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From the President

As I write my first letter of the year, I want to thank each of you for your contribution and support of our fine chapter. It is the members that make our chapter the success it is. I would like to take this opportunity to recognize our immediate past president, Ron Polvi, for his superb leadership this last year. I thoroughly enjoyed being a part of his team. Ron really encouraged the completion of the ODOT/APWA joint standard specifications and was instrumental in raising over \$25,000 in donations for the project. Thanks Ron for the great job!

Speaking of the joint standard specifications, they are now at the printer for type setting and publication. Paul Klope, Ken Stoneman and their committee deserve recognition for the fantastic job they performed in producing the joint standard specifications. Many, many hours were donated to make this beneficial project come to fruition.

Your chapter's executive board has set the following goals for this year:

- Pursue the National PACE award for chapter excellence and three additional National APWA awards.
- Personally reach out to new members
- Publish an updated chapter membership directory.
- Implement the joint standard specifications.
- Enhance public works related education opportunities.

- Promote relationships with other organizations.
- Encourage more involvement from the private sector.
- Update the conference guidelines.
- Review the chapter's strategic plan.
- Update the chapter's by-laws.
- Foster friendships and have fun

As you can see, there is opportunity for all of to get involved. I encourage you to consider joining a committee to make our goals a success.

It's not too early to be planning for National Public Works Week, May 19-25. The 2002 theme is *"Committed to Our Communities."* Public works employees are *"everyday heroes"* who face challenges of improving the quality of life in our communities. This year's theme celebrates the proud efforts of public works employees. I encourage you to visit National's web site at www.apwa.net for information, creative ideas and resources such as posters, stickers, etc.

I am excited about our upcoming joint spring conference with the Washington Chapter. The conference and technical programs look fantastic. This a chance to exchange ideas with the Washington Chapter delegates and create new friendships. It promises to be an educational and enjoyable time. Hope to see you there.

Bob Deuel

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See You There!



APWA Spring Conference
March 26-29
Skamania, Washington

Chapter In Action

Joint Specs are Being Printed!

By Ken Stoneman, Joint Specification Committee

After almost five years of discussion and planning, Oregon APWA and the Oregon Department of Transportation have completed the Joint APWA/ODOT Construction Standards book. A mockup of the 900-page specifications book should be available for review at the Oregon-Washington Spring 2002 Conference in late March and will be available for sale beginning in mid-April. Two accompanying sets of standard drawings — one in English, the other in metric — can also be purchased.

Eighteen committees including more than 150 public works professionals from both the public and private sectors took part in developing and reviewing the specifications, which replace the 1990 Oregon APWA Specifications and the 1996 ODOT Standard Specifications for Highway Construction. The new joint specifications are in dual units (English and metric), giving users

greater choice in designing jobs to satisfy any agency's requirements. Most significantly, the joint specifications should make project design more efficient and, therefore, more cost-effective than using several specification manuals. It is also expected that contracting agencies will see lower construction costs resulting from contractors and suppliers being able to build in a more standardized fashion.

People who order the new joint specifications will receive information on trainings planned to be held later this year. Users also will be asked to provide input, with a goal of continuing to refine the specifications to make them as useful as possible.

To order the specifications and drawings, contact ODOT at 503-986-3720, or they can be ordered on-line from the ODOT Contractor Plans Office web site at www.odot.state.or.us/ContractorPlans.

Congress Eyes Cuts in Highway Fund

*By Peggy Keppler
Leadership and Management Committee*

Legislation has been introduced in the House of Representatives (H.R. 3694) and the Senate (S. 1917) to address the President's proposed 2003 budget cut of more than \$8.5 billion to the Highway Funding program. The bill is known as the Highway Funding Restoration Act and would restore \$4.4 billion to the Administration's proposed highway budget. This restoration brings the highway program back to the level anticipated when it became law in 1998. The bill also ensures the money is distributed as required in TEA-21.

Please take a moment to urge your representatives to co-sponsor the Highway Funding Restoration Act.

For your convenience, a draft letter is available on APWA's Legislative Action Center at www.apwa.net.

New APWA Membership Directory Coming Soon

The 2002 Oregon APWA Membership Directory will be distributed at the Oregon-Washington Spring Conference in Skamania later this month. Members who don't receive their new directory at the conference can contact Barbara Duda at 503-699-4548, or barbara.duda@otak.com

The long-awaited update of the 1997 directory was assembled by a dedicated committee that included Jon Catin, Diane Warner, Lila Bradley, and Barbara Duda, with lots of corporate support from Otak. The new directory is larger (8.5 x 11 inches) than the old directory and is based on the latest membership information from National APWA.

Speaking of membership info, have you checked your National APWA membership information? It's easy to do. Go to www.apwa.net. At the top of the page, click on "members only." You'll need your membership number (it's on your APWA membership card). Enter your number and last name, then click on "login." Once you've logged in, just click on "membership query and changes." You'll see exactly what National has in its database for you. If anything needs to be updated, there's a handy update button at the bottom of the page.

In an effort to update its database, National last fall asked members to participate in an APWA member profile survey. As of March 2002, about 11,000 of APWA's members had participated in the survey, which is a lot of people but still less than half of the members. Another benefit of APWA membership in the 21st century is InfoNow. This service plugs you into one or more of about a dozen networking "communities," allowing you instant access to current information in your field of interest and giving you the opportunity to bounce ideas off other public works professionals with shared areas of interest.

New Members

Margaret Boutell, Service Impr Mgmt Analyst, City of Eugene, 541-682-8416

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Jim Whynot, Operations Supv, City of West Linn, 503-656-6081

Special Conference Looks at a September 11 Safety Issues

Join other professionals May 1-2 in Hood River for "Moving Forward/Taking Action," a conference on how enforcers, emergency responders and engineers are working together for safety.

Professionals from traffic engineering, law enforcement, and emergency services will participate in a series of workshops with national and statewide presenters on the interconnecting issues of roadway design, law enforcement, and incident response. National guests will speak about the September 11 incident command and traffic management. The conference will include facilitated "action sessions" for tackling difficult problems and developing workable solutions. The conference is sponsored by the ODOT Transportation Safety Division.

Who should attend? Anyone with a professional, policy, or community interest in roadway design, traffic operations, law enforcement, and emergency response. Seats are limited, so register now. Registration fee is \$95. Registration packets available at www.odot.state.or.us/transafety/movingforward.htm.

For more information: E-mail Larry.P.Christianson@odot.state.or.us or call Larry Christianson at (503) 986-4195.

Emergency Management Drafts Mission

By Mary Davis, Emergency Management Committee

The Emergency Management Committee continues to meet with representation from ODOT, City of Portland, Washington County, USACE and Oregon Emergency Management. At our January meeting we drafted a mission statement which reads:

"The Emergency Management Committee mission is to support Oregon public works practitioners in their emergency management roles, by providing access to training, information and other resources and by promoting awareness and coordination with other disciplines."

The group is committed to scheduling excellent training sessions at each conference, plus providing you information on other emergency management related training throughout the region, state and country. To view training options around the region and state please visit www.ocem.org. You may also visit FEMA's website at www.fema.gov for training available at the Emergency Management Institute in Emmitsburg, Maryland. Most training is provided at no cost. For further information or if you are interested in participating on this committee please contact Mary Davis at mary@ocem.org or 503-642-0382.

ASTM Seeks Input on Sewage Pipe and Cable Standards

If you're interested in pipe standards, particularly as they apply to cables used in a sewage environment, the American Society for Testing Materials (ASTM) would like to hear from you. Input is being accepted at ASTM pipe standard committee meetings and on ASTM web forums, email, and letters. Anyone interested in joining this committee should send an email with a short description of your background to Dr. Jey K. Jeyapalan, P.E. at jkjeyapalan@earthlink.net.

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Calendar - 2002 Schedule

April 2-3, **Preventive Maintenance for Roadway Surfaces**
The Riverhouse, Bend

April 3-4, **11th Northwest On-Site Wastewater Treatment Short Course and Equipment Exhibition**,
University of Washington, Seattle
call toll free 1-866-791-1275

April 10-12, **The Developing Leader**,
Rock Springs Guest Ranch, Bend

April 17-19, **Street Maint. & Collection Systems Spring School**, Best Western
Agate Beach Inn, Newport

May 1-3, **Moving Forward, Taking Action: Enforcers, Emergency Responders and Engineers Working Together for Safety**, Hood River Inn,
Hood River; call (503) 986-4195

May 9-10, **Pump Station Design Seminar**, Sheraton Portland Airport
Hotel, Portland

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

Sincere Condolences...

To Gordon Wyatt (City of Corvallis, retired) on the passing of his wife Betty Lou, who died of complications of Parkinson's disease on January 8, 2002. Memorial contributions may be made to either the Eugene or Corvallis Friends of the Library.



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