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From the President

This summer, I received the exciting news from APWA National that our chapter had been selected to receive the Presidential Award for Chapter

Excellence known as the PACE Award. This is a wonderful honor and accomplishment for our chapter. Last year was the first time we had ever received PACE award, and now we have been selected two years in a row. It will be an honor for me to receive the PACE Award on behalf of the Oregon Chapter at the 2002 APWA International Publics Works Congress and Exposition on September 23. I want to thank each one of you for your contributions in making this award possible for it is truly a chapter-wide effort. I would like to give special recognition to Stephanie Reid, and Ron Polvi for their countless hours of work putting the application together, and the folks at David Evans & Associates for formatting and printing the document. We will have a copy of the award application on display at the fall conference for you to take a look at. It is a fabulous document, which I feel you will find very interesting and informative.

Speaking of the fall conference, Jerry Odman and his crew are preparing to accommodate us in Pendleton, October 8-11. Jerry and crew always have an excellent program for us, and you will not want to miss this one. It promises to

be both fun and informative. You might have noticed that the conference program format is a little different than from the past. The technical sessions commence Wednesday instead of Thursday. One additional technical session is being offered, and the technical presentation lengths have been increased from 45 minutes to one hour in length. These changes will provide a greater CEU credit. Also, there is more time in between sessions to visit the exhibitors and exchange greetings and ideas with your friends. A similar format was tried out at the joint conference with the Washington chapter last spring and was well received. As always, your Chapter Board will be interested in your comments regarding the changes. Our goal is to provide programs and services to meet your needs. The conference committee is always looking for additional facilities that can accommodate a group our size. Recently, Kah-nee-ta Resort added to and upgraded its facilities, and it is now possible for us to hold a conference there. We have reserved Kah-nee-ta Resort for our fall 2003 conference. Our spring 2003 conference is scheduled to be at the Valley River Center in Eugene. I am looking forward to seeing you at Pendleton.

Bob Deuel

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Chapter In Action

2002 Oregon Standard Specifications, Drawings and User Guide

By Paul Klope, Standard Specifications Committee

In April the 2002 Oregon Standard Specifications and Standard Drawings were published, and sales have been brisk. So far, 1800 copies of the specifications and almost 900 copies of the standard drawings have been sold. City of Asland receives the "first place prize" for breaking in the new joint standard specifications and standard drawings on its Siskiyou Boulevard street improvement project this summer.

The new manuals are the new standards for both APWA Oregon Chapter and Oregon Department of Transportation. APWA last published an update to its standards in 1996. Both APWA and ODOT were scheduled to update their respective standards separately in 2000, but instead chose to collaborate on the update. The new joint standards represent the work of more than 150 people from local agencies, consultants, contractors and

Jim McWade (CH2M) and committee revised and updated the sanitary sewer and drainage section from the 1996 APWA manual, and Jim Helton (Murray, Smith & Associates) committee completely reworked the potable water specifications and drawings. The asphalt paving specifications are completely rewritten and expanded to include specs for small quantity paving and for local street paving, thanks to Jim Huddleston (APAO), Jeff Gower (ODOT), and committee. A large amount of work by Mike Remily (ODOT) and some city, county and ODOT folks was done to include new sections for asphalt seal coats, and Brenda Stein's (City of Lebanon) committee rewrote the slurry seal specifications. The concrete paving committee lead by

Bruce Patterson (ODOT) added a new (to ODOT) section for "plain" concrete paving. Mark Hadley and Tom Jones (both of W&H Pacific) co-chaired a committee that updated the landscaping specifications and also, for the first time for either ODOT or APWA, wrote erosion control specifications for the new

joint spec. One of the most significant modifications made was to convert the specifications and quite a few of the drawings to english units.

To assist first-time users of the new joint standard specifications, a brief **User's Guide** has been drafted and should be available from the ODOT publications office by November. The

User's Guide is oriented toward the individual who is writing specifications for a local agency project, and is meant to introduce the new specifications and to highlight areas of special consideration where the local agency may need, or choose, to write special

specifications to modify the standards. The **User's Guide** identifies specifications that apply **only** to ODOT projects, and therefore must be modified by special provision in local agency contracts, and it makes suggestions about other specifications that local agency may choose to revise.

The new 2002 Oregon Standard Specifications and Drawings can be viewed at www.odot.state.or.us/techserv/roadway/specs/home.htm. Hard copies, or a .pdf electronic version on CD, can be ordered online at www.odot.state.or.us/ContractorPlans/2002ManualSubmitOrder.htm, or by calling 503-986-3720. In addition, an AutoCAD version of the english unit standard drawings can be ordered by calling the Oregon APWA office at 541-926-0044.

If you have questions, you can call Paul Klope, 541-682-5246. Or, if you have specific questions about the 2002 Oregon Standard Specifications, call Dale Deatherage, 503-986-3777. If you have questions about the Standard Drawings, call Dan MacDonald, 503-986-3779.



Notice of Revision to 2002 ODOT/APWA Standard Specifications

If you are preparing to use the new 2002 ODOT/APWA Standard Specifications, please be aware that a revision to the sanitary sewer and storm drain pipe specifications is being written. The material specifications for PVC pipe and fittings for sanitary sewer and storm drain will be revised to require:

"PVC pipe and fittings shall have a minimum pipe stiffness of 46 psi or an SDR of 35, and meet ASTM D 3034, ASTM F 679, or ASTM F 794"; and, "gaskets for PVC sanitary sewer shall comply with ASTM F 477."

The references to ASTM D 2729 in the material sections for PVC sanitary sewer and storm drain pipe and fittings will be deleted. For more information contact Dale Deatherage, 503-986-3777.

ODOT. While the actual standards updating work took about two years, the entire process start to finish lasted over five years.

Ride the Range at Fall Conference

The City of Pendleton is hosting the 2002 Fall Conference October 8-11, and conference organizers have roped up a great program around the theme "Public Works in the Real West II." To get there, just drive east on I-84 until you hit the cattle drive.

The format has changed slightly from previous conferences to offer more workshops, tours, and technical sessions totaling 1.1 CEUs. Golf at the Wildhorse Resort Golf Course will begin Tuesday at noon.

Three workshops will be offered Wednesday morning, including a tour of Pendleton's Water Treatment Plant, which features innovative membrane ultrafiltration incorporating siphoning and ASR, the first of its kind in the US and Canada. There's also a tour of Pendleton's Waste Water Treatment Plant applying exfiltration in lieu of direct discharge. And the Pipe User's Group will host a workshop on "Reducing Construction Claims during the Planning Design and Construction Phases of a Project."

Technical sessions will follow the opening session luncheon on Wednesday and continue through noon Friday. Jerry Odman, the Fall Conference chair, assures us that you'll know you're in the real west after Thursday's banquet and entertainment.

Visit the Oregon APWA website at www.oregonapwa.org for a complete description of the technical sessions. There's also online registration and links to area hotels and points of interest. Don't miss this exciting conference!



Committee Seeks Points of Contact

By Barbara Duda, Membership Chair

Based on current membership reports from National, the Oregon Chapter has a total of 51 new members in 2002, bringing our total memberships up to 730. To help manage and be of more service to our members, the Chapter's Membership Committee would like to have large groups of members (i.e., cities, counties, and corporate memberships) identify one point of contact for the group who would manage the groups membership.

The point of contact for large groups could help ensure that the group's membership stays current and can quickly identify and fill in any open spaces for the group's allotted amount of memberships. Please forward a point of contact for your group membership via e-mail to Barbara Duda, Chapter Membership Committee Chair c/o Otak at barbara.duda@otak.com.

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2002 Calendar

October 23-25
**Street Maintenance and Collection
Systems Short School**
Seven Feathers, Canyonville

October 24
**"Cruising by the 2002 Construction
Standards" workshop**
Wilsonville

November 5-7
Public Works Leadership Skills
Columbia Gorge Hotel, Hood River

November 13
**"Cruising by the 2002 Construction
Standards" workshop**
Bend

November 20-22
Safety in Public Works,
DoubleTree Hotel, Springfield

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

Dues Increase in 2003

APWA's Board of Directors approved an across-the-board 3% increase in membership dues, effective January 1, 2003. This dues increase will affect all membership categories and includes both U.S. and Canadian members.



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