any of the board members if you would like to help.

It was very rewarding to meet two of the scholarship winners for this year at the Fall Conference. We wish Daniel Ward and Beth Ragel the best as they continue their educations. The Scholastic Foundation received \$3,153 in donations at the Fall Conference. The Gizmo raised \$1,714 by member donations and \$1190 from conference registrations. Sales of the Lean-O-Matic Catalog raised \$249.



Mary Meloy



Jim Gilmer

## Dear Members and Associates,

With a strong feeling of privilege, I want to take a moment and express my deepest gratitude to the American Public Works Association Oregon Chapter.

It was my honor to win this year's Civil Engineering scholarship while attending Portland State University and a great pleasure to attend your annual fall conference in Kah-Nee-Tah. I speak for my wife also when I say it is difficult to express in a letter the impact that such a generous amount of money will have on our life and education.

As you are well aware, state budgets are getting tighter and a fair amount of that burden ends up on the college student with higher tuition and fees. This scholarship not only allows us to breathe a little easier during the school year, but directly affects our performance in the classroom as we work secularly less hours and concentrate on academics more. I assure all of you that your generosity now and into the future is not in vain. Your scholarship is a truly outstanding investment that benefits one family today, but sets the stage for decades of public profit as we soon enter our professional lives. I encourage all to continue helping students in any way possible, for most of us will never fully realize the impact and benefit.

Again, for your exceptional generosity I thank you. The chance to meet so many of you at the conference assured me as to what a fine and outstanding organization the APWA is. You are truly making a difference through public works.

Sincerely,  
Dan Ward



Dan Ward

The advertisement features a dark blue background on the left with a white logo of a house with three vertical lines inside. Below the logo, the text reads "Your Road To Success Just Got Easier. Call us." in white. Underneath, the company name "Jones & Stokes" is written in a serif font, followed by "Environmental Planning, Permitting, and Natural Resources Management" in a smaller sans-serif font. On the right side, there is a photograph of a person wearing a white hard hat and safety glasses. At the bottom right, the website "www.jonesandstokes.com" and the contact information "Call Greg Summers at 503.248.9507" are displayed.

# Chapter Elects Board of Directors for 2004

Oregon APWA members elected their 2004 board of directors on October 21 at the fall conference in Kah-Nee-Tah.

Ted Kyle, Capital Program Manager at Clackamas County, will serve as chapter president. Stephanie Reid, Senior Engineer with Portland's Water Bureau is immediate past president. Greg Miller, County Engineer for Washington County, was tapped as president-elect.

The chapter secretary will be Lila Bradley, Public Works Director at Lincoln City. Kurt Corey, Public Works Director at the City of Eugene, will be chapter treasurer. Hugh Kalani, retired, will continue serving as the chapter's national delegate.

Continuing as board directors will be Chris Berquist, Public Works Director at the City of Roseburg, and Gregg Weston, Principal Professional Engineer at OTAK. Rick Olson, Vice President of Spec Industries of Eugene, was re-elected to a two-year term as a board director. Newly elected to two-year terms as board directors were Jim Carnahan and Yvonne McClain. Sam Johnston was elected to a one-year term as a board director.

Jimmy Carnahan is the Bend office manager for the consulting firm of David Evans and Associates, Inc. He graduated in civil engineering from Oregon State University in 1974, and earned a master's degree in management from Pepperdine University. Since 1978 he has worked as a civil engineer involved in a variety of water, wastewater and street projects in central and eastern Oregon. Carnahan has been involved with Oregon APWA since the mid-1980s and helped co-chair the Spring 2001 and Fall 2003 conferences. Through the years he has served in a variety of community activities including boards for Central Oregon Community College, OSU-Cascades, the Chamber of Commerce, Central Oregon Economic Development Council, and United Way.

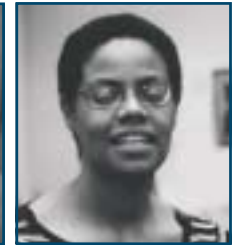
Sam Johnston began his work with ODOT in 1974 as an engineering aide. He is registered in Oregon as both a civil and traffic engineer. Johnston was ODOT's Standards Engineer for nine years and was Co-Chair for the ODOT/APWA Joint Standards Steering Committee. He has been the State Traffic Control Engineer in ODOT's Traffic Section and is currently the manager of ODOT's Local Government Section and ODOT Liaison to the Governor's Economic Revitalization Team Office.

Yvonne McClain is President of CMTS Inc. - Northwest Region and has more than 12 years experience in project management and construction management with various municipalities in Oregon and California. Prior to heading up the Oregon office, McClain was the prime construction manager for the City of Santa Monica's Public Works Earthquake Recovery Program for Phase 1 and Phase 2. McClain has been with CMTS Inc. for seven years and has been a member of APWA for two years. She has a B.A. in Architecture from the University of Oklahoma.



Ted Kyle

Sam Johnston



Jim Carnahan

Yvonne McClain



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# Kah-Nee-Ta, Fall Conference 2003



**A**

- A.** The host staff at the registration desk welcomed all with smiles.
- B.** Education is a main focus of the conference, and the fall conference technical sessions were great.
- C.** What would a conference be without golf?
- D.** And speaking about fundraisers, how about the great job Ted Kyle did to win the coveted Gizmo!
- E.** Mary Meloy and Stephanie Reid join Peter King, Executive Director of APWA National.
- F.** Ron Polvi was on the prowl with his "meeting meter" scholastic fundraiser.
- G.** The Thursday banquet included Native American dancing by members of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs.
- H.** Cathy Ardanaz of 3M shares a laugh with Chris Berquist of the City of Roseburg at the icebreaker.
- I.** Mary Meloy and Ray Johnson demonstrate the many uses of the Lean-O-Matic.
- J.** Jeanne Nyquist and Ron Polvi prove that the chapter will do just about anything to raise money for a good cause.



**B**

**Mark your calendars now for the spring 2004 conference, May 4-7 at Seaside.**



**C**



**D**



**E**



**F**



**G**



**CHAPTER'S 2003 TREASURER'S REPORT**  
as of October 31, 2003

**ASSETS**

Cash and Bank Accounts	
Chapter Account	\$46,220.80
Conference Account	\$2,031.57
Education	\$13,239.44
<b>TOTAL Cash and Bank Accounts</b>	<b>\$61,491.81</b>

<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$61,491.81</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>OVERALL TOTAL</b>	<b>\$61,491.81</b>



**BUDGET REPORT**

**INCOME**

Uncategorized	\$10.00
405 Conference Proceeds	\$10,500.00
407 Conference Revenue to Chapter	\$18,996.01
420 Std Spec Sales	\$3,764.25
430 Advertising	\$505.00
460 Interest	\$173.80
466 Hse of Delegates Stipend	\$500.00
990 Chapter Rebates	\$4,434.45

<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$38,883.51</b>
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**EXPENSES**

Uncategorized	\$0.00
500 Conference Site expense	\$5,919.74
552 Board Travel	\$3,564.03
615 Board Meetings	\$816.02
650 Legal and Accounting Fees	\$50.00
670 Sub contracting fees	\$812.05
700 Office Supplies	\$48.99
705 Newsletter and Directory	\$2,352.55
725 Telephone	\$266.00
730 Postage	\$419.14
820 Web Page	\$170.00
831 Books & Publications	\$90.00
838 Standard Specs	\$82.75
861 Awards	\$312.23
862 Stu Scholar	\$7,020.00
863 Com Scholar	\$155.00
866 Community Outreach	\$1,326.87
890 Bank Service Charges	\$58.96

<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$23,464.33</b>
<b>OVERALL TOTAL</b>	<b>\$15,419.18</b>



# Mentors Benefit by Helping Students

By Walter E. Myers, PE

Most discussions of mentoring focus on the benefits received by the apprentice and they are significant. However, the benefits to the mentor are equally important. The Oregon State Board of Examiners for Engineers and Land Surveyors (OSBEELS) just underscored this realization in 2003 with a rule change that allows professional development hour (PDH) credit towards license renewal for mentoring.

Each 10 hours spent mentoring will provide 1PDH with a maximum of 2PDH per year.

Mentors have the satisfaction of helping a student succeed. Most of us can name one or more individuals who were instrumental in our own success in becoming a practicing science professional. We hold ourselves in too high esteem if we think we did it on our own. Mentoring is an opportunity to honor our mentors by multiplying and returning the benefits we have received to the next generation

More practically, mentoring provides an opportunity to refresh the mentors understanding of the basic principles of their discipline in preparation to effectively teach them to an apprentice. This extends beyond maintenance of the basic skills of a discipline. It includes review and synthesis of the science behind current practices and the technology based tools used in the continually evolving state-of-the-art application of a discipline. Younger mentors also have an opportunity to begin development and application of supervisory skills especially if they are included in the student selection process (hopefully with interviewing) and the student progress evaluation during the experience.

The Apprenticeships in Science and Engineering (ASE) Program, which is jointly sponsored by Portland State University and the Oregon Health & Science University has just completed its 14th summer of serving high school

students in Oregon and SW Washington. Practicing science and engineering professionals in a wide variety of disciplines have mentored in ASE since program inception in 1990.

Since inception in 1990 the ASE Program has served a total of 2,231 high school students to help them test and refine their interest in science and engineering as they chart their future education and employment path. The summer 2003 ASE Program served 144 student apprentices through the collaboration of 59 employers and their volunteer mentors in a wide variety of science and engineering disciplines. These students were selected by the mentors from 449 applicants. The employers and volunteers collaborating in ASE are going a long way in breaking the stereotype of who can be our future scientists and engineers. Of the 144 apprentices this year, 53% were female and 26% were minority. The average GPA of these apprentices was 3.79.

ASE is recruiting mentors for the summer 2004 program. ASE provides the infrastructure to match the best students to your area of practice including program administration and delivery. This allows the mentors to focus on delivering their science while ASE takes care of the details. The mentor describes the summer work/project and makes the down-select of student applicants specifically interested in the respective position. A position will not be filled if no applicant is found that is suitable to the mentor. Call (503) 748-1395 or e-mail [ase@pdx.edu](mailto:ase@pdx.edu) for further information. The ASE Program is more fully described at [www.aseprogram.org](http://www.aseprogram.org).

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## ***Paving Association Provides Industry Training and Certification***

*By Gary Thompson, Asphalt Pavement Association of Oregon*

The Asphalt Pavement Association of Oregon contracts with the Oregon Department of Transportation to provide training and certification in six different areas of highway materials testing. ODOT, as well as several other public agencies, requires certification for all parties providing materials testing services.

Students include contractor personnel and technicians from private laboratories, as well as employees of ODOT, city and county governments and other entities in the highway construction industry.

Most certification classes are held during the late fall through early spring season (December through May) when highway construction and maintenance activity slows down. Depending on the subject, classes are between 3 and 7 days in length, with class sizes between 12 and 20 students. Those seeking certification may attempt the state examination, which is administered on the last day of each class. Certifications include: CEBT—Certified Embankment and Base Technician; CDT—Certified Density Technician; CAgT—Certified Aggregate Technician; CAT-I—Certified Asphalt Technician I; CAT-II—Certified Asphalt Technician II; CMDT—Certified Mix Design Technician.

Gary Thompson, director of training at APAO, teaches several of the certification courses. He holds a masters degree in civil engineering from Oregon State University, and previously worked for ODOT as the Pavement Materials Engineer. Kevin Berklund, of member company FEI Testing and Inspection in Corvallis, will provide instruction for the CEBT and CDT courses.

A total of twenty-four classes are offered throughout the training season at the APAO's training facility in Salem. A class catalog, registration form, schedule and cost information are available online at [www.apao.org](http://www.apao.org). As a minimum prerequisite, registering students should have some exposure to highway construction and possess high school level math skills. For more information, contact Gary Thompson at (503) 363-3858.

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## ***New Members***

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### 2004 Education and Training Calendar

February 11-12, **Construction Inspection**, Wilsonville

March 3-5, **Developing Leader**, Bend


March 9-10, **Preventive Maintenance for Roadway Surfaces**, Redmond

April 7-9, **Street Maintenance & Collection Systems Spring School**, Florence

May 4-7, **Spring 2004 Oregon Chapter Statewide Conference**, Seaside

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

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