



## 2015 APWA Congress & Exposition

As you know, this year the APWA Central California Chapter and Central Coast Chapters are co-sponsoring the State dinner held during the 2015 APWA Congress and Exposition to be held in Phoenix.

We are very thankful for all of our members that have reached out to volunteer for this exciting event. Special thanks to our 2015 General Sponsors:

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If you have any questions about the event or are interested in volunteering, please contact either Josh Rhodes at [Josh@saalem.net](mailto:Josh@saalem.net) or Tom McCurdy at [TomM@quadknopf.com](mailto:TomM@quadknopf.com).

Our Chapter in conjunction with the Central Coast Chapter has put together a Chapter Dinner at Stockyards to be held on Tuesday, September 1<sup>st</sup>. We are happy to report registration is full at this time.

This will be a great opportunity to meet with colleagues, reconnect with old acquaintances and network with peers. You won't want to miss the Awards ceremony being held on Monday from 5:00 – 6:00 p.m. in the Convention Center North Ballroom where our Chapter will receive the 2015 Chapter Membership Achievement Award.

This year the Exposition will have over 400 exhibits with innovative technologies that can make your job easier. There will also be over 125

brand new education sessions covering the latest best practices and successful case studies from your peers.

### General Session Speakers

The speaker for Sunday is Marcus Luttrell, a decorated Navy SEAL and the best-selling author of *Lone Survivor* and *Service a Navy SEAL at War*. His Presentation will be *Lone Survivor: A Tribute to Courage, Honor and Patriotism*.



Monday's session will be a Public Works Technologies Panel taking you through new and cutting-edge technologies on the verge of hitting mainstream in public works.



For Tuesday's general session come listen to Diana Nyad, long-distance swimmer, sports journalist and broadcaster talk give her presentation on *Find a Way*.

The general session for the final day is Dan McNichol, PhD, an author, journalist, and speaker. He will be giving the Presentation – *Low and Slow Across America: A Road Trip through the Nation's Public Works*.



You will not want to miss these speakers and so much more at this year's Congress.

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## Central CA Chapter Wins Membership Achievement Award

Through creating membership awareness, building relations and the successful start of our Student Chapter, the Central California APWA Chapter was able to gain a 10.67% membership growth over the past year. Our efforts have definitely paid off and in recognition of this growth; our **Central California Chapter was awarded the Chapter Membership Achievement Award for 2015** by the APWA. Not only did we received the award in

our division (201 – 300 members), but we were also had the second largest net-growth in all categories overall. The Central CA Chapter, along with the other five winners will each receive a \$500 which can be used to provide additional education and professional development opportunities for our members. We would like to thank each of you who contributed to our successful year and look forward to another year of growth and opportunity.


## FSU Student Chapter Membership has its Advantages

*By Susana Maciel*

Within the last month, significant knowledge and insight has been gained by the inaugural Fresno State Student Chapter. During the student outreach network meeting, it was learned that student chapters are not provided with national funding. However, Lauren, chair of the student organization, suggested to inform the parent chapter so that the board may make adjustments. These student chapter outreach meetings result in a forum to address financial needs and any other questions that may arise.

provide networking opportunities to its members and potential internship opportunities, suggestions from the student chapter have included member-sponsored invitations and periodic emails or notices sent to public agencies as reminders of internships requested. This would be directed to the student chapter members prior to general release allowing student members to upload their resume to the student chapter's website for primary consideration and quicker response and connection to the agency.

Since one of the parent chapter's focus is to



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**NOVEMBER 5, 2015 (7:30-11:00am)**  
**Double Tree Hotel ♦ 2233 Ventura Ave, Fresno, CA 93721**

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**AWARD CATEGORIES:**  
**Professional of the Year ♦ Young Leader of the Year**  
**Project of the Year (Various Categories) ♦ Student of the Year**  
**Submittals Due: September 25, 2015**

## Website to Incorporate Advance Features

Hopefully you've had a chance to visit the new Central California Chapter Website (<http://centralca.apwa.net/>). In the upcoming months, we plan to incorporate advanced website features including the ability to accept RSVP's and payment for events.

What does this mean for you? In the future, to RSVP for an event you will need to sign in to the APWA website using your APWA user name and password. If you don't know your APWA account information, you can obtain it by clicking on the

*Recover My APWA login Information* button at the following link: <http://www.apwa.net/Account/LogOn>.

If you are not currently an APWA member, then you will need to create an account by visiting <http://www.apwa.net/Account/LogOn>. Creating an account does not cost money and takes about 1 minute.

If you have any questions or need help finding your Member ID number, please contact Greg Gross at [ggross@trcsolutions.com](mailto:ggross@trcsolutions.com).

### APWA Luncheon

Thursday, September 3, 2015

11:30 am – 1:00 pm

Toledo's Mexican Restaurant

John Lester, 3M – Traffic Safety  
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Topic:  
CAMUTCD Retroreflectivity Requirements

Please register on the Chapter website.

### 2015 International Congress & Exposition

Tuesday, September 1, 2015

The Stockyards Arizona's Original Steakhouse

Phoenix, Arizona

Registration Deadline August 24, 2015

### 2015 Annual Golf Tournament

Friday, October 23, 2015

Riverside Golf Course

Fresno, California

### SEP Central Valley Chapter Monthly Meeting

Thursday, September 3, 2015

City of Fresno

Speakers: TBD

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