A Note from the President

Ray Ibarra

June starts the beginning of summer my favorite time of the year, when you can spend hours outside doing your favorite activity while taking that much needed vacation to recharge your system. But with that time of the year, Public Works begins its many construction activities to repair the damage created by winter storms and the spring rains. As our Public Works crews are making those repairs in the roadway, we hope the general public understands and obeys the work zone signage that protects our employees from harm’s way. As our Public Works employees spend endless dedicate hours in the hot weather to make the necessary repairs to our roadways, we need to thank them for a job well done.

On Thursday, May 22nd, the four states Mid-America Conference & Exhibit Show celebrated National Public Works Week. If you did not attend you missed a great conference. I like to thank Tammy Bennett, Terese Gorman and Brett Louk (our Mid America Conference committee members who helped plan the event).

There are a few upcoming events that might be of interest to everyone:

- Snow Roadeo, August 14
- 2014 APWA Congress & Exposition, Toronto, Ontario, Canada; August 17 thru 20
- Fall Meeting, October 14

If you have interest in attending the APWA Congress & Exposition in Toronto, the Kansas Chapter has an Award to help offset some of the cost to this event. To receive the award you must fill out the application and have in in by July 14th for the selection committee to review the application. Further details are in the newsletter.

Have a great summer and I hope to see you at APWA Congress in Toronto.

Ray
APWA – Kansas Chapter National Congress Award

Background
To encourage involvement from members, the APWA – Kansas Chapter would like to reimburse registration cost and expenses to one or more of our chapter members in the maximum amount of $1,000 each to attend the APWA National Congress in Toronto, Ontario, Canada 17-20 August 2014. Attendance at a National Congress provides many benefits including the opportunity to learn at technical and professional development sessions, participate in technical tours, and network with peers. The intent of this award is to provide the opportunity to a member of our organization, who has demonstrated their commitment to public works and the Kansas Chapter, to attend an outstanding national event. There is recognition that this stipend is intended for a member who works for an organization that may not have the resources to send this person to Congress.

Criteria For Selection
In order to be considered for selection, the applicant should:
1. Have not attended National Congress in the last 5 years,
2. Be a member of the American Public Works Association,
3. Be involved in and making contributions to Chapter activities through participating in a committee or other chapter work and have a desire to become more involved in Chapter leadership,
4. Be interested in attending APWA National Congress,
5. Be willing to share the conference experience with peers and the executive committee through a memorandum, and
6. Have a demonstrated record of wanting to continue to grow professionally in the field of public works.

Application Process
APWA members wishing to be considered should prepare a letter (maximum of two pages) addressing the criteria above. Please be sure to include your APWA membership number.

Send the letter in a PDF format electronically to:
Kenzil Lynn
Chapter Delegate, APWA - Kansas Chapter
631 E. Crawford St., Suite 203
Salina, KS 67401-5116
klynn@schwab-eaton.com
Phone (785) 404-3139

Letters of interest must be received by July 14, 2014 or AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!
Selection of the candidate(s) will be made by the Chapter Executive Committee by July 21, 2014. The Congress is being held 17-20 August 2014 in Toronto, Ontario, Canada. More information on the Congress is available at www.apwa.net.

Questions
If you have questions, please contact any of the executive committee members or Kenzil Lynn at the contact information included above. Thank you for your interest!
Snow Roadeo

August 14, 2014

Questions? Contact Ray Ibarra at ray.ibarra@jcks.com

Mark Your Calendars

Fall Meeting

October 14, 2014

Farm Credit Building (Kansas Room)

245 N. Waco

Wichita

Please send ideas for meeting topics to Chuck Bartlett at CBartlett@benesch.com
Summary of Lisa Harris presentation at APWA Mid–Am, May 23, 2014

Lisa Harris from Kansas LTAP gave a presentation on the current update of the Kansas Strategic Highway Safety Plan (SHSP). This plan is required by FHWA and drives the spending of federal safety dollars for improvements. Harris is chair of the SHSP’s Local Road Safety Support Team.

A local road safety chapter has been added to the SHSP with this update, prepared by a team that includes local road officials from cities and counties. About 50 percent of road fatalities in Kansas occur on the local system.

The chapter has six goals and accompanying strategies to achieve them – aimed at reducing in half the number of fatalities and serious injuries on the local system by the year 2029. The goals focus on:

1) Getting safety dollars to local governments as quickly and efficiently as possible.
2) Continued use of a systemic approach to safety improvements, rather than a strong focus on spot improvements. The Kansas High Risk Rural Roads program is primarily a systemic program.
3) Improving local access to crash data.
4) Encouraging safety planning at the local level.
5) Adding more technical assistance and training in improving safety.
6) Emphasizing the importance of traffic enforcement to local law enforcement.

Harris suggested specific things cities and counties can do to improve safety and participate in the state’s SHSP:

✓ Request crash data from KDOT.
✓ Initiate a regular safety meeting with local law enforcement and medical responders to review crash data and develop ideas for improvements.
✓ Take the new LTAP crash data class, to be available this fall.
✓ Apply for road safety improvement funds from KDOT.
✓ Invite KDOT or LTAP to conduct a roadway safety assessment for a corridor in your jurisdiction.

Harris noted that the outside perspective of RSA reports can help lend back-up rationale for local safety improvements.

✓ Consider developing a jurisdiction-wide safety plan. Such a plan prioritizes projects and could well help with safety funding requests.
✓ Read the local roads chapter in the Kansas SHSP. Google “Kansas SHSP” to get to the page, and click on “local roads.”

For more information, contact Lisa Harris at LHarris@ku.edu or (785) 864-2590.
Summary of 2014 Projects

Project of the Year – Transportation – Less Than $5 Million
PW1012 – Iowa Street, Irving Hill Overpass to South of Harvard – Lawrence, KS

In photo (L to R):
• Brett Letkowski, TranSystems & APWA Awards Chairman;
• David Cronin, City of Lawrence & KS APWA Secretary;
• Brian Austin, Bartlett & West, Lawrence;
• Dave Martin, Bartlett & West, Lawrence

Project of the Year – Historic – Less Than $5 Million
Pennsylvania Street Brick Reconstruction, Lawrence, KS

In photo (L to R):
• Brett Letkowski, TranSystems & APWA Awards Chairman;
• Nick Voss, City of Lawrence Public Works;
• Brandon Boyd, RD Johnson Excavating
Project of the Year – Transportation – $5 to $25 Million
Maize Road – 45th Street North to K-96, Maize, KS

In photo (L to R):

- **Russ Tomevi**, City of Winfield & KS APWA Treasurer;
- **Brett Letkowski**, TranSystems;
- **Pat Stivers**, City of Maize Council Member

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Project of the Year – SC/RC – Transportation
Ash Street Bridge, Newton, KS

In photo (L to R):

- **Brett Letkowski**, TranSystems & KS APWA Awards Chairman;
- **Karla Waters**, Wilson & Company;
- **Suzanne Loomis**, City of Newton;
- **Dustin Nutsch**, Dondlinger Construction
Project of the Year – SC/RC – Structures
Sunflower Commerce Park, Bel Aire, KS – WINNER
K-68 at Davis Road Intersection Improvements, Ottawa, KS
In photo (L to R):
• Russ Tomevi, City of Winfield & KS APWA Treasurer;
• Jeff Lackey, TranSystems;
• David Austin, Mayor, City of Bel Aire;
• Garrett Glaser, Public Works Director/City Engineer

Excellence in Program Operations
City of Junction City – Public Works Operations Re-Assumption
In photo (L to R):
• Brett Letkowski, TranSystems & APWA Awards Chairman;
• Ray Ibarra, City of Junction City;
• Greg McCaffery, City of Junction City
Past President

In photo (L to R):

- **Brian Clennan**, City of Hutchinson;
- **Ray Ibarra**, City of Junction City & KS APWA President
Kansas Water Vision Tour

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Division of Water Resources

For more information please contact:
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Toll Free: 1-888-326-9283

You are encouraged to visit the Vision page at www.kwo.org

Vision for the Future of Water in Kansas
Public Input Tour
July 7-11, 2014
APWA Legislative Update

By Nathan Bergman

Here is my summer government affairs/grassroots lobbying reminder. I hope you have been aggressive in maintaining your relationships with your legislators! If you have not yet contacted your State Senator and State Representative to find a time to visit this summer or fall, now is the time. Seize the opportunity to nurture those relationships!

The KAC Final Summary of 2014 Legislation is available at:

http://www.kansascounties.org/328/2014-Legislative-Summary

Also, a summary of the laws relating to guns and knives is available at:

http://www.kansascounties.org/DocumentCenter/View/1576
Chapter News – June 2014

2014 APWA International
PUBLIC WORKS CONGRESS & EXPOSITION
www.apwa.net/congress
August 17-20, 2014
Metro Toronto Convention Centre,
Toronto, Ontario

Register now at www.apwa.net/congress and check out the full lineup of education, exhibits and much more!

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

JENNIFER KEESEMAAT
Chief Planner
City of Toronto
INSIGHT INTO TORONTO: CREATING PLACES WHERE PEOPLE FLOURISH

CHRIS HADFIELD
Former Astronaut, International Space Station
Professor, University of Waterloo
THE SKY IS NOT THE LIMIT!

IAN HILL
Public Sector Advocate, Leadership Development Innovator
A CALL TO ACTION: WHAT I’VE LEARNED ABOUT LEADERSHIP FROM THE CANADIANS

ALEX STEFFEN
Planetary Futurologist, Best-selling Author
IMAGINING COMMUNITIES THAT CAN SAVE THE PLANET

june 2014
Did You Know ……

- Summer Holidays include Memorial Day, Fourth of July, and Labor Day.
- The Dog Days of Summer refers to the weeks between July 3rd and August 11th. They are named after the Dog Star (Sirius) in the constellation of Canis Major.
- Ancient Romans and Greeks blamed Sirius for the extreme temperatures, drought, sickness, and discomfort that came in late summer.
- Mosquitoes, summer's pest, have been around for more than 30 million years.
- Watermelon is summer's most popular vegetable. It is part of the cucumber, pumpkin, and squash family. The average American eats 15 pounds of watermelon a year and these juicy favorites are 92 percent water.
- July is National Ice Cream Month. More Americans buy ice cream in July than any other month.
- Summers spent throwing a Frisbee back and forth owe their game to a pie maker named Mr. Frisbee.
- Hurricane season begins June 1st and lasts until November 30th.
- In 1816, the northeastern United States experienced snow and cold weather throughout the summer. Scientists cited a volcanic eruption in Indonesia as the cause.
- The frequency of a cricket's chirps fluctuates with the temperature. If you count a cricket's chirps for 15 seconds and add 37, you will have the approximate outdoor temperature (in Fahrenheit).
### 2014 EXECUTIVE BOARD & ROUNDTABLE CALENDAR

**KANSAS CHAPTER**

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