

Newsletter December 2014
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Upcoming Events

2015 Strategic Planning Meeting

December 11th
10am - 2pm
Hanford

2015 APWA Congress

Aug 30th - Sept 2nd
Phoenix, AZ

2014

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President's Message

By Cathy Johnson - 2014 APWA Central California Chapter President

It has been an honor serving the chapter members, and celebrating the great communities in our territory. I am confident the new Board will do a great job in 2015. Congratulations to John and the team!

By participating in APWA, members connect with other public works professionals and find solutions to issues in their local areas. We hope you will take advantage of all the opportunities and friendships that membership offers.

Best wishes for continued success, good health, and happiness in the New Year!

Sincerely,
Cathy Johnson

We're looking for Volunteers for the 2015 APWA International Public Works Congress & Exposition

2015 APWA Congress will be held in Phoenix, AZ from Aug 30th to Sept 2nd.

Each year at Congress, one of the California Chapters is responsible for coordinating the State dinner for all of the California Chapters to attend.

This year our branch will be coordinating the State dinner and we are currently looking for volunteers interested in helping put on this exciting event.

In addition to needing volunteers for the State dinner, we are always looking for people interested in helping with our other various committees, which include:

*** Annual Awards * Membership * National Public Works Week *
Programs/Education * Social * Scholarships/Internships *
* Newsletter (Communications) * Young Members ***

If you are interested in learning more about any of these opportunities, contact:

John Doyel, City of Hanford, JDoyel@cityofhanfordca.com

Have something you'd like to see in the newsletter?

If you have something you'd like to add to the newsletter, an event you would like to share, or if you would like to author an article for our next newsletter, please email Mark Gonzalez, mark.gonzalez@ncmcivil.com

Kern Branch - Year in Review

By On Man Lau - 2014 APWA Central California Chapter, Kern Branch President

Serving APWA Central Valley Chapter, Kern Branch for the past four years has been an honor. The Branch is made of special people who dedicated their time to better our community and advance our association.

During the past year, we had relevant topics that educate and inform our members, ranging from groundwater issues to transportation projects. These presentations were made possible by efforts of our executive committee and board members and teaming with American Society of Civil Engineers to provide current, relevant, and engaging topics for our Branch Meetings.

Our special annual event, the scholarship gold tournament, was once again a huge hit due to the un-waiver dedication from our scholarship golf tournament chairman, Stuart Patteson. For over 10 years, he has led the branch and staff to provide our community a fun and successful tournament. Our 2014 annual golf tournament generated about \$10,000 in total revenue and enabled our Branch to allocate \$5,000.00 toward three scholarships to engineering students in our community.

Ian Parks, the 2015 president will be in good hands with the following dedicated executive and board members: Nick Fidler, Jeane Hills, Al Annan, Aaron Meyers, Richard Meyers, Bill Black, Josh Nord, Stuart Patteson and Warren Minner.

APWA Student Chapter coming to Fresno State in 2015!

The Central California Chapter held an informational meeting for the students at CSU-Fresno about the formation of a Student Chapter on campus. The presentation was well received by students and faculty in attendance. The student chapter is now in the process of being formed and will be in place by the beginning of 2015.

The CSUF Student Chapter (Student Group) will be one of very few chapters of its kind that exist in the US. Its members from numerous academic programs will be able to experience what a Public Works field is all about thru presentations and field trips and thru Internships with private companies and public sector agencies which could be made available to them.

Five students volunteered to be on their new Student Chapter Executive Committee. Their new committee will develop the frequency of their meetings and its content programming. A representative of the group will be a member on the Central California Chapter's ExComm.

For more information about the Student Chapter, please contact Isiah Quintanilla at isiahq@mail.fresnostate.edu

2nd Annual APWA Central California Awards Recap

Our 2nd Annual Chapter Awards Ceremony was held Friday, November 14th at the Picadilly Inn on Shaw Ave in Fresno. The event was held in the morning from 8:00 -10:00am with breakfast served. Special thanks to the judges, volunteers, and event sponsors (Harris & Associates and Pavement Recycling Systems) who helped make this event a success!

Life Memberships Awarded in 2014

Congratulations to **Britt Fussel, John Dutton, & Douglas Wilson** on their lifetime of commitment to APWA.

Life membership is awarded to members who have achieved:

- Continuous membership for 30 years or;
- Continuous membership for 20 years and age 70 or;
- Continuous membership for 20 years, ages 65, and fully retired from active service.

2014 Project of the Year (Less than \$5 Million)

Buildings/Structures Category

Project: Kaweah Delta Helipad
Project Location: Visalia, CA
Lead Agency: Kaweah Delta Healthcare District
Prime Consultant: Harris & Associates
Team Members: Zumwalt Construction, Darden Architects, Federal Equipment Co., Heliplanners Aviation Planning

Transportation Category

Project: Jaye Street & Montgomery Avenue Roundabout
Project Location: Porterville, CA
Lead Agency: City of Porterville
Prime Consultant: Omni-Means
Team Members: Central Valley Asphalt

Environmental Category

Project: Clovis Surface Water Treatment Plant
Project Location: Clovis, CA
Lead Agency: City of Clovis
Prime Consultant: HDR Engineering
Team Members: Slayden Construction

Recreation Category

Project: Mulcahy Community Park
Project Location: Tulare, CA
Lead Agency: City of Tulare
Prime Consultant: Quad Knopf
Project Team: Rose Sing & Associates, Hobbs Construction

Sustainable Practices Category

Project: 12th Avenue Widening
Project Location: Hanford CA
Lead Agency: City of Hanford
Lead Engineer: City of Hanford
Project Team: Pavement Recycling Systems, Agee Construction

2nd Annual APWA Central California Awards Recap (Cont.)**2014 Project of the Year (\$5 to \$25M)****Buildings/Structures Category**

Project: R.B. Oliver Bridge Replacement
Project Location: Tulare County, CA
Lead Agency: County of Tulare
Prime Consultant: Cornerstone Structural Engineering
Project Team: Viking Construction, DOKKEN Engineering, Kleinfelder

Transportation Category

Project: SR 198 Plaza Drive Widening & Interchange Modernization
Project Location: Visalia, CA
Lead Agency: City of Visalia
Prime Consultant: TRC Engineers
Project Team: Emmett's Excavating, Mendoza & Associates, Peters Engineering, Kleinfelder, Teter AE, Quad Knopf, Design Lab 252

2014 Project of the Year (>\$75M)**Transportation Category**

Project: Westside Parkway
Project Location: Bakersfield, CA
Lead Agency: City of Bakersfield
Project Team: Security Paving, NV5, AECOM, Dokken Engineering

2014 Project of Merit (<\$5M)**Transportation Category**

Project: Peach Ave, Kings Canyon to State Route 180
Project Location: Fresno, CA
Lead Agency: City of Fresno
Lead Engineer: City of Fresno
Project Team: Yarbs Grading, AC Electric, Fresno Concrete, Briner & Sons

2014 Overall Chapter Award of Excellence

Project: Westside Parkway
Project Location: Bakersfield, CA
Lead Agency: City of Bakersfield
Project Team: Security Paving, NV5, AECOM, Dokken Engineering

Professional Development Resource for APWA Members: The APWA Donald C. Stone Center for Leadership and Excellence in Public Works

Source: www.apwa.net

The challenges before public works professionals are becoming more and more complex each and every day. To meet this need, APWA recently launched its strategic solution, the APWA Donald C. Stone Center (DCS Center) for Leadership Excellence in Public Works. The DCS Center is the place to go for training, instruction and education for all public works professionals. It is a system of career paths with progressive educational experiences that lead to certificates, certifications, CEUs, undergraduate and graduate credits, and degrees.

Apply Now!

The DCS Center offers four programs with the **Leadership and Management** career path. Applicants are encouraged to apply for the highest level for which they qualify, based on years of experience and education.

- **Level 1: Public Works Supervisor:** For early stage professionals considering career options in leadership, Level 1 Public Works Supervisor (PWS) provides practical information about the unique opportunities and challenges of front-line supervision.
- **Level 2: Public Works Manager:** For mid-level and emerging leaders, Level 2 Public Works Manager (PWM) focuses on all functions within public works and how they work together as a system.
- **Level 3: Public Works Executive:** For the executive, Level 3 Public Works Executive (PWE) addresses the strategic aspects of public works.
- **Level 4: Public Works Leadership Fellow:** For experienced senior executives ready to give back to the public works profession, Level 4 Public Works Leadership Fellows (PWLF) provides an opportunity to share years of experience and personal knowledge by mentoring aspiring leaders who are working through the challenges of today.

Additional Career Paths will be available in the future:

- **Public Works Professional (Future Release):** The Public Works Professional career path is for engineers, architects, planners, sociologists, geologists, information technologists and consultants in general who bring their knowledge, problem solving skills and experiences to the forefront in the development and growth of communities.
- **Technical Specialty (Future Release):** The Technical Specialty career path is for individuals interested in specializing in one or more functional areas within public works.

To learn more about the Donald C. Stone Center for Leadership and Excellence in Public Works visit:

www.apwa.net/dcs

APWA is your primary resource for public works-related knowledge!

Local Job Openings

City of Fresno - Project Manager

For more information and to apply for this job visit:

<http://www.apwa.net/workzone/career/28238/Project-Manager-California-Ca-Fresno>

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