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# President's Message

By Tony Roos, Kittelson & Associates, Inc.  
Principal Engineer

Welcome to 2021. With great hope, we will take any positives from the last year and leave the rest in 2020-hindsight. It was a tough year for our Chapter, cancelling all our in-person events/trainings and transitioning to the virtual platforms with the rest of the world. But we survived! In no small part due to the leadership of Past President Mike Bissett and the advocacy of our Board and individual members.

Looking forward to this year, the Board has accepted the challenge to bring the Chapter closer with our operations & maintenance sector as well as energize our committees to continue bringing value to our members. Check out the [Committee Central](#) page on our website to learn how you can get involved in one of the committees and reach out to the Committee Chair or any Board member if you have questions.

Did you know that the Chapter hosts seven major conferences and trainings each year? The Public Works Institute (Essentials, Developing Leader, and PW Leadership), Spring and Fall Collections & Maintenance short schools, and our two conferences. Watch for the registration for both the spring short school and conference; both are being planned to be virtual. Unfortunately, the Institute is not able to be hosted virtually. We are optimistic that we'll resume that program this fall, along with returning to in-person conferences.

Lastly, as co-consigliere of the Order of the Golden Knuckle, I would be remiss to not mention the [Scholastic Foundation](#). Despite the events of 2020, our Foundation is still going strong, offering over \$30,000 in scholarships to students at almost every college/university in Oregon. This is an incredible statistic for our Chapter, one we should all be proud of. We will be doing an online auction again at the April conference; please contact either Krey Younger ([kyounger@nv5.com](mailto:kyounger@nv5.com)) or myself ([troos@kittelson.com](mailto:troos@kittelson.com)) if you have items to donate to the auction.

Here's to a great 2021!

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Tony

2021 Oregon Chapter President

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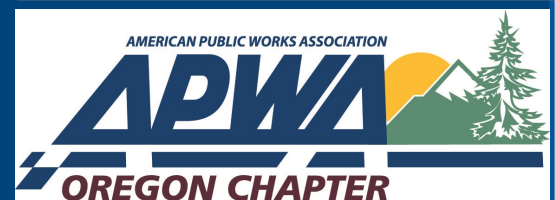
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# The 2021 Board

With the start of a new year, we welcome a new Chapter Board, including some new faces and some returning ones.

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## President

### Tony Roos

Principal Engineer  
Kittelson & Associates, Inc.



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## Position #4

### Krey Younger

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## Position #5

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City of Pendleton

**NEW TO BOARD**



## Position #6

### Shannon Williams

Senior Project Manager  
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2021 DIRECTORS



# 2020 BOWES AWARD

By Delora Kerber, City of  
Wilsonville, and 2019  
Bowes Award recipient

Each year the Oregon Chapter presents the William A. Bowes Award to a public works leader for their influential and positive impact on public works programs, services or policies.

The Bowes Award is the highest honor given by the Oregon Chapter of APWA. It bears the names of distinguished Oregon public works professionals, one for each year since the inception of the award in 1978. Following tradition, the previous award winner selects the subsequent recipient.



Typically, presentation of this award occurs at the Chapter's fall conference as it is a special event to be shared with the conference attendees, recipient family members and previous award winners. However, the 2020 fall conference was a virtual event and it was decided to wait until the spring conference when the honor could be bestowed in person. Now it has been decided the spring conference will be a virtual event and the presentation of the award was done as a stand-alone event on March 1.

*The recipient of the 2020 William A. Bowes award is an individual who has given much of their time and talent to the success of the Oregon Chapter of the American Public Works Association. This year's nominee have been involved with the Oregon Chapter since 2009.*

The nominee has had an extensive career in the public works industry working in California, Oregon and Washington with an emphasis on multi-discipline transportation projects. They hold professional engineer licenses in Oregon, California, Washington and Idaho.

The honoree has served the Oregon Chapter as the Chair of the Transportation Committee, on the Board Directors, as the Chapter treasurer, president-elect, Chapter president and immediate past president. This individual has been a Scholarship Foundation Board director since 2014 and Foundation President since 2018.

The recipient helped raise the profile of the Chapter by being our representative at the American Society of Civil Engineers Pacific Northwest Student Chapter Conference and promoting the Oregon Chapter scholarships to Oregon Institute of Technology students. Additionally, the nominee made a presentation on the Oregon Chapter's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration at the National APWA Conference in Toronto, Canada.

The honoree was instrumental in the developing the new APWA/APAO (Asphalt Pavement Association of Oregon) scholarship. They have helped organize many golf tournaments for the Oregon Chapter as well as the Westside Economic Alliance.

Whether for their work or volunteer activities, this individual is enthusiastic about bringing people together to work on projects that serve our communities. When asked what inspires the nominee, the response was ***"working as a team to accomplish things bigger than what we can do on our own."***

The nominee is supportive and positive. From one of his colleagues, "He has a wicked dry sense of humor with dead-pan delivery until he laughs, and sometimes he doesn't."

This person is are passionate about golf and will drive their Volkswagen GTI down to Bandon Dunes for a round of golf.

The recipient's favorite quote is ***"Where your talents and the needs of the world cross, there lies your vocation."***



*Click the envelope to find out who the 2020 William A. Bowes Award goes to.*

# Equity in ODOT

Interviewing ODOT's new Director of Social Equity, Ms. Nikotris Perkins

By Sarah Terry, ODOT / APWA Communications Committee



Equity is one of the five pillars of the Oregon Department of Transportation's (ODOT) mission and values. ODOT is now taking big steps towards integrating equity into every part of their work. The Department created a new Division, called the Office of Social Equity, and hired Nikotris Perkins on April 13, 2020, to take on this charge. Nikotris comes from the research firm Ubuntu in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, where she served as a senior strategist.

We asked Nikotris to answer some questions about equity at ODOT, and specifically what the goals of her and her team were at the Office of Social Equity. Nikotris mentioned that prior to her arrival, ODOT did not have a social equity framework.

*"At the end of this year, we will have an engagement framework as well as an equity theory of change and equity lens and rubric for project selection...We are really striving to ensure that how we engage with any community in Oregon is taken into consideration. There is not a prescription, the framework is a menu of options for us to best connect to the people we serve. We want to do it well, instead of doing it fast."*

Each biennium, ODOT creates a [Strategic Action Plan \(SAP\)](#) with outcomes, metrics and implementing actions. In the 2021-2023 SAP, Attachment E discusses ODOT's plan to implement a social equity engagement framework at ODOT. The metric is for 100% of ODOT projects to apply the Social Equity Engagement Framework by 2023.

*"It [will be] rolled out in three phases, understanding and trying some things around 10 projects; and in 2022 pushing out what it looks like to consult or involve communities that may not always be included for at least 50 projects. In 2023 we are striving [to ensure] that everything ODOT does has been connected to the communities we serve. Often times those that are heard have opportunity and access to share clearly, loudly, and often, which plays a role in their prioritization. We need to make sure that our prioritization includes those that may be burdened by our projects and also do not find themselves in spaces to explain why and how through the processes that are elevated in the system."*

Currently, ODOT has a website that the public can use to see what projects are happening in their area ([ODOT Projects](#)). We asked Nikotris about this tool and if a social equity lens will be added to the tool. She reassured us that in the future, all of Oregon will be able to ask ODOT about any project and how equity was taken into consideration, both the benefits and the burdens, on any project in ODOT.

We also asked Nikotris if there were any other goals for her team. Her response was enthusiastically “YES!”

*“The goals are large and vast. We need to create a sense of belonging at ODOT, we need diverse candidate pools for our postings, we need to promote equitably, we need to provide technical assistance to our teams, our stakeholders, and the community to interact, contract, be served by, and consult ODOT. We need to ensure that our work always takes into consideration the hefty climate issues we face as a state and country. These things are entangled. Contracts and climate and communication and community are core to our success and the way we can best serve everyone who lives in Oregon, removing race, age, ability, English proficiency, gender, and socio-economic status as barriers to excellent service.”*

Nikotris shared some valuable insight on what equity looks like inside a large agency like ODOT, and what the future holds for its staff and stakeholders. Nikotris’ background, education and experience has prepared her for this role in the agency. We wanted to know if there was anything unique about ODOT that she found in her first year with the agency. Her response was so very thoughtful.

*“Oregon is unique. Its population is unique, there is metropolitan, suburban, rural, highly rural and in those spaces which have very different realities and needs. There is also a need tied to social identities, and in all of that, Oregon’s history is one that ensured marginalization of Indigenous and Tribal Nations and Black people through law. [Oregon has historically] ensured the marginalization of Latino, Latina, Latinx, Asian, Pacific Islander, and people of color, those that speak limited English or speak English as a second language, those living with disabilities, and people living in poverty through culture and custom. And every single one of those people, as well as those that consciously or unconsciously present bias, love living here and are good people and are excited for this to be a place where people can thrive.”*

Thank you Nikotris, and ODOT, for speaking with APWA’s Oregon Chapter. Nikotris, we wish you all the success in your role at ODOT. We are so looking forward to the changes and impact you and ODOT will have in our communities.

**If you are an agency who is exploring implementing an equity framework**, Nikotris’ advice is to do the work, do the research. The first question you should be asking yourselves is, “What does equity look like for our organization?” Sometimes that may align with the framework elsewhere, but the biggest goal is to do the work specifically for your agency. We wish you great success in your endeavors.





## GIZMO HAS A NEW HOME

The Order of the Golden Knuckle has completed a successful transition of the Gizmo to the current awardee—Shannon Williams.

In January, Laurie Allen (top photo) said goodbye to the Gizmo. It was delivered to Shannon Williams (bottom photo), who enjoyed a ride around the office.



### *Support the Scholarship Foundation*

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# Eugene Riverfront Renovation

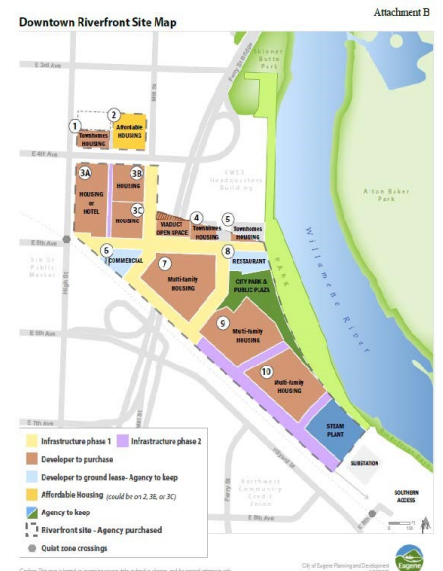
By Emily Proudfoot, PE, Eugene Riverfront Project Manager, City of Eugene and  
Amanda D'Souza, Business Development Analyst, City of Eugene

The plan to reconnect the City of Eugene’s downtown with the Willamette River has been envisioned for decades and with the start of construction in 2020, the development of Eugene’s Downtown Riverfront site is finally coming to fruition. The Eugene Water and Electric Board (EWEB) operated at the riverfront site for over 100 years. Anticipating their move to a new campus in west Eugene in 2008, EWEB partnered with the City of Eugene to launch a public engagement process to determine the future of the riverfront site. The resulting vision was captured in a 2010 master plan that outlined the community’s vision of transforming the industrial site into a mixed-use, high-density neighborhood with retail, restaurants and a 3-acre park.

The Urban Renewal Agency of the City of Eugene purchased the site in 2017 in order to implement the community’s vision. The general design theme for the project is bringing the city to the river, and the river to the city, and is composed of three main components: the Riverfront Park, the Steam Plant, and the neighborhood development.

The City began site preparation in 2019, demolishing all the buildings except the historic Steam Plant which provided back-up power and heat to the City until 2012. Mass grading of the 17-acre project site was the first step followed by moving the riverbank back to ease the existing steep grade. Walker Macy, the Portland-based landscape architecture firm, designed the habitat enhancement components of the riverbank and contractors removed non-native vegetation along the bank and planted approximately 24,000 native plants including ferns, bulbs, and flowers, in early 2020.

The Riverfront Park is currently under construction and will be the cornerstone of the Downtown Riverfront area. The 3-acre park will be urban in character







balanced by riverbank and habitat enhancements. Broad river views, new bicycle and pedestrian paths, seating and overlooks will highlight the park design. In 2018, the City conducted a robust community engagement process to further design the project. This included bringing in an art consultant who led people through several exercises about what kind of art they wanted to see in the park. Through this process, the community identified wanting to see iconic and interpretive art that honors the site's community, cultural, industrial, and ecological history. One notable interpretive piece highlights the role of the Willamette River, using bronze-cast pieces set in concrete to tell the stories of the watershed, native salmon species and more.

Another interpretive piece highlights the marginalization of Eugene's African-American community members who lived across the river from the Downtown Riverfront Park site, as they were not allowed to live within the City limits early in the 19th century. The community was razed in 1949 with the construction of the Ferry St. Bridge, forcing African Americans who lived there to move to further outskirts of Eugene. To recognize this story, the Park incorporates a multi-level drinking fountain with words and images sharing both the Eugene's racist history and a message of inclusivity.

The iconic art piece in the Riverfront Park is the art pavilion, located at the 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue overlook, where 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue meets the river. The piece includes 60 steel shiny wave-shaped ribbons matching the topography of the adjacent riverbed. The pavilion will create space underneath it for more art and programmed gatherings along the river.

The Steam Plant, which was built in three phases from the 1930s-1950s, is the only remnant of the site's

industrial past. The City is working with a local development team to save and adaptively re-use the building. The team proposes transforming it into a vibrant mixed-use center that will be a draw for the community and its visitors. The ground floor would look out to the river, drawing the public in for art, music, food, and drink. The upper levels of the building would include uses that would provide the fiscal foundation to make the redevelopment feasible, such as office or residential.

Finally, the City has been working with Williams/Dame and Associates, a developer out of Portland, for the creation of a new neighborhood at the Downtown Riverfront site. They plan to build hundreds of new units of housing, bringing activity and vibrance and a new downtown neighborhood to the site. The development plan also includes the construction of a 75-unit affordable housing project.

The new development includes the creation of three new streets. The City used this opportunity to get the community involved in the naming of the streets. After putting a call out to the community for ideas, the City received over 1,000 submissions. City staff narrowed the options based on three themes: community/cultural, ecology/river, and industry/energy. Then, the community voted again, narrowing the list down to six and the mayor chose the final three. Two streets are named after prominent African Americans from the area (Wiley Griffon and Annie Mims), and the third acknowledges the Kalapuya tribe who inhabited the valley long before white settlement. (Nak Nak, which means duck).

Park and infrastructure construction began in 2020. The park is expected to open in July of 2020. Infrastructure, which includes streets, utilities, sidewalks, and stormwater, is expected to be completed this fall. Construction of the residential projects is expected to start in 2022. Redevelopment of the Steam Plant is expected to start in 2023.

The Downtown Riverfront project is primarily funded using Urban Renewal, or tax increment financing, funds.

For more information on the project, visit [www.eugene-or.gov/Riverfront](http://www.eugene-or.gov/Riverfront)

# Kerber Nominated as Top 10 Leader



The Top Ten Public Works Leaders of the Year program seeks to inspire excellence and dedication in public service by recognizing the outstanding career service achievements of individual public works professionals and officials, from both the public and private sectors.

Read more about the Top 10 Award and past nominees on the Chapter's [website](#).

## DELORA KERBER IS THE 2021 OREGON CHAPTER NOMINEE FOR NATIONAL HONORS AS A TOP 10 PUBLIC WORKS LEADER.

Each year National APWA selects 10 individuals whose excellence in public works earns them the distinction of being a Top 10 Leader. The honorees are awarded this recognition for their professionalism, expertise and personal dedication to improving the quality of life in their communities through the advancement of public works services and technology.

"We are proud to nominate Delora Kerber for the 2021 Top 10 Leader Award," says Chapter President Tony Roos. "She epitomizes the spirit of public service and public works by dedicating her life's work to the Oregon Chapter, APWA National, and the public works profession."

Over the course of her 38 years in public works, in both the public and private sectors, Delora Kerber, P.E., has advanced her career and the profession through ever-increasing responsibilities and opportunities to combine her leadership talent, engineering knowledge, desire to serve, willingness to take risks and interpersonal skills. Her leadership style is collaborative, participatory, and effective. As former Oregon APWA Board Member Nikki Messenger says, "Delora doesn't just participate, she gets things done!"

Delora has been Public Works Director for the City of Wilsonville since 2006. As chief of operations and maintenance, she oversees a FY20/21 budget of more than \$13 million and manages 26 full-time employees, including four direct reports, and two seasonal workers. Her responsibilities include the city's facilities, roads, street lighting, drinking water distribution system and water treatment plant, wastewater collections system and wastewater treatment plant, and stormwater collection system and industrial pretreatment program. In addition to being the public works director, Delora is also designated as the city's Emergency Manager.

Delora began her career at ODOT and steadily advanced at Harding Lawson Associates, CH2M Hill, and the City of Sammamish, Washington, where she served as City Engineer and Director of Public Works. Her technical and managerial accomplishments are legion, and her people skills are equally impressive.

Messenger, now Roseburg City Manager says, "Delora has given me great advice on the best ways to show employees they are valued, the importance of helping employees advance their own careers, how to have hard conversations, and how to successfully delegate and inspire employees. Delora truly walks the walk of a great leader."

Delora has been active in APWA since 2003. She served as Chapter President in 2016, and she is currently on the Oregon APWA Scholastic Foundation Board of Directors. Her service to the Chapter and the profession earned her the Chapter's highest honor, the William A. Bowes Award, in 2019.

APWA National will announce the Top 10 finalists later this spring. View Delora Kerber's full [nomination packet](#) on the Chapter website.



*Join From  
Wherever You Are*

## **APWA SPRING VIRTUAL CONFERENCE**

*April 6-9, 2021 | Virtual (Zoom)*

The conference will feature some of the same fun we discovered during our last conference—education, networking and entertainment. The conference chairs (John Lewis, Chase Wellborn, Shannon Williams and Krey Younger) have been working diligently to pull the event together.

*Conference Schedule-at-a-Glance*

### **Wednesday, April 7**


- Pre-Conference Workshops
- Opening Session / Keynote Speaker
- Tech Sessions 1 and 2

### **Thursday, April 8**

- Tech Sessions 3, 4, and 5
- Jam Session
- Sponsor Social & Meet the APWA Board

### **Friday, April 9**

- Tech Sessions 6 and 7
- APWA Member Meeting
- Gizmo, Auction, and Closing Remarks

**Registration is live!**  
**Click HERE!** 

## **APWA STREET MAINTENANCE & COLLECTION SYSTEMS VIRTUAL SCHOOL**

*April 13-15, 2021, 7:30 am - 4:15 pm (each day) | Virtual (Zoom) First Time Virtual!*

Are you or someone you supervise in need of education and CEU's to keep optimal performance at their jobs? Even during a virtual-setting, APWA is here to provide that service. The virtual school includes education, networking and experience. Whether you “attend” individually or as a group in your organization watching the presentations on a screen together, there will be multiple options for CEU's offered. There will be two tracks of education, one for “collections” and one for “streets”.

More details to hit your inbox soon! Information will be updated on the Event Schedule webpage as it develops: [link](#).



# Scholarships

By Eric Jones, APWA  
Scholastic Foundation

Each year the Oregon APWA Scholastic Foundation awards up to 20 scholarships totaling more than \$30,000. Most of the funding for these scholarships comes from Oregon APWA chapter members. Eligible recipients of the Foundation's scholarship grants are students of Oregon colleges or universities who have achieved junior standing, and whose chosen education field is related to Public Works. Individuals working in the Public Works field who are continuing their formal education are also eligible for a scholarship.

Here are the stories of several students, told in their own words, who received APWA scholarships in the 2020-2021 school year. For more information about the scholastic foundation and the scholarships offered, visit the Scholastic Foundation online: [link](#).

## Meet Three Scholarship Winners



**Melissa Boell**  
**Portland State University**  
**Civil Engineering Scholarship**

Hello. My name is Melissa Boell and I'm a Civil Engineering major at Portland State University (PSU).

I started my college career at Clackamas Community College (CCC) in Oregon City, Oregon working toward my Associates of Science with an emphasis in Civil Engineering. I transferred over to PSU in 2018 to continue my education toward my Bachelor's degree.

During the summer of my junior year at PSU in 2019, I started working for the City of Hillsboro for 6 months in their water engineering department as a full-time intern. After working over the summer and fall, I returned back to PSU to begin my senior year.

During winter and spring term of my senior year in 2020, I participated in a 6-month undergraduate research study at PSU in the Geotechnical Department. There I expanded my knowledge and experience in geotechnical lab work and data analysis.

I am currently working at AECOM as a full-time intern for 6 months during the summer of my senior year in 2020. After working full time through the summer and fall, I will plan to complete my last term of college at PSU and graduate in March of 2021.

Within Civil Engineering, I am interested in the fields of geotechnical and structural engineering. I plan to sit for the FE exam during the winter of 2020 and will pursue my PE license after additional work experience. I am interested in attending graduate school; however, I have not decided on the discipline to specify and what school to attend.

Thank you for this scholarship opportunity. This will help immensely in completing my studies toward my bachelor's degree and beginning my research to apply to graduate school.

## Support the Scholarship Foundation

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# Scholarships Continued

*For more information about Oregon APWA's scholarship program, including a list of students who have received scholarships, visit the Oregon APWA Scholastic Foundation website at [link](#)*



**Heather Shafer**  
**Umpqua Community College**  
**Civil Engineering Scholarship**

I am currently halfway through the Associate of Applied Science Degree in Civil Engineering Technology/Applied Water Quality at Umpqua Community College. After completing my degree, I hope to find employment with a local facility as a water quality technician.

In my free time I enjoy gardening, spending time on the North Umpqua, and exploring outdoors with my one-year-old son, Atticus. At this point in time I do not have plans to transfer to a university to pursue my Bachelor's Degree, but I do intend to do so once he is old enough to attend preschool!

The APWA Scholarship I have been awarded will help me to continue to pursue my long-term career goals. I am incredibly grateful for this opportunity, and I am honored that the APWA chose me as a recipient.



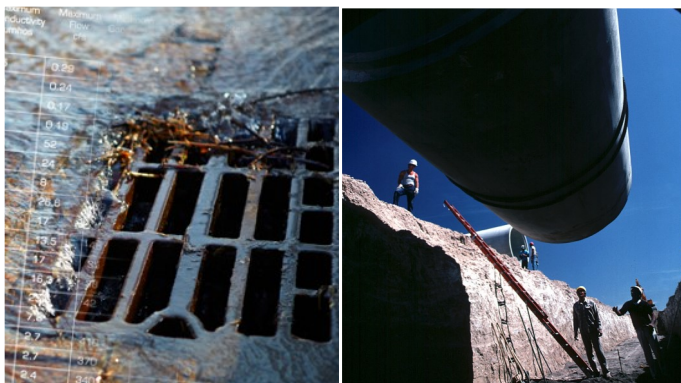
**Alex Morales Vidal**  
**University of Portland**  
**Civil Engineering Scholarship**

My name is Alex Morales Vidal, and I am originally from Mountain View, California. I am a first-generation Latino, who is currently a junior majoring in Civil Engineering with an Environmental Engineering minor. I am studying at the University of Portland in Portland, Oregon.

On campus, I am involved by being the treasurer of a club called LatinX Student Union, as well as a member of The Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers. I also work on campus at my school's wellness and recreational center. I also mentor first year students through a group called UP Connections, which is for advising students through their first year of college.

In the future what I plan to do is help out my community back home by building new housing and making sure the housing is affordable to low-income families. I want to do this because I have experienced firsthand what it is like to face the struggles of moving from home to home due to there being a lack of affordable housing options. I want to make my parents proud and ensure that the fruits of their labor have paid off.

Thank you so much for awarding the scholarship as it helps my family and me financially and will take away the financial burden from my family.



# New Members

Please welcome the 17 new members who have recently joined Oregon Chapter APWA.

**Josh Adelman**, Project Manager, City of McMinnville, (503) 434-7312, [josh.adelman@mcminnvilleoregon.gov](mailto:josh.adelman@mcminnvilleoregon.gov)

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**Anthony Micallef**, Maintenance Services Supervisor, Clackamas County-Water Environment Svc, (503) 557-2800, [anthonymic@clackamas.us](mailto:anthonymic@clackamas.us)

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**Nicholas Westendorf**, Management Analyst, City of Tualatin, (503) 691-3673, [nwestendorf@tualatin.gov](mailto:nwestendorf@tualatin.gov)

**Mouhamad Zaher**, Public Works Director, City of St Helens, (503) 366-8235, [mzaher@ci.st-helens.or.us](mailto:mzaher@ci.st-helens.or.us)



## Looking to fill a position?

Look at what Oregon APWA offers.

Free listings for public works jobs in the Pacific Northwest.

Wide range of positions in the public and private sectors.

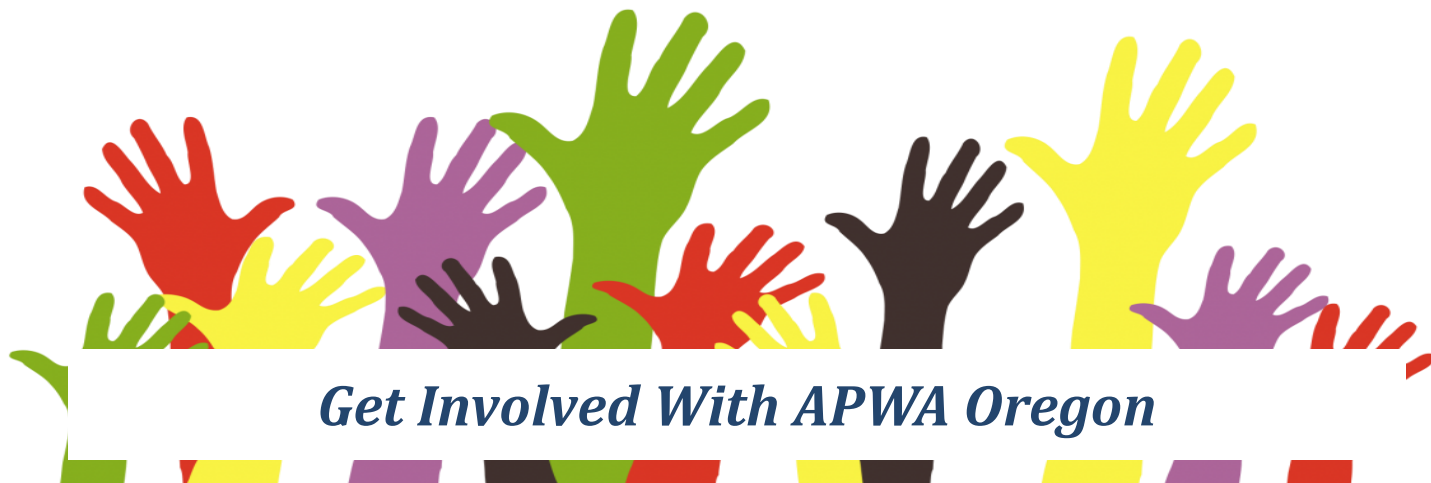
More information [online](#) or email

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### BENEFITS OF BEING AN APWA MEMBER

Membership in APWA offers a wealth of benefits, including professional certifications, state and national conferences, the APWA Reporter magazine, an extensive members' library, regional and national job listings, and much more. For additional information, email Oregon APWA Membership Chair Leslie Finnigan at [lfinnigan@ufsrw.com](mailto:lfinnigan@ufsrw.com).





The Oregon Chapter is an association of more than 800 professional engineers, technicians, operations staff, public works directors, business people, contractors, consultants and many others who join together to exchange ideas and information, promote education and training, and work as a team to meet professional and community needs.

The Chapter is run almost entirely by volunteers. To keep doing the great things our chapter does — events/ luncheons, newsletters, announcements, contributing to specifications standards, etc. — volunteers work together to plan and execute.

### *Ways to Get Involved*

**Step 1.** Become an APWA member. More information on becoming a member is on the [Chapter website](#).

**Step 2.** Find the right spot to plug in. What's your passion? What's your level of availability? There's a spot for you! Here are some options:

**Join a Committee!** Check out Committee Central webpage ([link](#)) to see all the Chapter's committees. Contact the Chair to get plugged in.

**Street Maintenance & Collection Systems Schools** need you!

APWA Oregon Chapter offers Street Maintenance & Collection Systems Schools twice a year; one in the spring and one in the fall. The spring school includes an Equipment ROADeo. Our "School Committee" strives to put together a technical program that offers a minimum of 2.0 CEUs for full attendance at each of the schools. These schools utilize a 20- to 25-member committee for all three disciplines that help in recruiting appropriate speakers and topics for the schools. ODOT T2 is a huge support for these schools and offers Roads Scholars programs for one of the tracks.

We currently have some committee member spots to fill; specifically for the "streets" and "safety" committee. If you are interested or know someone who would be a great asset for us, consider sending them our way! If you need additional information, please email Maggie Vohs, APWA Events Director, at [cameomag@gmail.com](mailto:cameomag@gmail.com).

**Know someone who would exceptionally serve the Chapter?** Nominate them for the Chapter Board. Contact Tony Roos, Chapter President, for more details ([troos@kittelson.com](mailto:troos@kittelson.com)).

### *Have more questions?*

Contact Leslie Finnigan ([lfinnigan@ufsrw.com](mailto:lfinnigan@ufsrw.com)) to find out more about joining APWA and getting involved.

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