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- Remembering Hugh Kalani



President's Message

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

As we end Public Works Week #StrongerTogether, I reflect on the words in the Governor's proclamation:

"These infrastructure, facilities, and services could not be provided without the dedicated efforts of public works professionals at all levels of government and private sector, who are responsible for rebuilding, improving, and protecting our transportation, water supply, water treatment, and public facilities that are essential for Oregonians."

We are truly Stronger Together. On behalf of the APWA Board of Directors, thank you for all you do for our communities.

In April we held the very successful Virtual Spring Conference followed by the Virtual Collections and Maintenance School; hopefully the last time in a virtual setting. During the Virtual Spring Conference, we raised an amazing \$11,000 for the Scholarship Foundation, while stockpiling our PDH hours and connecting in the live virtual meetings. If you are interested in helping craft the Fall Conference (to be held in Canyonville) or the Fall Collections School, please reach out any of the Board members.

With the relaxing of the social distancing requirements, we are looking forward to celebrating together. It'll start this summer where we'll meet at a park near Wilsonville to celebrate Delora Kerber's Top Ten Public Works Leader of the Year Award. We might even add a quick celebration of Terry Song's Bowes Award. We're also encouraging the Young Professionals to kick-off a summer series of events to continue their professional networking. Lastly, planning has started for the Fall Conference, to be held in person! Check your e-mails for the call for presentation and plan to join us for the conference in October!

Essayons!

Tony

2021 Oregon Chapter President

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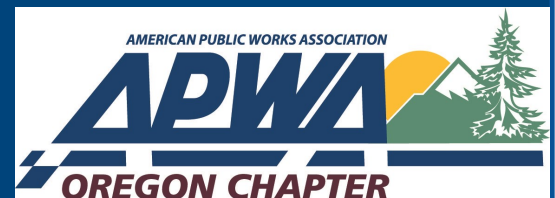
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National Honors

Two Oregon Projects Deemed Best of the Year by National

Two Oregon public works projects—the Kronberg Park Multi-Use Walkway, and the Pringle Creek Demolition & Stream Restoration—have been selected by APWA National as 2021 Projects of the Year in their respective categories. APWA officials notified the winning agencies in April, and further recognition will occur at PWX later this summer. Both projects were recognized as Oregon Projects of the Year in 2020.

Each year, APWA presents the Public Works Projects of the Year awards to promote excellence in the management and administration of public works projects, recognizing the alliance between the managing agency, the contractor, the consultant, and their cooperative achievements. Six Oregon projects were submitted for the 2021 National judging in a variety of categories.

"Your selection puts you in a very elite group of winners, and APWA is proud to have those on this project epitomize the public works profession and our association," National APWA Awards and Chapter Relations Associate Rhonda Wilhite said in the notification to the winning projects.

2021 APWA Public Works Project of the Year Transportation Less than \$5 Million

Kronberg Park Multi-Use Walkway

Primary Agency – City of Milwaukie, Oregon

Primary Contractor – HP Civil, Inc.

Primary Consultant – Otak, Inc., Portland, Oregon

[Project information](#)



Kronberg Park Multi-Use Walkway passes over a restoration area.

2021 APWA Public Works Project of the Year Environment Less than \$5 million

Pringle Creek Demolition & Stream Restoration

Primary Agency – City of Salem, Oregon

Primary Contractor – Suulutaaq, Inc

Primary Consultant – Otak, Inc.

[Project information](#)



Pringle Creek from Commercial Street left bank after completion of the project.

APWA National Names Kerber Top 10 Leader

**IT'S OFFICIAL. DELORA KERBER IS A
2021 TOP 10 PUBLIC WORKS LEADER.
HERE ARE SOME OF THE ACCOLADES
FOLLOWING THE ANNOUNCEMENT:**



"I am very honored to be selected. Thank you for choosing me as the Chapter candidate. PS - I woke up this morning questioning whether my phone call yesterday from Mary Joyce was real or a just a dream." - Delora Kerber

"It was with great pleasure that President Mary Joyce Ivers notified you of the honor of being designated one of APWA's 2021 Top Ten Public Works Leaders of the Year. Your selection puts you in a very elite group of winners since the inception of the program in 1960. The American Public Works Association is proud to have you represent the public works profession and our association!"- Rhonda Wilhite, Awards and Chapter Relations Associate for APWA National

"This is truly a deserved recognition of Delora's service to our Chapter, her community, and our profession." - Tony Roos, 2021 Oregon Chapter President

"It's a great acknowledgement for your support and leadership with APWA." - Dan Boss, Oregon Chapter National Delegate

"This is such great news!! Hopefully you can take some time to celebrate all of your hard work and this achievement!" - Ashley Cantlon, Oregon Chapter Board Member

"It seems like just this morning you were a customary PWD and now this extraordinary recognition of your outstanding service. Well deserved for sure!" - John Lewis, Oregon Chapter Board Member

"Congratulations and well-deserved! But was there ever really any doubt?" - Tim Blackwood, Oregon Chapter Board Member

As described by APWA, the Top 10 Public Works Leader is "one of the most coveted and prestigious public works awards is sponsored each year by APWA and is presented to 10 individual leaders whose excellence in public works earns them the distinction of the Top 10 Public Works Leaders of the Year. 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."

Kerber was recognized in the May issue of the APWA Reporter, and APWA will send a letter to her U.S. Members of Congress sharing with them her accomplishments. Here's the [link to her winning application](#)

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Stronger Together

Public works professionals were in the spotlight May 16-22 as the APWA celebrated National Public Works Week. The Twittersphere lit up with hashtags as @APWATWEETS invited its more than 5,700 followers to "celebrate #publicworks professionals all across the nation who work hard to maintain and improve our communities each day, bringing us closer and stronger together! Thank you and happy #NPWW #PWStrongerTogether."

Stronger Together is this year's APWA national theme. It challenges members and citizens to think about the role public works plays in creating a great place to live. By working together, the impact citizens and public works professionals can have on their communities is magnified and results in the ability to accomplish goals once thought unattainable.

More information, including a link to purchase the 2021 NPWW poster, is online at <https://npww.apwa.net/NPWW>



Governor Proclaims Public Works Week

Closer to home, Oregon Gov. Kate Brown proclaimed National Public Works Week, stating that "It is in the public interest for the residents, civic leaders, and children of Oregon to gain knowledge of and to maintain a progressive interest and understanding of the importance of public works and public works programs."

In requesting the proclamation, 2021 Oregon Chapter President Tony Roos noted that "This past year has been extremely taxing on our public works professionals, whether it be responding to the fires, or providing water and sewer during COVID, or maintaining our streets and infrastructure, public works has been at the forefront of our communities."



In Memoriam

Hugh Kalani

Hugh Kalani, longtime APWA member and former Oregon Chapter president, died April 29. He was 86.

Kalani had a long and distinguished career with Clackamas County, starting as a surveyor and eventually working his way up to road superintendent. He also served on the boards of the Greater Portland Soccer League, the Clackamas River Water District and Clackamas Credit Union.

At APWA, he was Oregon Chapter president in 1987 and received the Bowes Award in 1993. He was the first person to win the Gizmo.

Kalani is survived by his wife, Ramona, and many children, grandchildren and family. [Read Hugh Kalani's obituary.](#)



Hugh and Mona Kalani in 2007 at Spring Conference in Ashland

SPRING CONFERENCE RECAP

We made it through 58 VIRTUAL technical sessions this spring! Holding a virtual conference and school is much different than holding them in-person. The number one downfall is not seeing your peers and the significant benefit of networking with each other. The conference offered social options that allowed more interaction. Many of our “boots on the ground” workers were in desperate need of CEUs, so APWA offered a hefty 42 sessions...21 sessions in two tracks! That’s a lot of education and attending a full schedule, which many did, gave them a total of 2.1 CEUs. A BIG THANK YOU to the committee that keeps these schools and the program in high demand!

The attendance for the conference and school rounded out just over 200 attendees for both! We call that a success, but we look forward for in-person events to resume this fall!

Mark your calendar for October 6-8 for the Fall Conference in Canyonville and October 26-28 for the school in Newport at Agate Beach Inn!

For more information on upcoming education visit the Chapter website ([link](#)) or call 541.994.3201.

JAM SESSIONS

TECHNICAL PRESENTATIONS

NEXT STEPS

2020 Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan:

- Evaluate Shared use path bridges
- Complete three of the 12 priority bridge seismic improvements
- Pre-planning for shared-use path bridges evaluation project contract

Two of the three planned projects are in the MTIP/STIP funded with Central Lane MPO formula Federal-aid transportation funding (PE in 2021)

City of Eugene - Seismic Bridge Analysis

Location Map and Photo for Bridge #39C184 (Chambers Street)

NETWORKING

A VISIT FROM APWA NATIONAL PRESIDENT, MARY JOYCE IVERS

It was great seeing everyone from the shoulders up. Until next time—stay well!

Presentations will be uploaded soon to the [APWA Oregon website](#)

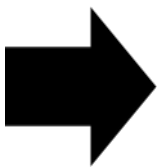
Committee Spotlight

Leadership and Management Needs You!

The Leadership and Management Committee is focused on developing and fostering leadership within the public works community – at all levels within organizations. Additionally, the Chapter's Diversity Committee is housed with L&M, which is dedicated to advancing diversity and inclusiveness in public works by promoting respect for diverse viewpoints, cultures, and experiences. L&M and the Diversity Committee are crucial committees that have unfortunately been leaderless for a while now.



The APWA Board recognizes that we struggle with diversity, equity and inclusion (DEI) and that we can and will do better. We are looking for APWA members (or future members) who are passionate about public works and DEI to help us reinvigorate these important committees and assist the board with charting a path for change toward an APWA membership and Board that is reflective of the diverse communities in Oregon. The ideal candidate is someone with awareness, exposure, interest, and passion for DEI issues who is committed to being engaged and doing the hard work along side the APWA Board.



If you or someone you know may be interested in either joining the committee or stepping into a leadership role, please contact Shannon Williams, swilliams@kellerassociates.com, 503.949.4659. Shannon will be hosting a meeting to kick off the L&M Committee on July 21, 2021, at 4 pm at Keller Associates, 245 Commercial St SE, Suite 210, Salem OR 97301 and concurrently via MS Teams. Refreshments at the in-person event (COVID compliant) will be provided. Contact Shannon if you'd like to participate remotely.



Get Involved With APWA Oregon

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.

Find the right spot to plug in. What's your passion? What's your level of availability? There's a spot for you! A good place to start is the [Committee Central web page](#).

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OREGON APWA 2021 EVENT SCHEDULE

[CLICK HERE](#) and get the latest information on the Fall Chapter Conference, Street Maintenance and Collection Systems Fall School, Public Works Leadership, Public Works Essentials, and other classes, trainings and conferences.

Shortage of Surveyors



By **Steve Townson**

City Engineer
City of Portland

Surveyors play a crucial role in the design and the construction of projects, gathering information vital to the design for infrastructure projects such as water lines, sewer systems and transportation facilities. Once a design is complete, surveyors take the design and stake it in the field for the contractor to build. That is a very simplified version of the critical role surveyors play, and there is a lot of work behind the scenes related to state law, engineering, and math that a Professional Licensed Surveyor (PLS) performs to make this happen. Without surveyors, design and construction would grind to a halt!

The City of Portland (along with about 45 other public agencies and consultants) is active in the Civil Engineering Cooperative Program (CECOP), which provides six-month paid internships to juniors and seniors in Civil Engineering (CE) at Oregon State, Oregon Tech, Portland State, and the University of Portland. In a typical year, about 90 to 100 CE internships are offered. The program also provides internships to students who are interested in surveying. However, CECOP has always struggled to find more than a few students interested in surveying internships to fill the requests from companies. In addition, folks were saying that the availability of surveyors was beginning to impact schedules on some projects.

CECOP reached out to the Oregon State Board of Examiners for Engineering and Licensed Surveyors (OSBEELS) who provided the following information about Professional Licensed Surveyors (PLS) in Oregon:

Year	# of Licensed Surveyors (PLS)
2000	2100
2011	1487
2014	1022
2017	963 (711 Oregon residents)
2018	875 (640 Oregon residents)
2020	774 (665 Oregon residents)

The data shows that the number of people with their PLS has declined 63% in the last 20 years!

A surveying task force was formed to look into what could be done to get more students interested in surveying internships. The task force was made up of public agencies (City of Portland and Springfield, ODOT), consultants (David Evans, HHP, KPFF, and Parametrix), universities (Oregon State and Oregon Tech) and the Professional Land Surveyors of Oregon (PLSO).

Outreach to several universities found that Oregon Tech graduates 5 to 15 students in its geomatics (surveying) program (the school also has a GIS option) per year. OSU has another 5 to 10 CE students on average who sit for the Fundamentals of Land Surveying (FLS) exam. Combined, about 20 students per year from the two schools go on to take the FLS and hopefully their PLS. However, over the last 20 years almost 70 people with their PLS have been retiring every year.

Surveyor Shortage Continues

Task Force Looks at Critical Need

Based upon this information, the surveying task force realized that a multi-pronged approach was needed. The following are some of those recommendations:

- Reach out to middle school and high schools as part of the Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) program to get the word out about what surveyors do, and why they are important.
- Restart partnerships between universities, community colleges and PLSO with middle school and high school teachers to train them about surveying and how it could be incorporated into their curriculums as part of their ongoing continuing education requirements.
- Create partnerships between companies and universities to expose high school students to surveying on campus similar what ODOT and Oregon Tech have set up.
- Offer surveying internships to high school and community college students
- Look at options to increase diversity in the profession

The task force had just made these and other recommendations when we received the following demographic information from OSBEELS:

Demographics of Professionally Licensed Surveyors (PLS) in Oregon

<u>Age groups:</u>	<u>Surveyors in age group</u>
21-30: < 1%	less than 7
31-40: 10%	77
41-50: 21%	163
51-60: 26%	201
61 and over: 43%	333

We were stunned! 69% of the people with their PLS are older than 50, and 43% are over the age of 60! We realized we have a much bigger and immediate problem that needed to be addressed.

PLSO reached out to the National Society of Professional Surveyors (NSPS) and shared the information. NSPS had heard of similar situations in other states but had never seen actual data. A partnership between PLSO and NSPS is creating a larger task force to come up with additional ideas and partnerships that could be used statewide and potentially nationwide. It includes the following types of organizations:

- Surveying Organizations – PLSO, NSPS, Land Surveyors of Washington (LSAW)
- Higher Education – OSU, Oregon Tech, PSU, University of Portland, Clark College, Umpqua CC
- State Licensing Board – OSBEELS
- Engineering Associations – American Council of Engineering (ACEC), APWA, CECOP
- Construction Associations – Associated General Contractors (AGC), National Utility Contractors of America (NUCA)

In a future APWA newsletter, we will share the ideas that come from this task force and the next steps that address the shortage of surveyors.



Photo courtesy OSU PLSO Student Chapter

Scholarship Stories

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 four students, told in their own words, who received APWA scholarships in the 2020-2021 school year. For more student stories, or to view a roster of the 264 scholars who have been recipients of Oregon APWA scholarship since 1981, visit the [scholarship website](#).



Rob Hemphill
Portland State University
Michael Lindberg Scholarship

Thank you to the APWA for the generous scholarship. At a time of great economic turmoil, the scholarship will make a meaningful impact in my education track.

I am a student at Portland State University's Master of Urban and Regional Planning program. I also work in the Campus Sustainability Office as a data analyst. As a planner, I am interested in the intersection between land use, transportation, and housing. Public works projects in transportation sit right at the center of those interests. My interest in the field came after completing the Land Use Leadership Fellowship through 1000 Friends of Oregon, examining the Southwest Corridor Light Rail. Following that program, I continued to volunteer, supporting the No More Freeways efforts to seek a restorative justice outcome for the Rose Quarter freeway expansion. I also volunteered with Portland For Everyone as we worked to update city zoning laws to allow for more housing options in residential zones.

As a student, my work in these issues continued. Class projects included partnerships with the Bureau of Planning and Sustainability and Prosper Portland to understand commercial displacement concerns related to the Southwest Corridor Light Rail and a project through the Transportation and Education Resource Center to examine the impact of the built environment on E-scooter parking compliance. The through line in these projects for me is the intersection of our many systems coming together in public spaces and programs; it is imperative that our public infrastructure support the health and well-being of all community members.

Lastly, I am an active user of transportation infrastructure in its many forms. In an average week, I bus, MAX, walk, bike, and rideshare; I also drive occasionally. This broad experience helps me think about mobility in a more expansive way. I experience the difference of commuting by bicycle on a protected bike lane versus a high-stress route. My future planning work will continue to integrate my personal and professional experiences as we build sustainable transportation infrastructure. I thank APWA again for supporting me on this path.

Support the Scholarship Foundation

Learn how you can support the scholarship foundation and our future public works leaders: [link](#)

More Scholarships Stories

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](#)



Quaid Ebanks
Oregon State University
Environmental Engineering
Don and Cathy Schut Scholarship

I am a senior studying Civil Engineering at Oregon State University. I grew up in Salem, Oregon, and spent time at Chemeketa Community College

before transferring to OSU.

I am the construction lead for OSU's Concrete Canoe team. I also am the American Society of Civil Engineers Chapter Treasurer, and am the Industry Outreach Coordinator and treasurer for OSU's Earthquake Engineering Research Institute student chapter. In my free time I like playing tennis and golf and pre-COVID I enjoyed country western and ballroom dancing.

I was recently admitted to OSU's graduate school where I will continue my education toward a master's degree in structural engineering. Eventually I want to design large infrastructure projects as a structural engineer.



Nathan Iwasaki
Oregon State University
Civil Engineering Scholarship

My name is Nathan Iwasaki, and I am a fourth-year Civil Engineering student at Oregon State University. I was born and raised in the Portland Metropolitan Area and attended Lake Oswego High School.

I played club and high school soccer growing up and have always enjoyed outdoor activities. I was a part of an FLL robotics team for four years, which helped form my life-long passion for engineering. My years as a Boy Scout taught me to put others before myself, as well as important skills in life.

At Oregon State University, I have been involved with the ASCE (American Society of Civil Engineers), ITE (Institute of Transportation Engineers), APASU (Asian Pacific American Student Union), and am proud to now be a part of the Oregon APWA! I am truly honored to receive this scholarship award from APWA.



Josh Malpass
Oregon State University
Ron Polvi Sustainability Scholarship

My name is Josh Malpass and I am a junior at Oregon State University pursuing my Bachelor's in Civil Engineering.

My first career was farming for over a decade on our family farm outside of Harrisburg, Oregon, and I hope to combine my unique skill and knowledge set from my previous career, with my education at Oregon State to help advance human's interactions with nature and the environment through sustainable engineering for the next generations to come.

I am very grateful and humbled to be supported by the Oregon APWA Scholastic Foundation in my continued education.

BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP

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.

New Members

Please welcome the 30 new members who have recently joined Oregon Chapter APWA.

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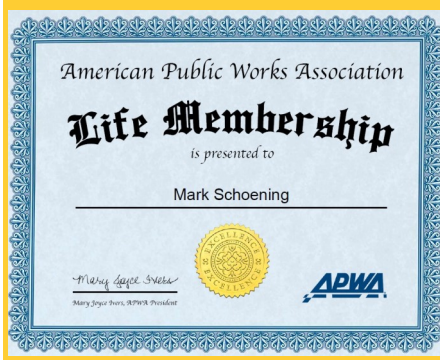
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Schoening Becomes Life Member

The Oregon Chapter's newest Life member is Mark Schoening. The Life designation recognizes Schoening's long and outstanding service to APWA and to the public works profession.

Schoening retired as Eugene's city engineer in November 2018 after a 34-year career in public works.

"I wanted to stay in touch at both the chapter and national levels."

"I continued my APWA membership after retirement ... because I wanted to stay in touch at both the chapter and national levels," said Schoening. "I enjoy keeping up with chapter members through the newsletter and the occasional email. At the national level I spent many years as an accreditation evaluator. It's fun to follow the continued growth of the accreditation program."

As a member of APWA, Schoening served as the chapter's treasurer, among other positions, and was chapter president in 2012. In 2008 he was recognized nationally as APWA's Professional Manager of the Year in Engineering and Technology, and in 2013 he received the chapter's Bowes Award for outstanding service.

"On behalf of the chapter, thank you for 30 years of service, and congratulations on becoming a Life member," said 2021 Chapter President Tony Roos. "Your involvement has made us all better professionals."

Schoening, a graduate of the University of Minnesota, began his public works career in 1984 with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in Sacramento. He was a registered engineer in Oregon and California and a certified water rights examiner in Oregon. In 1991, he moved to Lake Oswego, where he served as environmental manager and director of engineering. In 2002, he became city engineer for the City of Eugene.

Requirements for Life Membership are:

- Continuous membership in APWA for 30 years; or
- Continuous membership for 20 years and age 70 or above; or
- Continuous membership for 20 years, age 65 and fully retired from active service for which compensation is received.
- Life members receive all the benefits of regular membership, and annual membership dues are waived.

The Oregon Chapter has more than 40 Life Members. For more information on membership options and benefits, contact chapter membership chair Leslie Finnigan at lfinnigan@ufsrw.com.

