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CHAPTER PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

President Spencer Maxwell

Message from the President: It is an honor to serve as President of the Texas Chapter of APWA. I want to thank Richard Mendoza for his leadership over the past year, as well as the many branch leaders, committee members, and volunteers who continue to invest their time and energy into making our Chapter successful.

One of the things I've always appreciated about APWA is the people. Throughout my career, I've had the opportunity to learn from public works professionals across Texas, and I've seen firsthand how willing our members are to support one another and step up to serve. Those relationships are what make this organization special.

As I look ahead to the coming year, there are three areas where I would like us to continue focusing our efforts.

Strengthening Member Engagement

Our Chapter is only as strong as the participation of its members. We have great branches, committees, educational programs, and events, but their success depends on people getting involved. Whether you've been active in APWA for years or you're attending your first event, I encourage you to find a way to engage. Some of the most rewarding experiences I've had in my career have come through APWA, and I hope we can create those same opportunities for others.

Delivering Value to Members

People join APWA because they want to learn, grow professionally, build relationships, and contribute to the public works profession. We should continually challenge ourselves to make sure we're delivering on those expectations. Through educational opportunities, scholarships, technical resources, networking events, and leadership development, my goal is to ensure that members see real value in their involvement with APWA and feel that their membership is worth the investment.

Building a Stronger Chapter for the Future

The Texas Chapter has a strong foundation thanks to the leaders who have come before us. This year, we'll continue looking for ways to improve how we operate and how we support our branches and volunteers. Efforts such as the development of a Chapter Annual Conference Committee are intended to provide greater consistency and position the Chapter for continued growth in the years ahead.

I am also especially excited that Texas will host PWX2026 in Houston during my term as President. Hosting PWX gives us a chance to showcase the outstanding work being done by public works professionals across Texas while welcoming colleagues from around the country to our state. I hope many of our members will take advantage of the opportunity to attend, volunteer, and be part of making PWX 2026 a success.

I am optimistic about the future of our Chapter and our profession. Public works professionals continue to tackle complex challenges every day, and I am constantly impressed by the dedication and commitment of our members.

Thank you for everything you do to serve your communities and support APWA. I look forward to working alongside you during the coming year and seeing many of you at events across Texas.

Spencer Maxwell, PE
2026-2027 Texas Chapter President
Associate, Freese and Nichols



TML CORNER: *Interim Work Picks Up: Ballot Language, Grants, and Water Resilience*

By Jonathan Wheat, P.E., Director of Engineering, City of Carrollton

JONATHAN WHEAT OF TML REPRESENTATIVE



Welcome back to the TML Corner. Your public works teams face increasing expectations related to water supply, infrastructure planning, and right of way management. TML continues to monitor state and federal activity that shapes how cities plan, design, and maintain essential systems.



Governor's Directive on Data Centers and Local Infrastructure

The Governor directed the Public Utility Commission and ERCOT to review how data centers influence electrical infrastructure and resource use. The directive instructs the agencies to recommend actions that ensure data centers pay for their own electric infrastructure costs and that new facilities use water efficient technologies. These issues affect local infrastructure planning because large data centers can strain electric delivery systems, increase water demand, and create new expectations for noise control and setbacks. TML is evaluating the directive and preparing to engage in discussions related to resource management, residential protections, and local impacts.

Texas Supreme Court Ruling on Rights of Way

The Texas Supreme Court dismissed the cities' lawsuit that challenged limits on municipal rights of way fees for cable, telecom, and small cell installations. This ruling removes the favorable appellate decision and leaves existing fee caps in place. Public works staff who manage right of way permitting and maintenance will continue to work within the restrictions created by S.B. 1152 and S.B.



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1004. TML is reviewing possible next steps and will continue to update cities on any implications for cost recovery and right of way operations.

FCC Rulemaking on Wireline Broadband Deployment

The FCC placed a new rulemaking on its June 25 agenda that affects how cities manage wireline broadband installations in public rights of way. The proposal sets a 120-day review deadline, limits fees to actual direct costs, requires in kind contributions to be applied to fee calculations, and restricts additional conditions placed on installations. These requirements could shift how cities schedule inspections, coordinate utility work, and manage permitting capacity. TML will distribute information to cities if the FCC adopts the proposal and will assist during the 45-day comment period.

Lead Service Line Replacement Funding

The Texas Water Development Board is requesting project forms for the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Lead Service Line Replacement Program. Cities can request funding for planning, design, and construction of lead service line replacement projects. This is the final year of federal allocation, totaling 74 million dollars. Submissions are due August 14. Public works departments that have completed service line inventories or identified high priority areas are encouraged to apply.

TML General Fund Survey and Public Works Implications

TML continues to collect general fund revenue and expenditure data from cities statewide. The Legislature is reviewing local spending patterns and fee authority. Decisions made during the upcoming session may affect how cities fund street maintenance, drainage operations, utility coordination, inspection programs, and right of way management. Providing accurate financial

information allows TML to explain the true cost of core public works services and the resources needed to maintain reliable infrastructure.

Interim Hearings Affecting Public Works Functions

Several upcoming hearings involve public works topics.

- *House Land and Resource Management will review zoning procedures, residential lot size requirements, mixed use and multifamily regulations, and local development fees. These discussions influence transportation planning, drainage design, and utility coordination.*
- *The same committee will also review municipal utility district creation and oversight, which affects long term maintenance responsibility and regional infrastructure planning.*
- *House Natural Resources will examine water infrastructure financing and the water use of data centers. These topics affect supply planning, treatment capacity, and drought response.*
- *Senate Business and Commerce will review the Broadband Development Office's planning and deployment activities, which affect local permitting, right of way use, and coordination with providers. TML monitors these hearings and will continue updating cities on issues that affect infrastructure design and service delivery.*

Why This Matters for Public Works

Staying informed about federal guidance, state directives, and legislative priorities helps your department prepare for regulatory changes that influence capital planning, utility coordination, infrastructure financing, and right of way management. TML will continue to share updates that support your work and help your city anticipate operational impacts before new requirements take effect.

COUNCIL OF CHAPTERS

JOHN WARNEMENT

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS, CITY OF WEBSTER



I recently met a good friend for lunch who asked what a Chapter Delegate does. This question is an appropriate lead-in to follow up my article from our last issue. I stated that there would be more to report from Region VII Winter Meeting in following months. Along with delegates from Arizona, New Mexico and Oklahoma, we met with Kristina Ramirez, Region VII Director, Robert Garland, APWA President-Elect, and Wilf Nixon, Engineering and Technology Technical Director. Among other topics, a significant amount of time was spent discussing Chapter Delegate roles.

As the APWA evolves, the Association seeks to be responsive to Chapter feedback from the 2025 PWX Council of Chapters Meeting. This has resulted in adaptations to Chapter Delegate roles to better support Chapter needs. Roles include:

- **Public Works Advocacy (Facilitator to Chapter Committees)**
 - Community Outreach
 - Awards Program
- **Information Exchange/Communication (Point of Contact)**
 - Chapter to APWA
 - APWA to Chapter
 - Chapter to Chapter
- **Educational Opportunities (Promote)**
 - Technical Committees
 - Certificates/Certifications
 - Chapter Luncheon Programs
- **Membership Development (Facilitator for the Chapter)**
 - Succession Planning
 - Trade School/Community College/University
 - Outreach
 - Membership Engagement
 - YP Outreach
 - Strategic Planning
- **Best Practices (Chapter Support)**
 - Year-End Financials
 - Insurance
 - Contract Reviews
- **Conflict Resolution (Facilitation)**
 - National, Chapter & Branch

This looks like a lot to do, and I suppose I would think so if it was truly left all to me and

Sharon Valiante, our Alternate Delegate. However, I would be remiss if I did not point out that the Texas Chapter is blessed not only by strong board leadership and committee participation, but especially by having Dorothy Bergeson, Chapter Administrator and Christy Strach, Chapter Financial Administrator to carry a portion of our load. Not all chapters are so fortunate to have staff, let alone those that are so active in pursuit of ensuring APWA compliance and organization advancement. For this, I am grateful.

In other news from our meeting, PWX will mark a new era with the formal release of the 2026-2029 Strategic Plan. Go back to National Public Works Week, two years ago. The theme was People, Purpose and Presence. These three pillars have been converted into a meaningful plan in how we serve our membership. We will be looking to share more about this plan in upcoming issues, and especially at PWX in Houston.



For a complete change of pace, the APWA is excited to have won three prestigious Telly Awards in 2026! The Telly Awards annually showcase the best work created within television and across video, for all screens. You can watch them using the following links.

- Public Works: A Kid's Perspective <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0PPe5NUM774>
- Introducing Vic Bienes! <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Rde4M3fV5vk>
- PWX 25 People, Purpose, Presence Highlight Reel <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MCS5Aq0OzV0>

Finally, congratulations to our New Initiatives applicants from the Texas Chapter for Future City Competition North Texas. This program is one of only six awarded funding through the New Initiatives Program. It focuses on expanding hands-on STEM learning opportunities for students in grades 4–12 while increasing awareness of public works careers and infrastructure challenges. There were 33 applicants nationwide.



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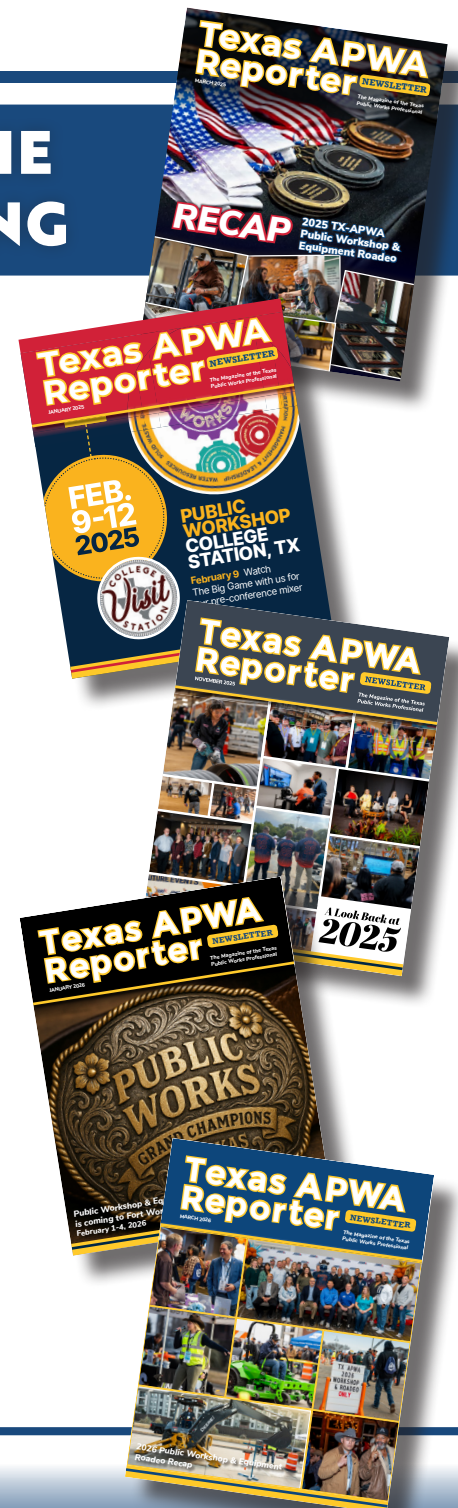
From streets and drainage to utilities and transportation, Texas public works professionals rely on trusted partners. The Texas APWA Reporter offers direct access to this audience—decision-makers who plan, design, build and maintain critical infrastructure across the state.

Whether you're promoting services, technology, or products this is a focused platform to stay top-of-mind.

Pricing Chart	Dimensions	Single/One Time Rate	Yearly Rate
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Business Card	3.625 in x 2 in	\$80	\$480
1/2 Page	7.5 in x 4.75 in	\$180	\$918
1/2 Page Vertical	3.625 in x 9.75	\$180	\$918
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Full Page	7.5 in x 9.75 in	\$300	\$1,530

Connect with Texas Public Works Leaders

For all inquiries please reach out to ChapterAdmin@TXPublicWorks.com



PWX 2026: THE FINAL COUNTDOWN

The countdown is on!

In less than two months, public works professionals from across North America will gather in Houston for the 2026 APWA Public Works Expo (PWX), taking place August 30 – September 2 at the George R. Brown Convention Center. Hosted by the Texas Chapter of APWA, PWX 2026 is shaping up to be one of the most memorable conferences in APWA history—and we need your help to make it a success.

Making PWX History

Houston is on track to host the largest exhibit hall in PWX history, with nearly 114,000 net square feet of exhibit space and exhibit space essentially sold out. Thousands of public works professionals, exhibitors, agency leaders, consultants, contractors, manufacturers, and suppliers will come together for education, networking, and innovation.

Behind the scenes, more than 130 volunteers from across Texas have spent nearly three years planning activities, events, tours, competitions, and experiences designed to showcase Texas hospitality on a national stage.

New for PWX 2026: National BBQ Showdown

Everything is bigger in Texas—including our barbecue.

One of the newest additions to PWX 2026 is the National BBQ Showdown, taking place Saturday, August 29. Public works agencies from across North America are invited to compete in a friendly Texas-style cook-off while networking with fellow professionals before the conference officially begins. Texas agencies interested in entering a team are encouraged to sign up soon. Registration is currently scheduled to close July 9 (subject to extension based on participation and availability). Whether you're competing or simply coming to enjoy the atmosphere, this event is sure to become a PWX favorite.

Saddle Up! Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are essential to the success of PWX, and

we are still seeking individuals willing to assist during conference week.

Volunteer opportunities are available August 28 through September 2 and may include registration support, attendee assistance, wayfinding, event support, and other important roles throughout the conference.

Volunteer benefits include:

- Official volunteer shirt and badge
- Snacks during volunteer shifts
- Four volunteer hours = four hours of complimentary conference access
- The opportunity to be part of the largest public works event in the world

If you've ever wanted to experience PWX from behind the scenes, now is the time to get involved.

New for 2026: Inaugural Silent Auction

The PWX 2026 Host Committee is proud to launch its Inaugural Silent Auction, benefiting two outstanding Houston-area nonprofit organizations: the Houston Food Bank and Rebuilding Together Houston.

But we need your help.

We're currently seeking donations from APWA members, agencies, businesses, and industry partners to help make this event a success. Whether it's a vacation package, hotel stay, sporting event tickets, outdoor adventure, artwork, jewelry, restaurant experience, spa package, local attraction, or unique Texas-themed item, every donation helps support these worthy causes.

The Silent Auction will be open throughout PWX from August 30 through September 1, giving thousands of attendees the opportunity to bid on exciting items while supporting the local community. Best of all, 100% of Silent Auction proceeds will directly benefit the Houston Food Bank and Rebuilding Together Houston.

Donations are requested by August 14.

If your agency, company, branch, committee, or family has an item or experience to contribute, we encourage you to participate. This is a unique opportunity to showcase your organization, support Houston-area charities, and leave a lasting impact long after PWX concludes.

To donate an item or learn more, contact Bricelda Patino at bricelda@accuratemeter.com.

We challenge each Texas APWA branch, committee, agency, and industry partner to contribute at least one item to help make our inaugural Silent Auction a signature PWX tradition.

Sponsorship Opportunities Still Available

While many sponsorship opportunities have already been secured, a variety of Texas Chapter-hosted sponsorships remain available. Current opportunities include:

- Get Acquainted Party
- National BBQ Showdown
- Equipment Rodeo
- Golf Tournament
- Brewery Tour
- 5K Fun Run
- Southern Hospitality Events
- Be Someone Sponsorships
- Texas Chapter Dinner

Sponsorship opportunities range from entry-level support opportunities to premier event activations and provide excellent visibility before a national audience of public works professionals. In addition, a minimum of 15% of sponsorship contributions will support Texas Chapter scholarships and future public works leaders.

Important Dates

July 17 – National BBQ Showdown Team Registration Deadline*

July 31 – 5K Fun Run Registration Deadline

August 1 – Equipment Rodeo Registration Deadline

August 14 – Silent Auction Donation Deadline

August 21 – Texas Chapter Dinner Registration Deadline

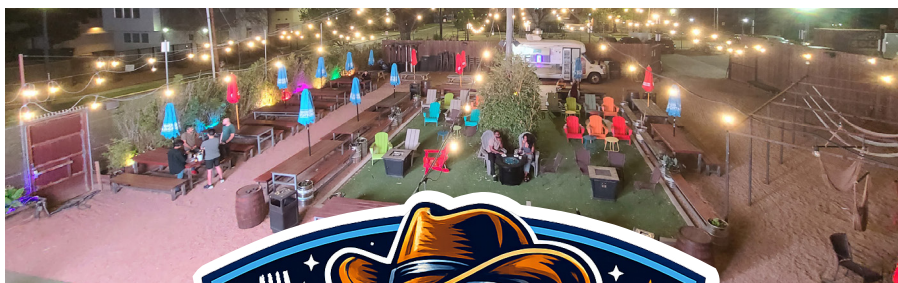
***Deadline subject to extension.**

Stay Connected

As PWX approaches, schedules, volunteer opportunities, sponsorship availability, event information, and other details continue to evolve.

For the latest information, sponsorship opportunities, volunteer registration, and event updates, visit: <https://texas.apwa.org/pwx-2026/>

We look forward to welcoming the public works community to Houston and showcasing the very best of Texas hospitality. Whether you're attending, volunteering, sponsoring, competing, donating, or simply cheering on your colleagues, thank you for helping make PWX 2026 a historic success.



TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1 @ 6-9PM

Social Beer Garden HTX Transportation will be provided

Attendee and Sponsors RSVP by 8/21

Individual Ticket: \$65

Sponsorships

H-Town Sponsorship	Space City Sponsorship	Bayou City Sponsorship	Clutch City Sponsorship
\$1,000	\$750	\$500	\$250
(4 tickets)	(3 tickets)	(2 tickets)	(1 ticket)

Register Today



DISCOVER A WORLD OF CAREER OPTIONS IN PUBLIC WORKS!

ATTEND THE AMERICAN PUBLIC WORKS ASSOCIATION'S COLLEGE CAREER EXPO

Are you working on a degree in engineering, public administration, construction management, business, environmental sciences, or something similar? If you are, then a job in public works could be right for you. On Sunday, August 30 we'll be hosting the 2026 APWA Futures: College Career Expo, a full-day event that offers you opportunities to learn from those currently practicing in the field, walk an extensive exhibit floor, connect and network with hundreds of professionals and participate in our Workforce Development Hub.



When and where is this year's event taking place?

When: Sunday, August 30, 2026 | 8:30 a.m.–4 p.m.

Where: George R. Brown Convention Center
1001 Avenida de las Americas, Houston, Texas 77010

Cost: \$5 Early Bird Pricing (until June 1st)
\$10 General Pricing (after June 1st)
Includes Breakfast, Lunch, and Parking

What is public works, and why should I be looking at it for my career development?

Public works encompasses everything people in local government do to provide and sustain the structures and services we count on for an acceptable quality of life. The United States has approximately 19,400 municipalities of varying sizes. In each community, whatever its size, there are hundreds of interesting, service-oriented, good-paying positions that are being filled by visionary people like yourself. As you get closer to completing your degree, why not put yourself on the public works career path? Visit careerzone.apwa.org.

Why should I attend the APWA Futures: College Career Expo?

This is an excellent opportunity to grow your future connections! This event includes interactive learning opportunities with a panel of public works professionals who will share tips on how to get started with a successful career in this industry. Immediately following the learning portion, you'll have an opportunity to walk the exhibit floor where you can meet and mingle with industry professionals in the Workforce Development Hub.

How do I register/apply?

Any student who is interested in attending the APWA Futures: College Career Expo and PWX may apply by scanning the QR code and filling out a simple form.

Space is limited. Register as soon as possible. Last day to register is July 15, 2026.



QUESTIONS: Email Corinne Watts, cwatts@apwa.org
Or visit www.apwa.org/pwx to learn more about PWX.





PWX

PUBLIC WORKS EXPO

2026 HOUSTON

AUGUST 30 - SEPTEMBER 2, 2026

5K FUN RUN

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1
6:30 A.M.

PARTICIPANT SHIRT



\$60/PERSON
Register by July 31 to receive a Tech Shirt and Medal
Scan QR Code Below To Register



PARTICIPANT MEDAL



RACE START LOCATION:
Allen's Landing Park (1005 Commerce St., Houston, TX 77002)

PACKET PICKUP:
Monday, August 31 [1 - 3 PM] At George R. Brown Convention Center - Volunteer Room (Room 340B)
& Tuesday, September 1 [6 - 6:30 AM] At Race Start Location



RUN LIKE A SPACE COWBOY!

For more information visit:
[texasapwa.org/event/pwx20265kfunrunandwalk/](https://pwx20265kfunrunandwalk.texasapwa.org/event/pwx20265kfunrunandwalk/)

CONTACT
Yvette Montelongo at 281-381-9827 (Cell) or
yvette.montelongo@houstontx.gov

PWX 2026 NATIONAL BBQ Showdown

Saturday, August 29, 2026
GRB Convention Center - 1001 Avenida De Las Americas

COST
\$500 Registration Fee

DEADLINE
July 17, 2026

Move-in: Friday, August 28, 12:00pm

Materials*: Bring all supplies including tents, chairs, extension cords, coolers, pans, foil, pits, meat and seasoning.

**Teams have the ability to rent grills locally*

Register now:
<https://pwx2026bbqshowdown.rsvpify.com>







SATURDAY AUG. 29, 2026

START: 5:00PM | **TICKETS: \$100**

Register now: <https://pwx2026brewerytour.rsvpify.com>

- Includes beer tastings at 3 breweries, food, and transportation
- Only 100 spots available, so sign up early!
- Breweries: Frost Town, New Magnolia, Gristworkz
- Sponsorships available





TEXAS CHAPTER HOST COMMITTEE PRESENTS

INAUGURAL SILENT AUCTION

Benefiting local non-profit charitable organizations:

Rebuilding Together Houston
Restoring safe and healthy homes for low-income seniors, veterans, and families

Houston Food Bank
Distributing millions of nutritious meals annually to families across southeast Texas



CALL FOR DONATIONS ❤️

We are looking for a variety of items such as:

- Vacation/Hotel Resorts
- Experiences
- Sports Memorabilia
- Spa
- Dog and/or cat items
- Beverage/Entertainment
- Outdoors (camping, fishing, hunting, etc.)
- Pool/Beach
- State and/or City themed
- Jewelry
- Art/Pottery/Decor

If interested in providing a donation, contact Bricelda Patino at bricelda@accuratemeteter.com

Donations to be collected no later than **Aug. 14, 2026**

Silent Auction will be open
Sunday, Aug. 30 - Tuesday, Sept. 1



Scan the QR code for more details about the event




PWX 2026 JERSEY PRE-SALE



Pre-sale ends
July 31, 2026

Pick up at the
Texas Chapter
Hospitality Space

\$50



PWX PUBLIC WORKS EXPO 2026 HOUSTON

GOLF TOURNAMENT

AUGUST 29, 2026

Memorial Park Golf Course
1001 East Memorial Loop Drive
Houston, TX 77007

Schedule

7:00 A.M. Registration & Breakfast
8:30 A.M. Shotgun Start
1:30 P.M. Lunch & Awards

Format & Prizes

4-Person Scramble
Closest to the Pin, Longest Drive

SPONSORSHIPS

TENT SPONSOR | \$500 - Limited to 5 Sponsors

No Golfers – Company/Firm may set up tent/table on Tee Box

BREAKFAST SPONSOR | \$800 - Limited to 2 Sponsors

No Golfers – Company/Firm logo on signage during the event.

LUNCH SPONSOR | \$1000 - Limited to 2 Sponsors

No Golfers – Company/Firm logo on signage during the event.

TEAM SPONSOR | \$600

Includes 4 golfers, Green/Cart Fee, Range Balls, Breakfast, Lunch and Awards.

BEVERAGE SPONSOR | \$500 - Limited to 4 Sponsors

No Golfers – Company/Firm logo on signage during the event.

HOLE SPONSOR | \$300 - Limited to 18 Sponsors

No Golfers – Company/Firm logo at flagstick on the green.

INDIVIDUAL GOLFER | \$150

Includes – Green/Cart Fee, Range Balls, Breakfast, Lunch and Awards.

GOLF BALL SPONSOR | \$900 - Limited to 1 Sponsor

Sponsor will provide a sleeve of golf balls for each player (120) with the sponsor's logo on them.

For more information, contact Leland Miller at lmiller@gptx.org

PWX 2026

GET ACQUAINTED Party

at Stampede Houston

Sunday, August 30, 2026 | 6pm-9pm

Must be registered as
an attendee/sponsor/
exhibitor of PWX

Tickets will sell out

Included in full
registration and Sunday
only registration -
Individual tickets may
be available (to PWX
attendees only)



SADDLE UP!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

JOIN THE PWX 2026 TEAM

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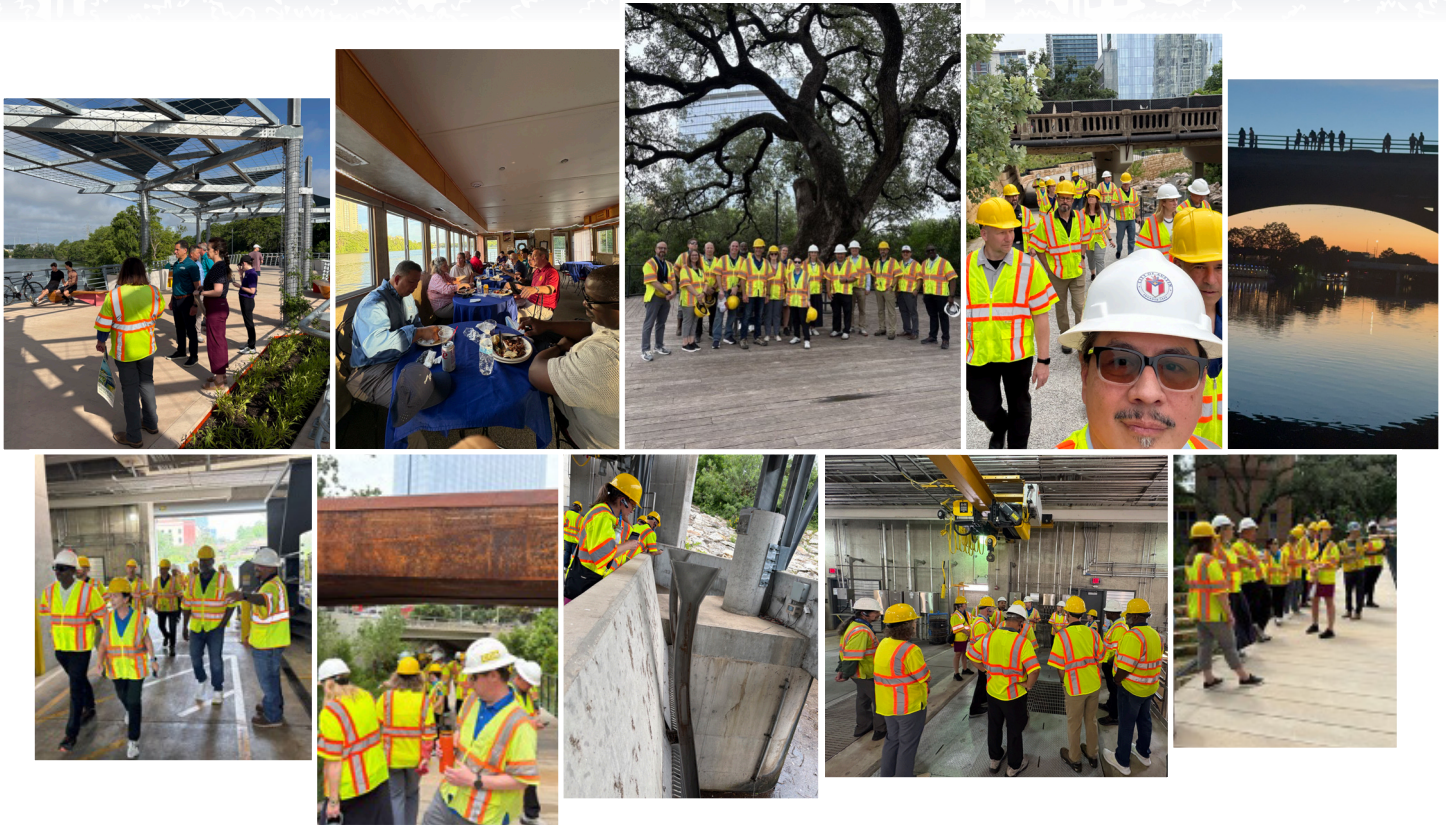
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- ✓ Snacks during your shift(s)
- ✓ 4 volunteer hours = 4 hours of free access
- ✓ Be part of the largest public works event in the world



APWA Big Cities Committee Visit to Austin, Texas

By Jorge L. Morales, Director, Austin Watershed Protection



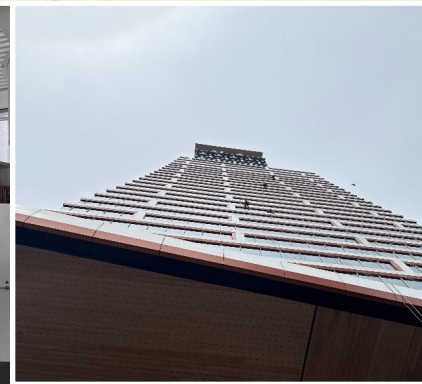
In late May, the City of Austin had the honor of hosting the APWA Big Cities/Big Counties/Regions Committee, bringing together senior Public Works and infrastructure leaders from major jurisdictions across the country. Over three days, participants experienced a curated series of tours and discussions highlighting Austin's approach to flood resilience, mobility, cultural investment, homelessness response, and community partnerships.

Day 1 focused on the Waller Creek and Waterloo Greenway corridor, showcasing how Austin integrates flood mitigation, ecological restoration, and public space design in the heart of downtown. The group visited Waterloo Park, the Waller Creek Tunnel, the Waterloo Greenway, the Mexican American Cultural Center expansion, and the Austin Convention Center project, Austin Project Connect project and future transit with conversations centered on capital delivery, utilities coordination, and equitable public realm improvements. We were invited to preview Austin's newest tower, the Waterline Tower where we viewed and talked about some of the regional projects in that part of downtown area.

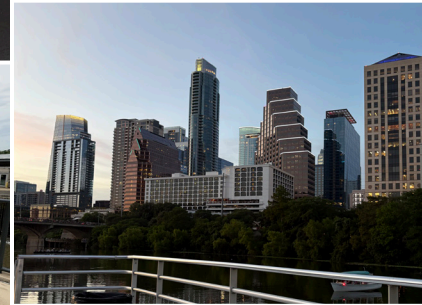
Day 2 began with a tour of Austin's active mobility network and waterfront infrastructure, including the Unity Bridge, Roy G. Guerrero Park Erosion Project, and the Wishbone Bridge. The second half of



the morning shifted to the City's Homeless Strategy & Operations work, with visits to Esperanza Community. Participants learned about Austin's non congregate sheltering model, emergency response operations, and the partnerships that support residents transitioning out of homelessness.

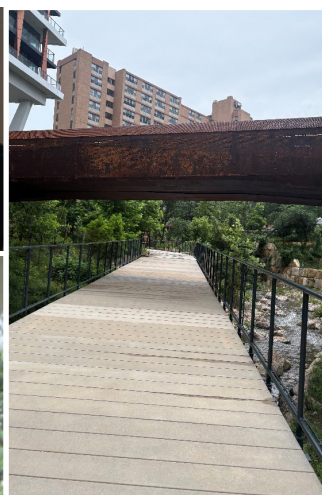


Throughout the visit and during the two roundtable discussions at Austin's Central Library (recently named by Time Magazine on 25 American monuments list) and Austin City Hall, committee members engaged in thoughtful dialogue about leadership, workforce challenges, capital project delivery, and the evolving role of Public Works in addressing complex urban issues. Austin was proud to share its work — and equally grateful to learn from the experiences of peer cities and counties. We hope everyone enjoyed the Texas



BBQ experience from Salt Lick and our boat dinner and bat viewing. A special thanks to Central Texas APWA Branch for sponsoring the visit!!

Thank you to all who joined us in Austin. Your insights, questions, and collaboration made this a meaningful and energizing gathering for our teams and our community.



PWITX: Spotlight on the Program Instructors



Jeremy Starrit discussing solid waste management

The Public Works Institute of Texas has been providing training for over 11 years now and has graduated 167 individuals. A key factor for the tradition of excellence has been the caliber and commitment of the volunteer instructors. All have been active, or retired, practitioners in the public works profession or in supporting departments.

There have been five graduated classes and Classes Six and Seven are concurrently progressing with over 100 students. The program has been fortunate that more than 70 individuals have been instructors over the period of the program. Who are these individuals? They have come from more than 20 cities and counties and

six consulting firms. Although most have been public works/engineering officials, we have also had the good fortune to have elected officials, city managers, human resources, finance, fleet, emergency management, and lawyers who have graciously supported the program. Some of the alumni have taken on the challenge of teaching and provided excellent instruction.

The Institute has fulfilled about half of the instructional role called for the APWA-based curriculum through the commitment of all of the PWITX Committee members who have served since Institute inception.

This past year the Institute has also started to recognize the associate and adjunct instructors who have been an essential resource for the Institute and students, repeatedly teaching key topics and keeping the overall program relevant to the latest challenges for the public works profession. These professionals have been designated by the Institute as Professors of Public Works to honor their valuable contribution, strong commitment and dedication to the program.



Kristina Ramirez has everyone's attention

To date, the following individuals have been conferred with this title:

Stephanie Buckingham, Freese and Nichols
Joanne Kamman, Quiddity Engineering, LLC
Richard Mendoza, City of Austin
Jorge Morales, City of Austin
Kristina Ramirez, City of Killeen
James Snow, Volkert, Inc.
John Warnement, City of Webster

Tim Tumulty, Chair of PWITX shares, "We are so grateful for the public works/municipal government people along with the Consulting Engineers who volunteer to be instructors for the Institute. The students obtain great information, direction and wisdom from those experienced professionals who continue to give their time to this program. I would also like to acknowledge the cities of Webster, Frisco, Austin and San Antonio for their continuous support of the program by providing meeting rooms to host the program sessions. This is a great contribution to the overall program."

Daniel Krueger, Director of Curriculum adds, "Our Professors of Public Works, and all PWITX Instructors, certainly advance the learning of our students toward stated objectives of the curriculum but accomplish that in a manner that the students maximize their learning from their classmates, and from their own prior experiences. They facilitate student and alumni relationship building as well as imparting knowledge and motivation. Their contribution extends right back home to public works departments and served communities."

Interested in obtaining leadership training for yourself or your employees for professional development? Contact information for this opportunity: Ines Roach, Administrator, <https://Texas.apwa.org/pwtx/> or Publicworksinstitute.tx@outlook.com



Excellent panel discussion: Dan Krueger, Jorge Morales, John German & Jim Gray



Bob Lowry has given the most presentations since the program started

APWA REPORTER SAFETY CORNER PRESENTS: FLOOD SAFETY FEST



SUBMITTED BY: MARVIN HOPE, SAFETY MANAGER, CITY OF AUSTIN

On April 18, 2026, Austin Watershed Protection hosted its annual Flood Safety Fest at Lee Lewis Campbell Elementary. The free festival marked the conclusion of Flood Safety Awareness Week in Austin, which ran from April 13 through April 18, 2026. This yearly effort highlights our commitment to public safety and education, especially as Central Texas continues to face significant flood risks.

The festival featured hands-on activities for children, safety demonstrations, and information on how to respond during flooding events. This event is part of our ongoing mission to educate the public about flood hazards and how to prepare for severe weather to reduce risk. Activities included tours of a stormwater vacuum truck, a stormwater TV inspection truck,

and a fire truck, as well as face painting and a petting zoo.

The vacuum truck and TV inspection trucks are essential pieces of equipment used by our department to reduce flooding in our communities. A stormwater vacuum truck—also known as a catch basin cleaner or vactruck—is a heavy-duty vehicle designed to clean underground stormwater infrastructure. Its primary purpose is to remove debris from storm drains and pipes to prevent flooding and protect local waterways.

Operating a vactruck is a highly skilled and high-risk job. Operators must have specialized driving endorsements, mechanical knowledge, and extensive safety training. Our operators



receive training from the manufacturer and complete more than 100 hours of on-the-job safety training before they are authorized to use the equipment. These trucks are large, powerful, and use high-pressure water. The work often exposes crews to hazards such as traffic, high-pressure systems, sharps, and biological materials. Proper Temporary Traffic Control is required to keep both workers and the public safe.

To mitigate risks, crews rely on PPE such as high-visibility clothing, puncture-resistant gloves, safety goggles or face shields, and steel-toe boots. They also use four-gas monitors to test underground air quality before working in maintenance holes. Operators receive training in Confined Space Entry, Trenching and Excavation Safety, and Work Zone Traffic Control.

Crews typically work during the day, cleaning neighborhood storm inlets and culverts on a scheduled basis to prevent flooding. During severe weather—such as flash floods—their role shifts from routine maintenance to emergency response. Blocked drainage systems can cause water to rise quickly, threatening homes, businesses, and roadways. Vactruck crews are vital during these events, working to remove blockages during hazardous conditions like heavy rain, high winds, and darkness at night.



A reminder to the public: when utility crews are working on the roadway, please slow down and pay attention to traffic signs to help keep everyone safe. For more information about Austin Watershed Protection and the work we do all year, visit AustinTexas.gov/Watershed.



Continuing Education Series – Central Texas Branch Submitted by: Jason Frost

On June 2nd, the Central Texas Branch of APWA hosted its second annual Spring Educational Seminar at the Bob Bennett Utilities & Transportation Building in Round Rock. This year's program focused on Asset Management for Public Works, drawing a engaged audience of professionals from municipalities, engineering consulting firms, and industry manufacturers across the region.

The seminar featured three presentations covering distinct asset management disciplines within public works. Ana Peña-Tijerina, Ph.D, PE, BCEE - Wastewater Practice Leader at Plummer Associates Inc., opened the program with an in-depth examination of asset management strategies for wastewater utilities; drawing on more than 25 years of specialized experience in the field. Nathan Kebede, PE - National Practice Lead for Pavement Services at Michael Baker International, followed with a presentation on transportation asset management; highlighting the data collection tools and analytical frameworks available to local, state, and federal agencies to optimize pavement program performance and investment decisions. The program concluded with remarks from Trey Buzbee - Director of Fleet Services for the City of Waco, who outlined how the city has integrated asset management principles into its municipal fleet operations; enabling data-driven decision making and ensuring vehicle readiness for emergency response personnel.

The Branch extends its sincere appreciation to the City of Round Rock for graciously hosting the event, and to all volunteers whose contributions were essential to its success.



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR AWARD RECIPIENTS

The Central Texas Branch awarded a \$1,500 scholarship to five students for the 2026-2027 school year. Winners were also awarded APWA student memberships. This year's winners are listed below:



ANNA RAMIREZ

I'm an upcoming senior at Tarleton State University, pursuing a degree in Elementary Education EC-6 with ESL Supplementary certification. As a future educator, my goal is to integrate STEM programs into schools and inspire students to develop a lasting passion for mathematics and science.



ELIZABETH HERRERA

Hi my name is Elizabeth! I was born and raised in Austin Texas, and I am a rising sophomore at St. Edward's University, majoring in Nursing with a minor in Health Communication. I'm very excited for the upcoming school year and all the opportunities it will bring!



AUSTIN HAM

I will be a junior at the University of Arkansas this fall, pursuing a degree in Civil Engineering. My goal is to become a licensed Professional Engineer specializing in water resources and environmental systems.



LAURYN JACKSON

Laurn Jackson attends Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi and is a student athlete on the track and field team. She is passionate about serving her community and is eager to learn more about how public works supports growing cities and improves quality of life.



KAYDEN WILDE

My name is Kayden Wilde and I am focused on building a future in the medical field, with plans to attend Texas Tech University and eventually pursue a career as a diagnostic radiologist.

**West Central Texas Update****Submitted by: Shelley Futrelle**

On July 9, 2026, Public Works staff will participate in a Lunch and Learn session with Perma-Zyme to learn more about innovative soil stabilization technologies and their potential applications. The session will provide an opportunity for employees to gain insight into alternative roadway and site construction methods that can improve durability, reduce maintenance costs, and enhance long-term infrastructure performance.

Interest and enthusiasm among APWA members continue to grow as anticipation builds for the upcoming PWX 2026 conference. The event's reputation for delivering valuable professional development opportunities, industry-leading education sessions, and meaningful networking experiences has generated significant excitement within the Abilene public works community. This heightened interest has also contributed to increased APWA membership, as more professionals seek to take advantage of the resources, connections, and benefits available through the association. Members are looking forward to engaging with peers from across the country, exploring innovative solutions, and bringing new ideas back to their organizations to advance the public works profession.

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PUBLIC WORKS COMES TO LIFE AT FRISCO'S TOUCH-A-TRUCK EVENT

Submitted by: BJ Long, City of Frisco

During National Public Works Week in May, the City of Frisco Public Works Department partnered with the Frisco Public Library to host a Touch-A-Truck event that introduced families to the people, vehicles, and services that keep the city running every day. The event welcomed over 400 attendees for an afternoon of public works education and community engagement.

The library hosted two Storytime sessions featuring books related to public works and service vehicles. Afterwards, families were led outside by Rufus, the Recycling Dog, wearing his safety vest to encourage kids to join in on the “work.”

Public Works staff showcased five City vehicles in the library parking lot, each transformed into a kid-friendly character with googly eyes, names, and custom signage explaining the vehicle's role in serving the community. Children received toy hard hats and “City employee badges” before visiting each vehicle station to clock in and earn stickers. After collecting all five stickers, participants received a toy truck.

Inside the library, staff hosted educational tables focused on water conservation, stormwater protection, and trash and recycling services. Families participated in hands-on activities designed to help children and residents better understand the essential services public works provide every day.

Through storytelling, interactive activities, and direct engagement with staff, the event highlighted the important role public works professionals play in the community while creating a memorable experience for residents of all ages.





SOUTHEAST BRANCH ANNUAL CELEBRATION



Annual Celebration - June 11, 2026
Attendance: 110

We celebrated our outgoing officers, recognized special members and efforts, and inaugurated our incoming Board at our Annual Celebration on June 11th at B&B Butchers. The event was well-attended by our enthusiastic members, and everyone was treated to a delightful 3-course meal and beverages. Our keynote speaker, Mr. John Warnement (Public Works Director of City of Webster) delivered a memorable message on his journey with APWA and the invaluable opportunities and experiences the organization has continuously provided him. His presentation was sincerely appreciated, and we are very grateful for his commitment and dedication to the Southeast Branch.

We were able to honor many of our long-standing members who hit major milestone anniversaries, including 5-year, 10-year and 25-years of impactful involvement with the organization. Additionally, we recognized a few special individuals who made a tremendous impact toward the Southeast Branch's goals: Mariana Williams - President's Award, Julia Frankovich and Matthew Matula – Outstanding Service Award.

NPWW PUBLIC WORKS LEADERS DINNER



NPWW Public Works Leaders Dinner - May 15, 2026

Our APWA Texas Chapter Southeast Branch hosted the NPWW Public Works Leaders' Dinner at Goode Co. Armadillo Palace. A great evening to recognize the leaders who keep our communities running every day.

Each guest took home a small succulent, a little something tied to this year's NPWW theme, Rooted in Service, Powered by Community.



NPWW Annual Picnic and BBQ Competition- May 20, 2026

Attendance: ~1,500

What a day! Our 2026 National Public Works Week Picnic brought out 25 municipalities, over 1,500 attendees, and a whole lot of good energy! The weather had other plans for our Equipment ROADeo, but that didn't slow down the cookoff one bit!

Congratulations to the City of Pearland, Texas for taking home the grand prize!

This event raised more than \$15,000 for our annual scholarship program, and every bit of that goes back to supporting the next generation of public works professionals. That kind of turnout and generosity is exactly what this year's National Public Works Week theme is all about: Rooted in Service, Powered by Communities.

Thank you to all our sponsors, and to everyone who showed up, competed, volunteered, and kept the good vibes going rain or shine.

TEXAS CHAPTER AWARDS

By Cesar J Molina Jr, PE, State Chairman of APWA Awards Committee, Director of Business Development, Quiddity Engineering.

John German, Retired Director of Public Works, Cities of Austin and San Antonio, Former Assistant City Manager, City of San Antonio, Former Chair of Public Works Institute of Texas, Past President of Texas Chapter of APWA

Texas Chapter Awards Series – This is the first in a series of articles highlighting the history of one of the six state awards named after one of our chapter's past leaders. This installment focuses on the Richard Ridings Community Involvement Award.

Richard Ridings began his career in 1966 as an engineering assistant in Texarkana, Texas, and rose to the position of City Engineer after completing his engineering studies at UT Dallas and becoming a registered professional engineer and surveyor in Texas. He then became city engineer for the City of Farmers Branch. In 1978, he moved to Austin to serve as Assistant Director and later Director of Public Works for the City of Austin from 1981 to 1987.

While in Austin, he managed street and bridge maintenance and construction, stormwater management, solid waste, and public building design, construction, and maintenance. He was instrumental in implementing the recovery program across the city following the disastrous 1981 flood, including building or rebuilding bridges, creating drainage detention dams and ponds, and even removing cars from Town Lake. In one innovative solution, he guided the construction of a critical detention pond by lowering a major city park adjacent to Shoal Creek by 10 feet and then rebuilding park facilities at the lower elevation. To help finance these improvements, he led the effort to institute a citywide drainage fee, one of the first in the nation. Throughout each of these programs, Richard made it a priority for himself and his employees to communicate with citizens and property owners, involving them in the planning, design, and construction of streets and other public facilities in their neighborhoods.

Richard continued to apply innovative techniques and processes while serving as Chief Engineer and CEO of the Oklahoma Turnpike Authority between 1987 and 1992. During his tenure, the toll road system was greatly expanded. In the planning and design of those new toll roads, Richard sought a faster and more efficient method to collect tolls. He worked with a high-tech firm that manufactured card readers to initiate what became known as the "PikePass," a method to identify and charge the owners of vehicles using the toll roads without requiring those vehicles to stop at a toll booth. This process is now used nationally on most toll roads and bridges to collect tolls electronically at highway speeds.

In 1992, Richard was recruited by HNTB Corporation to open an office in Austin and implement similar toll collection systems in Texas. Over time, as Vice President and Project Director, Senior Vice President, and finally Partner at HNTB, Richard expanded his influence over the planning, design, construction, and financing of major highways, bridges, and toll roads throughout Texas and the United States. For HNTB, he managed major interchange projects such as the MoPAC/US 183 and the SH 45/US 183 interchanges, the reconstruction of the Harbor Bridge in Corpus Christi, and new toll roads such as SH 130 from Seguin to Georgetown. He continued his innovative and effective project and program management work for HNTB for more than 30 years, until his recent retirement.

Richard joined APWA in 1970 and has been an active member until his recent retirement in 2024. Richard served on numerous committees and served in all officer positions on the state chapter. He was twice elected as President Elected but could not



2021 Richard Riding Award recipient Ramesh Swaminathan from City of Austin. In photo from left to right, Shawn Poe, 2021 Texas APWA Chapter President, Ramesh, Richard Ridings, Dorothy Bergesen, 2020 Texas APWA chapter president

serve as chapter president due to his appointment to the National APWA board of directors. In 2001, he became President of APWA at the Philadelphia Congress. On his first day, the September 11 attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon occurred. His steady hand guided the organization through the disaster and chaos that ensued. He is often recognized for the skill and leadership he demonstrated in those frightful moments.

In addition to his many years of service to APWA, Richard won the Top Public Works Leader Award in 1987 from the Texas Chapter and was recognized by national APWA as a Top Ten Public Works Leader in 1988. As President of APWA from 2001 to 2002, he strengthened the management and operations of the APWA national offices, and APWA initiated many of the educational opportunities that members enjoy today. At the time of his retirement from HNTB, he had more than 50 years of dedicated service to the Texas Chapter and to APWA.

Beyond his engineering work, Richard fostered a culture of service in the communities where he worked by volunteering and encouraging his staff to volunteer. He helped support community organizations such as the Capital Area Food Bank, Big Brothers Big Sisters, Hill Country Conservancy, The Trail Foundation, and Meals on Wheels. Richard was active in his church in Austin and Oklahoma City and was involved in neighborhood groups in both cities.

In the early 2000s, the executive committee of the Texas Chapter of APWA renamed the Community Involvement Award in Richard's honor to commemorate a lifetime of giving back to the community and to honor one of APWA's great leaders.



GET INVOLVED: Help Shape the Future of the Texas APWA

Our Chapter doesn't run on its own - it's powered by volunteers. From events and education to advocacy and outreach, everything we do is made possible by members who step up and get involved.

Volunteering is a great way to grow your network, build leadership skills, and get more out of your APWA experience. Whether you have a little time or want to take on a bigger role, there's a place for you at both the Chapter and Branch levels.

Many of our current leaders started by joining a committee or helping with an event. If you've ever considered getting more involved - or even serving on the Chapter Board in the future - this is the perfect place to start.

We're always looking for engaged members to join committees, support events, and help lead the way forward for public works in Texas.

Want to learn more about committees?

Visit: <https://texas.apwa.org/homepage/about/chapter-committees/>

You can also reach out to your Branch leadership or a Chapter committee chair to get connected - we'd love to have you involved.



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Current Open Positions on the Texas Chapter Site

Below is a snapshot of recently posted roles on our site (as of this writing).

Please check the full listing for more details. ([Job Opportunities](#))

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Civil Engineer / Senior Civil Engineer	City of Euless, TX
Managing Director of Water & Wastewater	City of Garland, TX
Public Works Director	City of Terrell, TX
Director of Public Works	City of Cibolo, TX
City Engineer	City of Abilene, TX
Director of Public Works	City of Rowlett, TX
Assistant Director of Engineering	City of Midlothian, TX
Assistant Director of Public Works	City of Waco, TX
Executive Director of Public Works	City of Mansfield, TX

Texas APWA Job Opportunities

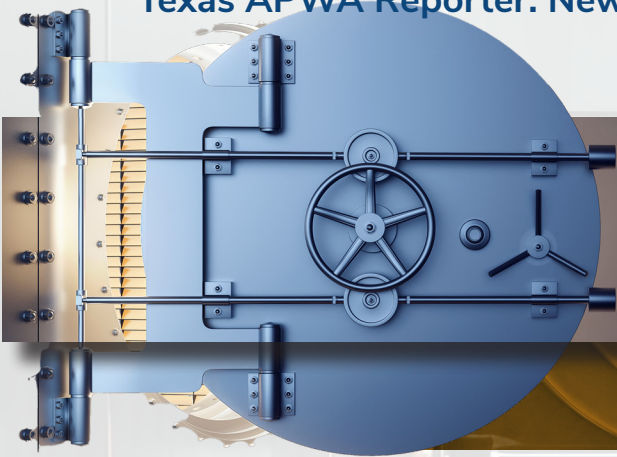
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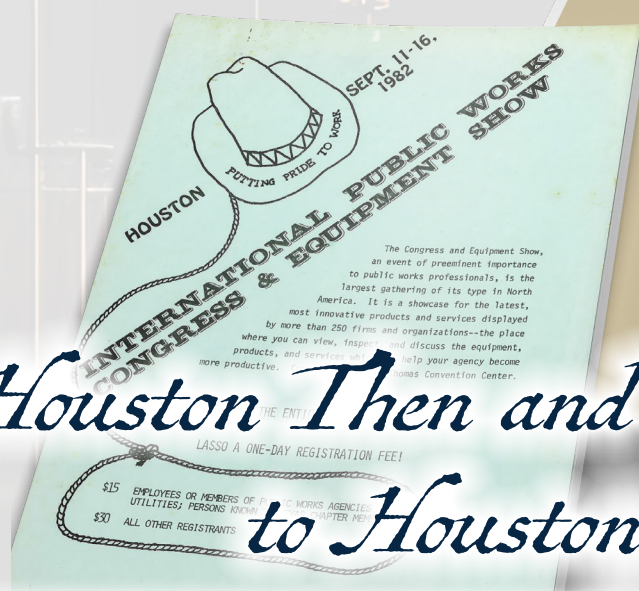
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FROM *the* VAULT

A JOURNEY THROUGH *History*



Houston Then and Now: APWA Returns to Houston After 44 Years

As Texas prepares to welcome thousands of public works professionals to PWX 2026 in Houston, it is worth looking back to the last time APWA's international conference came to the Bayou City.

In September 1982, Houston hosted the International Public Works Congress and Equipment Show, known today as PWX. The conference theme was "Putting Pride to Work," and the preliminary program promoted Houston as the "City of Tomorrow for Public Works Today."

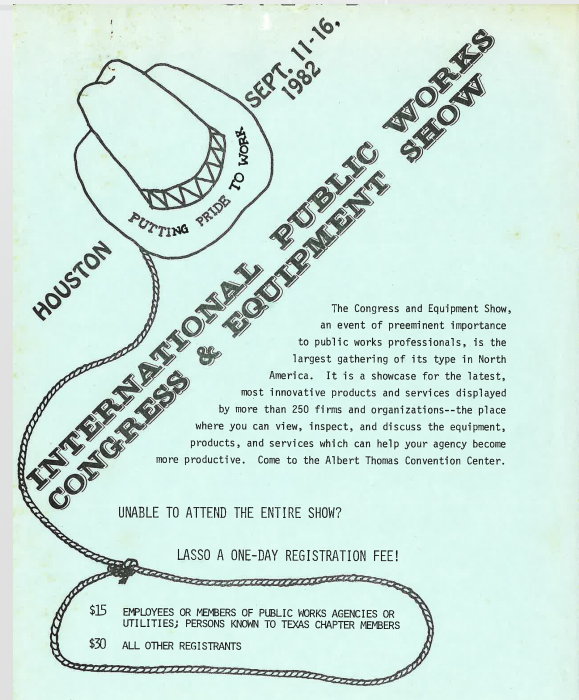
While much has changed over the past four decades, many familiar themes remain.

PWX in Texas Through the Years

PWX 2026 marks the first time APWA's premier event has returned to Houston since 1982, and only the second time Houston has served as host city.

Texas has APWA's national and international conference several times throughout its history:

Year	Host City
1912	Dallas
1946	Dallas
1946	Fort Worth
1956	Fort Worth
1970	Dallas
1982	Houston
1995	Dallas
2007	San Antonio
2026	Houston (upcoming)



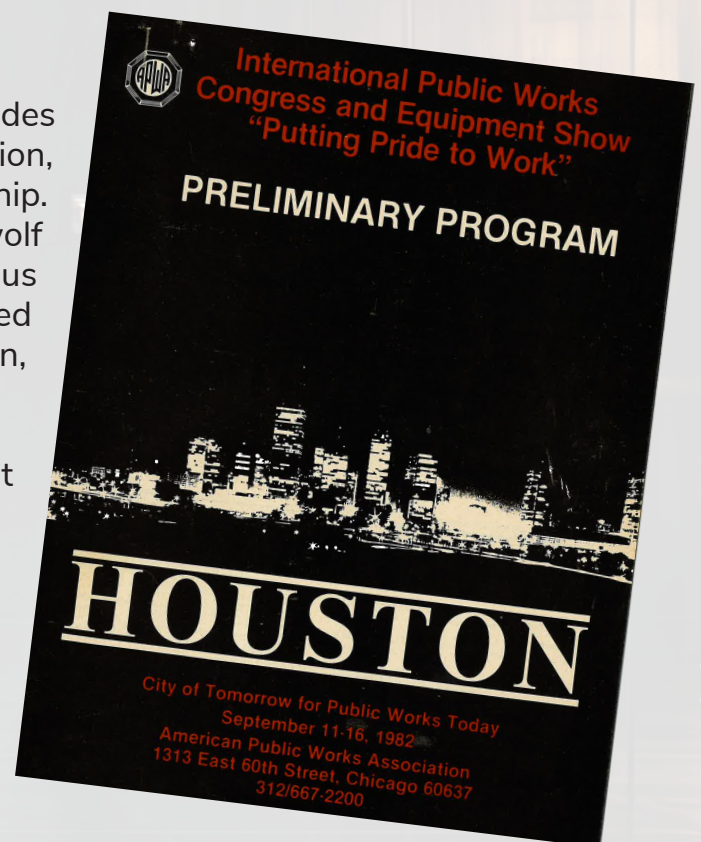
Forty-four years separate Houston's two host years—a reminder of both how much the profession has evolved and the enduring role Texas public works professionals continue to play in APWA's history.

A Houston-Led Effort

Just as today's PWX 2026 Host Committee includes volunteers from across Texas and the Houston region, the 1982 event relied heavily on local leadership. Houston Public Works Director Jimmie Schindewolf served as General Chair, supported by numerous City of Houston public works leaders who chaired management, operations, finance, transportation, publicity, exhibits, and chapter dinner committees.

Following the conference, Texas Chapter President Bill Hogge praised the effort:

"Although many Texas Chapter members from throughout the state attended and worked during the congress, the real credit for the success of the event must go to the Southeast Texas Branch and the public works staff of the City of Houston. They did a terrific job!"



That sentiment sounds familiar today as hundreds of volunteers,

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8am to 5pm — Registration
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Noon — Baseball
Houston Astros play the World Champion Los Angeles Dodgers in the Astrodome. This is an optional ticket event at \$10. Transportation to and from game provided. Buses begin leaving for Astrodome at noon

1pm and 3pm — City Tours With Public Works Emphasis
Buses leave from Albert Thomas Convention Center

sunday/september 12

8:30am — APWA Prayer Breakfast
Meridian Hotel

This is an optional ticket event at \$10. This inspirational gathering has become one of the most popular events on the Congress schedule.

9am to 5pm — Registration
Albert Thomas Convention Center

APWA Round Tables

10:30am to 11:30am — Nuts and Bolts of Public Works Professionalism

Sponsored by the Institute for Administrative Management
An informal exchange of practical information and discussion of career topics of concern to public works administrators.
LEADER: Melvin J. Shelley, President, IAM, and Municipal Manager, Corporation of the District of Burnaby, British Columbia

10:30am to 11:30am — Structural Safety: Who is Responsible?

Sponsored by the Institute for Buildings and Grounds
The design, construction, plan review, and inspection aspects of structural safety will be discussed, with emphasis upon who is responsible and how to lessen potential danger to building users.
LEADER: Horace Cude, Executive Administrative Assistant to Director of Public Works, Houston, Texas

10:30am to 11:30am — Keeping it Green: Revenue Shortfall and Grounds Maintenance

Sponsored by the Institute for Buildings and Grounds
How to maintain public grounds in a period of budgetary cutbacks.
LEADER: Thomas McDermott, Superintendent, Park Operations, Charlotte, North Carolina

10:30am to 11:30am — The Street Cleaning Contract: How to Develop One the Public Official Can Live With

Sponsored by the Institute for Solid Wastes
The newly published ISW "Model Street Sweeping Contract" is referenced, with discussion to follow on the first section of this publication, "Guidelines for Local Officials."

LEADERS: Robert Fisher, chairman of ISW Ad Hoc Committee on A Model Street Sweeping Contract, and Director of Public Service, Canton, Ohio, and members of Ad Hoc Committee

10:30am to 11:30am — Emergency Management: Communication and Warning Systems

Sponsored by the APWA Emergency Management Task Force
Public works departments play important roles in emergency management and emergency cleanup. This session will consider how to set up and maintain effective warning and communication systems in the event your community is struck with a disaster.
LEADER: John McKay, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Washington, D.C.

Official Opening of the 1982 Equipment Show

Noon — Albert Thomas Convention Center and Coliseum
More than 250 firms and organizations will display innovative products and services in East, West, and South Halls of the Albert Thomas Convention Center and Coliseum. Outdoor exhibits will also be featured.

APWA Get-Acquainted Party

5pm to 8:30pm — Exhibit Halls
View exhibits, meet and greet old friends, and enjoy the reception.

6:30pm — Evening on your own
Dine at one of the many Houston restaurants with friends from near and far.

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monday/september 13

8am to 5pm — Registration
Albert Thomas Convention Center

8:00am — APWA Membership Breakfast
Featuring Annual Business Meeting and Awards

Opening Session — 1982 International Public Works Congress



Joseph F. Casazza



Jimmie A. Schindewolf



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10:00am — Albert Thomas Convention Center
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10am to 5pm — Equipment Show

REMARKS: Jimmie A. Schindewolf, General Chairman, 1982 International Public Works Congress and Equipment Show, and Director of Public Works, Houston, Texas
WELCOME: Kathryn Whitmire, Mayor, Houston, Texas
KEYNOTE ADDRESS: **Changing Perceptions of Public Works**

General Session



Robert C. Esterbrooks

11am — Albert Thomas Convention Center
PRESIDING: Robert C. Esterbrooks, Vice President, APWA, and Director of Public Works, Maricopa County (Phoenix), Arizona

The New Federalism — Will It Work?
This topic will be discussed from the point of view of the states, and what conditions are necessary for it to work best.



Benjamin R. Civiletti

11:30am — Impact of Recent Court Decisions on Public Works
A former U.S. Attorney General discusses the impact of the Supreme Court decision earlier this year in Community Communications Co., Inc., vs. City of Boulder, and subsequent decisions upon the rights of local governments to grant exclusive contracts are discussed.
SPEAKER: Benjamin R. Civiletti, Partner, Venable, Beetsler, Howard, and Civiletti, Washington, D.C.

FOUR CONCURRENT SESSIONS (IAM, IES, ULCC, ISW)

All Institute and ULCC technical sessions are in the Albert Thomas Convention Center

Institute for Administrative Management (first session)

1pm — Sixth Annual Business Meeting
PRESIDING: Melvin J. Shelley, President, IAM, and Municipal Manager, Corporation of the District of Burnaby, British Columbia

1:30pm — Projecting the Public Works Image
A presentation on the art of informing the public, and how to present programs and projects in ways that garner support and gain public backing.
SPEAKERS: Ralph E. Speer, Jr., Director of Public Works, Rockford, Illinois; and Dan Jones, Public Information Officer, Department of Public Works, Houston, Texas

Institute for Equipment Services (first session)

1pm — Eleventh Annual Business Meeting
PRESIDING: Eugene Willroth, President, IES, and Operations Engineer, City of Sunnyvale, California

1:30pm — Effective Media Productions
A consideration of the essential elements of a media presentation. Discussions will focus on defining the audience, planning and budgeting needs, working with internal and external sources, and the implementation process.
SPEAKER: Susan King, President, Kingdom Productions, Inc., Houston, Texas

2pm — The Benefits of Operator Awareness Programs
An examination of the benefits of implementing awareness training for equipment operating personnel.
MODERATOR: Fritz Schwarting, Automotive Supervisor, Port Authority of New York and New Jersey
Film from the Lake County Highway Department, Libertyville, Illinois
Film on street sweeping operations from the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey

Utility Location and Coordination Council (first session)

PRESIDING: Edward C. Jenk, Vice Chairman, ULCC, and Division Manager, Distribution Services and Engineering, New York Telephone Company, Garden City, New York

1pm — CAMRAS II: A Progress Report
Progress on APWA research project, CAMRAS II, will be reported and an operational system based on CAMRAS I will be demonstrated and discussed.
SPEAKERS: Lloyd C. Fowler, APWA Consultant, Bethesda, Maryland; and Rudy Vogt, Assistant Manager, AT&T, Basking Ridge, New Jersey

Institute for Water Resources (first session)

1pm — Ninth Annual Business Meeting
PRESIDING: Lloyd C. Fowler, President, IWR, and General Manager/Chief Engineer, Goleta County Water District, California

1:30pm — Hydroelectric Power: Status Report by FERC

Progress report on the licensing of sites for low and small head hydroelectric development.
SPEAKER: Kristina Nygaard, Assistant Counsel for Hydroelectric Licensing, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C.

2pm — The Impact of Revenue Shortfall on Water Resources

A perspective of revenue needs for public works infrastructure construction and maintenance, based upon detailed studies of several key cities.
SPEAKER: Dr. George Peterson, The Urban Institute, Washington, D.C.

FOUR CONCURRENT SESSIONS (IME, ISW, IT, IBG)

Institute for Municipal Engineering (first session)

3:30pm — Seventeenth Annual Business Meeting
PRESIDING: Sam Cristofano, P.E., President, IME, and Director of Public Works, Santa Clara, California

3:45pm — Engineering Innovations from Abroad
A delegate to the recent International Federation of Municipal Engineers Congress in Madrid reports what engineers in other countries are doing to solve their revenue shortfall problems.
SPEAKER: John Zirbes, P.E., City Engineer, Provo, Utah

4pm — Critical Path: When to Use It and When Not To

This engineering tool is designed to speed up construction, but experience has shown that it isn't a cure-all. A public works official describes on which jobs it works best — and when it should not be used.
SPEAKER: James Talebreza, Director of Public Works, Salt Lake City, Utah

4:30pm — The Engineer as Expert Witness

Many engineers are called upon to testify in court cases where their expertise is in demand. Engineering expertise without courtroom experience or training, however, may lead into an attorney's trap.
SPEAKER: Ernest Buckley, P.E., Consulting Engineer, Arlington, Texas

Institute for Solid Wastes (first session)

3:30pm — Seventeenth Annual Business Meeting
PRESIDING: Gene L. Neff, President, ISW, and Deputy Director of Public Works, Baltimore County, Maryland

4pm — EPA Regulatory Update
Top EPA official reports on the status and new direction of the federal waste management program.
SPEAKER: Christopher Capper, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Washington, D.C.

4:30pm — The Public's Involvement in Hazardous Waste Regulation

A major state environmental official discusses the need to keep the public informed in the important area of hazardous waste regulation and management, and how effective public involvement can work to the advantage of public officials at all levels of government.
SPEAKER: Jackie Swigart, Secretary, Kentucky Department for Natural Resources and Environmental Protection, Frankfort, Kentucky

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Institute for Transportation (first session)

3:30pm — Eleventh Annual Business Meeting
PRESIDING: D. Kent Dewell, President, IT, and Director of Public Works, San Jose, California

4pm — Alternative Financing and the New Federalism
A close look at the potential impact of the New Federalism on transportation and what alternative financing may be available to local governments.

MODERATING: George Campbell, Chairman, Board of Supervisors, Maricopa County (Phoenix), Arizona
PANELISTS: John M. Garner, Director of Public Works, Bellingham, Washington; Francis Francis, Executive Director, American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials, Washington, D.C.; and Granville M. Bowman, Director of Public Works, Clark County, Las Vegas, Nevada

Institute for Buildings and Grounds (first session)

3:30pm — Seventh Annual Business Meeting
PRESIDING: Stephen G. Lesko, President, IBG, and

Director, Buildings Management Division, U.S. General Services Administration, San Francisco, California

4pm — Strategies for Reducing Utility Costs
An up-to-date review of what successful managers are doing to cut back on utility costs.
SPEAKER: C.N. Densmore, Manager, Maintenance and Construction Branch, Edmonton, Alberta

4:30pm — Retrofitting Navy Facilities for Energy Conservation
A consideration of the U.S. Navy's comprehensive program to retrofit facilities with energy conservation measures and devices, and the applicability of this program to public works.
SPEAKER: Commander W.R. Mitchum, Director, Energy and Utility Division, Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Alexandria, Virginia

APWA Western Party and Barbeque

6:45pm — Buses depart beginning at 6:45pm
A real western party with good food, music, and entertainment at Gilley's Rodeo Arena.

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7:15am to 8:30am — APWA Theater/Continental Breakfast

Albert Thomas Convention Center
New award winning documentary film, "The Brooklyn Bridge," will be shown.

8am to 5pm — Registration
Albert Thomas Convention Center

8:00am to 5:00pm (All Institutes/ULCC)

Institute for Administrative Management (second session)

8:30am — Minorities and Revenue Shortfall: Will Non-Discrimination Gains Continue in an Era of Economic Outlets?

A discussion of the impact of revenue shortfall on minorities, as reflected in reductions in the work force, reductions in capital improvement contracts available to minority enterprises, and the loss of CETA programs.
PRESIDING AND MODERATING: Ulysses G. Ford, Assistant Public Works Director, Fort Worth, Texas
PANELISTS: Dr. Ruth Joyce Barnes, Personnel Manager, Orlando, Florida; Joel Valdez, City Manager, Tucson, Arizona; and Sylvester Murray, City Manager, Cincinnati, Ohio

Institute for Buildings and Grounds (second session)

PRESIDING: Sanford H. Smith, Vice President, IBG, and Director, Building Management and Technical Services, Greensboro, North Carolina

8:30am — Life Cycle Costing for Public Buildings
A consideration of how to cost out public buildings in realistic life cycle terms, and how to determine accurately the long-run benefits for governmental agencies.

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SPEAKER: Leon D. Smith, Superintendent of Architecture and Facilities Management, Cincinnati, Ohio

9am — Determining the Consequences of Deferred Building Maintenance
How to determine the consequences of deferring maintenance on public buildings, and how to put this information to work in support of an effective maintenance program.
SPEAKER: Kevin Gorey, Superintendent of Public Lands and Buildings, Columbus, Ohio

9:30am — Lease Purchase: A Look at Fundamentals
Lease purchasing may serve your local needs. This session explores how to accomplish it in ways that can save you money.
SPEAKER: Richard O. Haase, Commissioner, Public Building Service, General Services Administration, Washington, D.C.

Institute for Equipment Services (second session)

Equipment Management Information Systems
Speakers consider the advantages of computerized equipment management information systems, and whether to lease, buy, or develop your own.
PRESIDING: Robert K. Seals, P.E., Director of General Services, Charlotte, North Carolina

8:30am — EMIS: Needs and Expectations
SPEAKER: Donald Broadsword, Director of Fleet Services, Spokane, Washington

9am — A User's View of EMIS
SPEAKER: Harlan Harris, Director, Mechanical Equipment Department, Maricopa County (Phoenix), Arizona

9:30am — How to Develop an In-House System
SPEAKER: Marty Gisham, Director of Data Processing, Boulder, Colorado

Utility Location and Coordination Council (second session)

8:30am — Ninth Annual Business Meeting
PRESIDING: Donald N. Koehler, Chairman, ULCC, and Distribution Engineer, Wisconsin Gas Company, Milwaukee, Wisconsin

9am — Legal Consequences of Dig-ins
The liability and legal difficulties experienced by utilities resulting from dig-ins will be discussed and illustrative cases will be presented.
SPEAKER: Russ Stanley, Attorney, Houston Light and Power, Houston, Texas

Institute for Municipal Engineering (second session)

PRESIDING AND MODERATING: William Paul, APWA Region I Director, and City Engineer, Verdun, Quebec

8:30am — How Engineers Are Using Computers — And Why

Computers are helping engineers design all types of public works facilities, analyze street condition and hydraulic flow, and create maps with voluminous information. Panelists describe how you can use computers in your organization to help alleviate revenue shortfall.
PANELISTS: Richard J. Bennett, Assistant County Engineer, Warwickshire County Council, Warwick, England; Robert Novak, P.E., President, Novak, Dempsey and Associates, Palatine, Illinois; and Eugene V. Avery, Director of Engineering, Seattle, Washington

Institute for Solid Wastes (second session)

PRESIDING: James O. Hamm, Assistant Director of Streets and Sanitation, Dallas, Texas

8:30am — The Landfill That Works
Report on the operation and maintenance of a successful urban sanitary landfill, with emphasis upon the management and technical innovations that have made it work.
SPEAKER: Jerry Leszkiewicz, Chief of Environmental Construction, Montgomery County, New Jersey

8:50am — Transfer Station Economics
A consideration of how strategically placed transfer stations can save you money.
SPEAKER: Robert W. Mosley, Staff Engineer, Department of Streets and Sanitation, Dallas, Texas

9:10am — Methane Recovery
The potential for methane recovery at old landfill sites is discussed by a representative of a firm engaged in some of North America's largest recovery operations.
SPEAKER: Frederick C. Rice, Vice President, Getty Synthetic Fuel, Inc., Long Beach, California

9:30am — Monitoring Well Technology
How monitoring well technology can be applied to the landfill site so as to meet state and federal criteria to protect the groundwater.
SPEAKER: James Miller, Geraghty and Miller, Inc., Houston, Texas

Institute for Transportation (second session)

PRESIDING: Donald Hurbert, City Engineer, Kansas City, Missouri

8:30am — Bridge Maintenance and Rehabilitation: A Federal Update
A representative of the Federal Highway Administration discusses the current trends and recent developments in bridge maintenance.

SPEAKER: George Romack, Highway Engineer, Federal Highway Administration, Washington, D.C.

9am — Improving Pavement Maintenance
Methods to improve pavement maintenance, including pavement evaluation systems, recycling/rehabilitation, and coordination of utility cuts.
SPEAKER: William B. Drake, P.E., Associate Director, Transportation Research Program, University of Kentucky, Lexington, Kentucky

9:30am — Pavement Optimization Project
Status report on the APWA Research Foundation's pavement project is provided.
SPEAKER: James E. McCarty, Director of Public Works, Oakland, California

Institute for Water Resources (second session)

PRESIDING: Edward F. Watson, Vice President, IWR, and Deputy Commissioner, Environmental Services, Rochester, New York

8:30am — Development of a Nationwide Water and Wastewater Instrumentation Service

Progress and plans are reviewed for the current APWA Research Foundation, IWR, USEPA project to evaluate instrumentation and process control equipment.
SPEAKER: Robert S. McGarry, General Manager, Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission, Hyattsville, Maryland

9am — The Clean Water Act: An Update
Regulations implementing the 1981 amendments to the Clean Water Act will be reviewed.
SPEAKER: Henry Longest II, Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of Water Program Operations, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Washington, D.C.

9:30am — BOD Test: Implications of the Dubuque Court Case

The specifications for determining BOD, have been a major problem between USEPA and local agencies. A review of the limitations of the test and implications of recent court cases will be discussed.
SPEAKER: Vinton Bacon, Professor of Civil Engineering, University of Wisconsin at Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Equipment Show 10am to 5pm

Public Works Around the World (first session)

10am — Historic Record of a Unique Project
A historical and technical presentation on how the environmental and engineering problems were solved in constructing an air base in Israel.
SPEAKER: Frank N. Schubert, Historian, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Washington, D.C.

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General Session



James L. Martin

11am — Albert Thomas Convention Center
PRESIDING: James L. Martin, APWA Region V Director, and Director of Public Works, Fresno, California

Accounting and Budgeting for Facility Maintenance
Asset accounting and improved budgeting procedures are reviewed as tools for enhanced facility maintenance by a public works official.
SPEAKER: John McKay, Deputy Minister, Department of Public Works, Canada



Ray A. Barnhart

11:30am — Highway Financing: Trends and Developments
The administration's top highway official reviews the changing picture for financing federal, state, and local road and street systems emphasizing recent developments to provide adequate funding.
SPEAKER: Ray A. Barnhart, Administrator, Federal Highway Administration, Washington, D.C.

1pm — Continuing Education — Who Needs It?
How much time and effort should engineers devote to continuing education? Should it be required for license renewal? A professional engineer discusses pros and cons.
SPEAKER: Joseph E. Sunday, P.E., Director of System Control and Planning, Fairfax County, Virginia

1:30pm — Skills Needed by the Engineer-Manager
As engineers gain experience and are promoted within organizations, many assume some management functions. What new skills are needed and how can they be developed?
MODERATOR: James E. Attebery, P.E., City Engineer, Phoenix, Arizona
PANELISTS: R. Martin Sumner, P.E., Director of Public Works, St. Clair Shores, Michigan; Michael Pender, P.E., Superintendent of Public Works, Valley Stream, New York; and Robert D. Obering, P.E., Assistant City Manager, St. Petersburg, Florida

Institute for Solid Wastes (third session)

PRESIDING: Donald Hackney, Sanitation Director, Savannah, Georgia

1pm — A Better Way in Collection Management
An in-depth look at how one director of public works was able to make major improvements in the collection of his city's wastes.
SPEAKER: Fred Baker, Director of Public Works, Midland, Texas

1:20pm — Incentive Management in Collection
How the principles of incentive management can be used to bring about improvements in solid waste collection.
SPEAKER: Clifton Pruett, Jr., Director of Sanitation, De Kalb County, Georgia

1:40pm — Cost Reductions Through Vehicle Selection
How the correct choices in selecting the right vehicle for the right job can save you big money.

SPEAKER: Marion H. Johnson, Staff Industrial Engineer, Department of Streets and Sanitation, Dallas, Texas

2pm — Street Cleaning: Cost Analysis and Evaluation
Cost analysis principles applied to street cleaning operations can result in marked improvements in productivity and program evaluation.
SPEAKER: Frank Sudol, Assistant to the Director, Engineering Department, Newark, New Jersey

Institute for Transportation (third session)

PRESIDING: David R. Koski, Director of Traffic Engineering, Minneapolis, Minnesota

1pm — Microcomputers in Transportation
The increasing use of the microcomputers in the management of a public transportation system is considered from a personal perspective.
SPEAKER: Richard Subrey, Applied Management and Electronic Corporation, Helena, Montana

1:30pm — The Computer Advantage in Public Transportation Systems
How computers can be used effectively and comprehensively in the routing, equipment maintenance, and complaint response aspects of public transportation operations.
SPEAKER: James Curry, Regional Vice President, ATE Management and Service Company, Inc., Long Beach, California

2pm — Automatic Fare Collection: How to Make It Pay
Millions can be saved through well-managed and well-maintained automated fare collection in public transportation systems.

Institute for Buildings and Grounds (third session)

PRESIDING AND MODERATING: Albert A. Somerville, Chief Sewage Plant Engineer, Water and Sewerage Department, Detroit, Michigan

1pm — Doing More With Less: The Buildings and Grounds Dimension
Panel considers how to better manage public buildings and grounds in a period of revenue shortfall.
PANELISTS: Erman Fisher, Director of Physical Plant, Wayne State University, Detroit, Michigan; others to be announced.

FOUR CONCURRENT SESSIONS (IAM, IES, ULCC, IWR)

Institute for Administrative Management (third session)

PRESIDING AND MODERATING: Richard Rohrback, Township Engineer, Cherry Hill Township, New Jersey

3:30pm — Management Information Systems
Using computer systems to develop performance standards, measure productivity, plan and schedule work, and project revenues and expenses.

PANELISTS: Robert Miller, Director of Public Works, Schaumburg, Illinois; and Stuart T. Terrett, Director of Design Review, Fairfax County, Virginia

Institute for Equipment Services (third session)

PRESIDING: Albert L. Merriam, Mechanical Maintenance Superintendent, Anaheim, California

3:30pm — Transition Frustration: From Mechanic to First-Line Supervisor
A case history of a supervisor who made the transition from mechanic to supervisor.
SPEAKER: Donald O. Blood, Public Works Superintendent, Brooklyn Park, Minnesota

4pm — Productivity Improvements: An Industrial Management Perspective
Productivity increases can result when industrial engineering principles are applied to the everyday operation of a public works equipment service agency.
SPEAKER: Paula B. Wells, P.E., Executive Vice President, Wells Engineers, Inc., Omaha, Nebraska

4:30pm — New Tools for the Future Shop Supervisor
An outline of a training curriculum for leadership development.
SPEAKER: James Armentrout, Equipment Management Administrator, Phoenix, Arizona

Utility Location and Coordination Council (third session)

PRESIDING AND MODERATING: John Mayson, Vice President, Atlanta Gas Light Company, Atlanta, Georgia

3:30pm — Cable Television Joins the Utility Industry
Representatives of CATV, local government and utilities will discuss the franchising, licensing, and construction of CATV facilities.

PANELISTS: Hal H. Harris, Manager, CATV Group, Culver City, California; Robert Albee, Associate Civil Engineer, Public Works Department, Boston, Massachusetts; and Jerry Cusan, Director of Engineering, Cablevision, Woodbury, New York

Institute for Water Resources (third session)

PRESIDING: Shelley F. Jones, Director of Public Works, San Buenaventura, California

3:30pm — Efficient Water Use
Methods will be considered for achieving favorable water conservation results in urban and agricultural areas.
SPEAKER: Suzanne Butterfield, Chief, Office of Water Conservation, California Department of Water Resources, Sacramento, California

4pm — Urban Growth Management
How urban growth management can be enhanced through the careful planning of waterline, sewer line, and other city service extensions into surrounding areas.
SPEAKER: Carole McCellan, Mayor, Austin, Texas

4:30pm — Leak Detection in Water Distribution Systems
Leak detection in aging water distribution systems is a major problem. Results of program in Rochester, New York will be reviewed.
SPEAKER: Roger McPherson, Director of Water Works, Rochester, New York

Evening: Chapter Dinners

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7:30am to 8:30am — APWA Theater and Continental Breakfast



Ronald Uelsinger

Albert Thomas Convention Center
Program includes demonstration by Ronald Uelsinger, National Director, Fitness Motivation Institute of America, on new techniques for the public official who wants to stay fit.

8am to 5pm — Registration
Albert Thomas Convention Center

EIGHT CONCURRENT SESSIONS (All Institutes/ULCC)

Institute for Administrative Management (fourth session)

8:30am — Quality Circles: Improving Employee Communication

This discussion will focus on ways to improve communications among employees, supervisors, and managers in accordance with the quality circles concept. **PRESENTING AND MODERATING:** Max L. Whitman, Superintendent of Public Works, Winnetka, Illinois
PANELISTS: Roger Krempel, Director of Public Works, Fort Collins, Colorado; James Mongras, Personnel Administrator, Productivity Analysis Section, Office of Budget and Research, Dallas, Texas; and Donald L. Dewar, President, Quality Circles Institute, Red Bluff, California

Institute for Buildings and Grounds (fourth session)

PRESENTING: Michael A. Quarino, Director of Buildings and Grounds, Mobile, Alabama

8:30am — Protecting People and Public Property: Reducing Vandalism, Theft, and Assaults

Panelists consider workable measures public officials can take to assure that life and property are protected against vandalism, assaults and other acts of destruction. **PANELISTS:** Frank M. Ballard, Commissioner of Buildings and Grounds, Chonodago County, Syracuse, New York; and others to be announced

Institute for Equipment Services (fourth session)

PRESENTING: John T. Sullivan, Vice President, IES, and Superintendent of Shops and Equipment, Massachusetts Department of Public Works, Wellesley Hills, Massachusetts

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8:30am — Equipment Innovations in the 80s

A look at equipment innovations expected during the 1980s and how these innovations can be used to advantage by the equipment supervisor.

SPEAKER: Marv Pok, Assistant Director, Equipment Services, Fort Worth, Texas

9am — Innovations in Air Disc Brakes

A review of air disc brake technology, and what to expect in the near future as to technical innovations and new product development.

SPEAKER: Charles Kienhagen, Brake Division, Eaton Corporation, Galesburg, Michigan

9:30am — K Cycle Engine: A Look at New Technology

The potential and expected use of the K cycle engine is reviewed.

SPEAKER: Hoken Kristiansen, President, Kristiansen Cycle Engines, Ltd., Winnipeg, Manitoba

Utility Location and Coordination Council (fourth session)

PRESENTING: Joseph G. Ralph, Principal Assistant Director/City Engineer, Seattle, Washington

8:30am — Locating Underground Facilities

Methodology, techniques, and test equipment for locating utility underground facilities will be discussed.

SPEAKER: D.L. Pope, Supervisor, Below Ground Installation, Bell Telephone Laboratory, Whippany, New Jersey

9:45am — Committee Reports on ULCC Standards

Color code identity for specific utilities; standards for permanent color code marking; color identity for surveyors and contractors; and staking and marking techniques.

MODERATOR: Arien Hardisty, District Manager, Right-of-Way and Liaison, AT&T, Basking Ridge, New Jersey

PANELISTS: Ray Aled, Manager, "Call Candy," Tampa, Florida; and Raymond L. Jenkins, Staff Supervisor, Outside Plant, AT&T Long Lines, Oaktown, Virginia

Institute for Municipal Engineering (fourth session)

PRESENTING: Harold E. Smith, P.E., City Engineer, Des Moines, Iowa

8:30am — Emulsified Asphalt for Well-Engineered Maintenance

When properly used, emulsified asphalt provides several advantages for both maintenance and surface treatments. It also eliminates air pollution hazards posed by cutbacks.

SPEAKER: Jerry Love, Director of Communications and Education, The Asphalt Institute, College Park, Maryland

9am — Street Maintenance and Reconstruction by Force Account

Where does maintenance stop and reconstruction begin? Is it ever advantageous to perform some reconstruction with your own crews rather than by contract? What equipment do you need?

MODERATOR: Russell L. Langseth, P.E., Director of Public Works, Bloomington, Minnesota

PANELISTS: Donald H. Swets, P.E., Director of Public Works, Kalamazoo, Michigan; and David Sander, P.E., Director of Public Works, Springfield, Missouri

Institute for Solid Wastes (fourth session)

8:30am — Waste-to-Energy Update and Selected Case Studies

Update of current projects and technology, followed by in-depth status reports on four major urban waste-to-energy projects.

PRESENTING: Donald Berman, Executive Vice President, Green International, Sewickley, Pennsylvania

Waste-to-Energy Update

SPEAKER: Donald K. Walter, Acting Director, Energy from Municipal Waste, U.S. Department of Energy, Washington

Nashville, Tennessee: **SPEAKER:** William D. Lamb, Director of Public Works, Nashville-Davidson County, Tennessee

Savannah, Georgia: **SPEAKER:** Donald I. Hackney, Director of Sanitation, Savannah, Georgia

New York, New York: **SPEAKER:** Norman Stiesel, Commissioner of Sanitation, New York, New York

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania: **SPEAKER:** Thomas Michalek, Executive Director, Pittsburgh/Allegheny Central Thermal, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Institute for Transportation (fourth session)

PRESENTING: Lloyd E. Anderson, Vice President, IT, and Executive Director, Port of Portland, Portland, Oregon

8:30am — Public Policy and the Local Transportation Agency

A consideration of the role the local transportation agency plays in the formation of public policy, and how to increase public awareness and support of local transportation issues.

SPEAKER: Milton Pikarsky, Director of Transportation Research, IIT Research Institute, Chicago, Illinois

9am — The Economic Impact of Transportation Improvements

Transportation infrastructure improvement projects have long been major factors in local, regional, and national economies. This session considers the wisdom of cutbacks during periods of recession, and how a fully developed road and bridge improvement program can help in the fight for economic recovery.

SPEAKER: Lou Morini, Transportation Agency, Santa Clara County, San Jose, California

9:30am — Risk Management and the Transportation Official

A consideration of the ways the public official or the agency that the official works for can become liable for carrying out, or not carrying out, the duties of that office.

SPEAKER: Andrew Lampe, 3M Company, Washington, D.C.

Institute for Water Resources (fourth session)

PRESENTING: Ronald L. Rossmiller, Ph.D., Professor, Civil Engineering Department, Iowa State University, Ames, Iowa

8:30am — Financing Stormwater Management Facilities

Alternatives for financing of stormwater management facilities will be evaluated and criteria will be considered that can help determine whether these facilities will meet long term needs.

SPEAKER: Hector Cyre, President, Water Resources Associates, Inc., Bellevue, Washington

9am — Maintenance Contracting for Stormwater Facilities

Experience gained from the contracting of maintenance activities for stormwater management facilities will be discussed.

SPEAKERS: L. Scott Tucker, Executive Director, Urban Drainage and Flood Control, Denver, Colorado; and Mark Hunter, Maintenance Engineer, Urban Drainage and Flood Control, Denver, Colorado

9:30am — Long Term Budgeting for Stormwater Management Programs

Steps needed to prepare a comprehensive, long term improvement budget for stormwater management facilities will be detailed.

SPEAKER: John Shearer, Chief of Streets and Drainage, Tampa, Florida

10am to 3pm — Registration
Albert Thomas Convention Center

Public Works Around the World

10am — Comparative Management Practices

A comparative look at how public works agencies are arranged and managed in selected countries worldwide.

SPEAKER: Maria Garcia Diaz, Ministry of Public Works and Human Settlements, Mexico City, Mexico

General Session

11am — Albert Thomas Convention Center

PRESENTING: Harry E. Kinney, Mayor, Albuquerque, New Mexico

Intergovernmental Benefits of Civil Works Programs

Civil works programs are reviewed in light of how all levels of government can benefit from projects undertaken by an agency at one level such as the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

SPEAKER: Major General Hugh Robinson, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Fort Worth, Texas

11:30am — EPA's New Beginning: A Status Report

A major U.S. Environmental Protection Agency official discusses the environmental program of the current administration with an update on the status of that program.

SPEAKER: Dr. John Horton, Assistant Administrator, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Washington, D.C.

Sustaining Member Seminars

SUSTAINING MEMBER SEMINAR I

PRESENTING: Robert H. Ball, City Engineer, Regina, Saskatchewan

1pm — Reducing Gasoline Usage

How fleet operators can cut fuel costs by converting their vehicles to run on natural gas, a gasoline alternative, is discussed.

SPEAKER: Thomas E. Ciarella, Director of Manufacturer Representatives, Dual Fuel Systems, Inc., Culver City, California

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1:30pm — Advantages of Hydraulic Tools

Readily available hydraulic tools that can save public works agencies time and money are referenced, and new product developments and power source options are reviewed.

John Culver, Regional Manager, Stanley Hydraulic Tools, Milwaukee, Oregon

2pm — Bucket Truck Operation and Safety

Guidelines and procedures are considered for the proper operation, maintenance, and safety of bucket truck usage in public works.

Richard A. Moyer, National Marketing and Sales Manager, Asplundh Manufacturing Division, Chalfont, Pennsylvania

SUSTAINING MEMBER SEMINAR II

PRESENTING: Alfred J. Curnow, Director of Public Works, South Kingstown, Rhode Island

1pm — Ground Spreader Innovations

This general survey of ground-wheel-driven spreaders includes consideration of pattern effectiveness and innovations such as monitoring and mixture of materials while spreading.

Bruce Farber, President, Thomsen Products, Inc., Windsor, Connecticut

1:30pm — Garden Waste Collection

The merits, disadvantages, equipment needs, and costs of an effective collection system for loose garden wastes are outlined.

Samuel A. Hart, Vice President, Wastesur, Inc., Davis, California

2pm — Retarding Turf Growth

How turf maintenance program productivity can be enhanced and costs reduced through proper use of chemical growth regulators is demonstrated.

Jeffrey Hagman, Marketing Supervisor, Agricultural Products, 3M, St. Paul, Minnesota

SUSTAINING MEMBER SEMINAR III

PRESENTING: William J. Davies, Director of Public Works, Little Rock, Arkansas

1pm — Maintaining Parking Structures

Maintenance of city-owned parking facilities begin in the design and construction phases. The importance of this in an overall maintenance program is stressed.

Michael Neeser, P.E., President, NAM Engineering, Reno, Nevada

1:30pm — All-Season Pothole Patching

Advantages of hot-mix for all-season pothole patching are discussed.

Ralph E. Brown, President, Porta-Patcher Division, Brown Equipment Company, Inc., Fort Wayne, Indiana

2pm — Pavement Management in the 1980s

The challenge of pavement management in the 1980s means that cost-effective decisions will have to be made based upon adequate information and correct problem assessment.

Donald H. Kobi, President, Pavement Management Systems, Inc., Paris, Ontario

SUSTAINING MEMBER SEMINAR IV

PRESENTING: William P. Warner, Director of Public Works, Lakeland, Florida

1pm — Maintenance Management Systems

Development and use of maintenance management systems in such public works areas as sanitary and storm sewers, water distribution, solid waste collection, building, and park facilities are discussed.

John Whitman, Deputy Director, Roy Jorgensen Associates, Inc., Galtersburg, Maryland

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1:30pm — Sliplining Existing Sewers

Renewal of deteriorated sewers can be done economically by installing slightly smaller polyethylene pipe inside existing sewer lines.

Leonard E. Leo, P.E., Vice President, Engineering, Pipe Systems, Inc., Fenton, Missouri

2pm — Elimination of Sewer Roots

Roots in sewer systems can be eliminated for up to five years by special vaporooter application.

John Monck, Special Consultant, Airrigation Engineering Company, Inc., Carmel Valley, California

General Session

3pm — Albert Thomas Convention Center

PRESENTING: Stephen Pudowski, Director of Public Works, Glenview, Illinois

Stress Management and the Public Official

Stress is considered as a product of the workplace, with emphasis on how the public official can identify the sources of stress and how to deal with it effectively on a day-to-day basis.

SPEAKER: Dr. William A. Myerson, Director of Behavioral Science, Sid W. Richardson Institute for Preventative Medicine, Methodist Hospital, Houston, Texas

4:30pm — Grand Prize Drawing

6:30pm — APWA Reception

Lobby of Hyatt Regency

7:30pm — APWA Annual Banquet

Hyatt Regency Ballroom
Featuring Art Buchwald journalist, columnist, and humorist



Art Buchwald

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8am — NASA tours leaving hotels. Continental breakfast at NASA. Tickets \$15 (optional event)

Direct transfers following tour to airports and hotels by 1 pm.

highlights of congress guest/spouse program . . .

Texas hospitality is well known. Guest activities are planned in Houston to take advantage of the area and its unique flavor. In addition to the events listed below registered guest/spouses are invited to attend the Get Acquainted Party, City Tours, Western Party and Barbeque, and much more.

cities in Texas. Galveston is known for its sandy beaches, fine old homes and a breathtaking harbor. An optional event to the Galveston visit is a tour of Bayou Bend, former home of Ima Hogg, daughter of a former Texas governor. The home is a part of the Museum of Fine Arts and contains a superb collection of antiques and works of art.

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Coffee and Danish

Hyatt Regency Hotel

Tour of River Oaks and Luncheon at La Hacienda de los Morales

River Oaks is Houston's most prestigious area. Many oil millionaires live in River Oaks. Luncheon at La Hacienda will be special as the location is a recreation of an incomparable plantation built by Spanish Conquistadors.

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Coffee and Danish

Hyatt Regency Hotel

Galveston Tour and Luncheon

The Port and Playground of the Southwest. One of the oldest

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Coffee and Danish

Hyatt Regency Hotel

Shopping at the Galleria

One of the nation's most spectacular shopping centers. Return to the hotel for relaxation and preparation for the APWA 88th Annual Banquet.

special meeting guide

saturday/september 11

9am to 11am — Joint Meeting ARTBA/APWA

Hyatt Regency

noon — Joint Board/House of Delegates Luncheon

Hyatt Regency (by invitation only)

1pm — Regional Delegates Meetings

Hyatt Regency

1pm to 5pm — Institute/ULCC Committee Meetings

Albert Thomas Convention Center

2:30pm — House of Delegates Annual Meeting

Hyatt Regency

sunday/september 12

10am — APWA/AGC Joint Cooperative Committee

Hyatt Regency

10am to 5pm — Institute/ULCC Executive Council

Meetings

Albert Thomas Convention Center

1:30pm — Joint Meeting NASCI/APWA "Negotiating the Street Sweeping Contract"

Albert Thomas Convention Center

4pm — Pittsburgh Alumni Association Meeting

Albert Thomas Convention Center

7pm — Past President's Dinner (by invitation only)

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noon — Committee on Intergovernmental Relations

Albert Thomas Convention Center

1pm — Council on International Collaboration

Albert Thomas Convention Center

2:30pm — APWA Advisory Council

Albert Thomas Convention Center

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7:30am — Breakfast Meeting — American Academy of Environmental Engineers

Albert Thomas Convention Center

7:30am — APWA Research Foundation Board of Trustees Breakfast

Albert Thomas Convention Center

8am — Council on International Collaboration

Breakfast

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7:30am — APWA Coordination Council Breakfast

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10am — APWA Education Foundation Board of Trustees Meeting

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	HOTEL SYMBOL	SINGLE 1 Person/1 Bed	DOUBLE 2 Person/1 Bed	TWIN 2 Person/2 Beds	SUITES
1. Hyatt Regency Houston**	(HR)	\$65-69.74	\$75-79.84	\$75-79.84	\$150-425
2. Best Western Savoy	(SHVH)	40	46	48	125-185
3. Four Seasons Houston Center	(FSDT)	85	95	95	300-460
4. Holiday Inn Downtown	(HID)	58	68	68	
5. Holiday Inn Memorial Plaza	(HIMP)	44	54	54	
6. Lamar Hotel	(LR)	54-66	64-76	64-76	72-240
7. Meriden	(MH)	86	98	98	172-270
8. Shamrock Hilton	(SH)	55-63.72	69-77.86	69-77.86	250-425
9. Sheraton-Houston	(SHEH)	65-70.75	75-80.85	75-80.85	165-400
10. The Warwick	(WARH)	85	95	95	
11. Whitehall	(WHIT)	65	75	75	250-375

* Distance from Convention Center. (Complimentary shuttle bus service will be provided between hotels and Albert Thomas Convention Center). ** HYATT IS HEADQUARTERS HOTEL.

OFFICIAL DELEGATE HOUSING REQUEST — FORM B

Hotel rooms in APWA designated hotels are held for exclusive use of registered delegates. Housing Bureau will release rooms only to delegates who register for Congress on Form A.

Complete this form using abbreviations as necessary.
(NAME OF PERSON REQUESTING ROOMS)

Part I

NAME _____

TITLE _____

ORGANIZATION _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE/PROV _____ PHONE _____

Part II

Select your first, second, and third choice of hotels. No request will be processed without three choices. The housing bureau will assign your room(s) in the order you select. If all three choices are full, indicate whether location or price is more important so the housing bureau can select another hotel in accordance with your wishes. Use symbols from hotel and rate listing in the boxes below.

FIRST CHOICE (Hotel Symbol) _____ SECOND CHOICE (Hotel Symbol) _____ THIRD CHOICE (Hotel Symbol) _____

1. PRINT or TYPE names of ALL persons occupying each room.

2. Specify type room desired and arrival and departure dates.

3. Print or type last name first.

OCCUPANTS NAMES (LIST LAST NAME FIRST)

1. _____ CHECK ☐ Single ☐ P & 1 APR. DATE _____ AM/PM (Check One)

2. _____ ONE ☐ Double ☐ P.M. unless special arrangements are made directly with hotel. The hotel may request a deposit.

3. _____ ☐ Twin ☐ P & 2

4. _____

Rate desired _____

NOTE: Additional forms are available upon request, or this form may be photocopied and used to request rooms for additional delegates registered on Form A.

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REGISTRATION INSTRUCTIONS

September 11-16, 1982
Register Early — Congress Fees rise after August 20

Hotel rooms in APWA-designated hotels are held for the exclusive use of registered delegates. Housing Bureau will release rooms only to delegates who register on this form. Exhibitors have a special form. Exhibitors do not use this form.

FULL AND LIMITED REGISTRATION

Full registration includes a scenic city tour, Get Acquainted Party, admittance to the Equipment Show and Technical Sessions (four days), Membership Breakfast, two Continental Breakfasts, Western Party and Barbecue, Reception, and Gala Banquet. The collective value of tickets to these functions amounts to \$225.

Limited Registration includes all these functions except the Banquet, yet the low costs for Full and Limited Registrations are only \$130 and \$110 respectively, for members and \$160 and \$140 respectively for non-members prior to August 20. Thereafter fees are \$30 higher.

Full Guest/Spouse Registration includes all of the above functions except the Membership Breakfast. Banquet and reception are included along with Guest/Spouse luncheons, local tours, and special entertainment. Limited Guest/Spouse Registration includes all of the above except the banquet. The fees for Full and Limited Guest/Spouse Registration, however, are only \$85 and \$65 respectively prior to August 20. Thereafter fees are \$20 higher.

CANCELLATIONS AND REFUNDS

Cancellations must be submitted in writing — no phone calls will be accepted. Full refund, less 10% service fee, will be made if notice of inability to attend is postmarked no later than Friday, August 20. The request should be sent to the American Public Works Association, 1313 E. 60th St., Chicago, IL 60637. No refund will be issued for registration fees or meal function cancellations received after August 20. Cancellation of your registration results in the cancellation of your room reservation.

REGISTRATION DESK

Registration Desk will be open Saturday, September 11, through Wednesday, September 15, in Albert Thomas Convention Center. Advance registration packets may be picked up and on-site registrations purchased.

PRE-REGISTRATION — FORM A

MAIL ENTIRE REGISTRATION FORM TO:

MAIL TO:
APWA
1313 E. 60th St.
Chicago, IL 60637
312/667-2200

NAME Last First Init. NICKNAME

TITLE _____ FORBADGE _____

ORGANIZATION _____

ADDRESS _____ PHONE _____

CITY _____ STATE/PROV _____ POSTAL CODE _____

First name of spouse/guest, if registered _____

	Payment or P.O. Postmarked before 8/20/82	Payment or P.O. Received after 8/20/82	Payment Enclosed	Invoice Delegate	Invoice Organization
APWA Member ☐ Full	US\$130	US\$160	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
☐ Limited	US \$110	US \$140	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
Non-Member* ☐ Full	US\$160	US\$190	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
☐ Limited	US \$140	US \$170	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
No. ☐ Full	US\$185	US\$105	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
Guest/Spouse† ☐ Limited	US \$65	US \$85	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____

* Must accompany registered delegate.

OPTIONAL EVENTS

No. _____ Baseball Houston vs. L.A. Dodgers (Sat. afternoon including transportation) US\$10 \$ _____ \$ _____

No. _____ APWA Prayer Breakfast (Sun.) US \$10 \$ _____ \$ _____

No. _____ Historical Society Luncheon (Tues.) US \$10 \$ _____ \$ _____

No. _____ NASA Tour and Transfer to Airport (Thurs. a.m.) US \$15 \$ _____ \$ _____

Total U.S. Equivalent \$ _____ \$ _____ \$ _____

* A differential exists between member and non-member Congress fees. The difference can be applied to annual membership fees of \$50 for employees of public agencies and consultants and \$75 for others. Check if you want information on membership and credit of \$30 to fees ☐

NOTE: Additional forms available upon request, or this form may be photocopied to register additional delegates. Remember, everyone must be registered to obtain rooms at APWA-designated hotels.

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Purchase Order No. _____

For the amount of _____

Enclosed ☐ (or) to follow ☐

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DIRECTORY OF EXHIBITORS

Abema, Inc.
AccuWeather, Inc.
Advance Drainage Systems, Inc.
Aerol Products Co., Inc.
Airmington Engineering Co., Inc.
American Carrier Equipment, Inc.
American City & County Magazine
American Coupler Systems, Inc.
American Excavator Co.
American LaFrance
American Road Machinery, Inc.
American Solid Waste Systems
Amoco Fabrics Co.
Ansol Fire Protection
Are, Inc.
A.R.T. Systems, Inc.
Asphalt Institute
Asplundh Manufacturing Division
Athey Products Corp.
Athletic Die Co., Inc.
Auto Crane Co.
Avand International
Babcock Allatt Ltd.
Bates/Yeast & Assoc.
Bemis Co., Inc.
Berntsen, Inc.
Bombardier, Inc.
Borner Industries, Inc.
Browning-Ferris Industries, Inc.
Boschung Co., Inc.
Bux Warehousing Systems, Inc.
Capsule Glutz, Inc.
Carbide Products, Ltd.
Cardinal Scale Manufacturing Co.
Carsonite International Corp.
J.L. Case Co.
Central Engineering Co., Inc.
Champion Road Machinery Intl. Corp.
Cherne Industries, Inc.
Chicago Aerial Survey
Chipmunk Manufacturing Co.
Component Sales & Service
County Plastics Corp.
CRAFCO, Inc.
Cues, Inc.
Cutter Repaving, Inc.
Deere & Co.
Demper Systems, Inc.
Detroit Diesel Allison
Dickey Co.
Dickey-John Corp.
Direct Safety Co.
Ditch Master
Dome Corp. of America
Durakon, Inc.
Ebeling Manufacturing Co.
Ecotote, Inc.
El Industries, Inc.
Elgin Sweeper Co.
Excell Industries, Inc.
Federal Signal Corp.
First Continental Leasing Corp.
Flex-O-Lite
Flink Co.
Flo Max Corp.
FMC Corp., Sewer Cleaners
FMC Corp., Sweeper Division
Fontaine Truck Equipment Co.
Ford Motor Co., Tractor Operations
Foreright Industries, Inc.
Forestry Suppliers, Inc.
Fox Valley Marking Systems
Galion Manufacturing Division
Gator Culvert Co.
General Equipment Co.
Geochemical Corp.
Giant-Vac Manufacturing Co., Inc.
Gilbarco, Inc.
Gladco Compactors, Inc.
Goodhill Road Machinery
Global Fabrications Co., Ltd.
Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co.
Government Product News
J.R. Hagberg
Harben, Inc.
Hardline International, Inc.
Harnischfeger Corp.
Henderson Mfg./Div. Waycross, Inc.
Hertz Corp.
Highway Equipment Co.
Hughes Tool Corp.
Hurst Safety Products
Hydra-Machinery Co., Inc.
Imperial Municipal Services Group, Inc.
Ingersoll-Rand Company
Jet Equipment & Tools
Kaiser Aluminum
Keystone Plastics, Inc.
K-Squared Systems, Inc.
Kul-Kwick Corp.
Laidlaw Waste Systems
Leair Sieglar, Inc.
Leemar, Inc.
Liquid Calcium Chloride Sales, Inc.
LoDal, Inc.
3M Co.
Macallenti Gablons, Inc.
Mainstream Corp.
Marketing Displays, Inc.
Marysville Rotary Broom Service, Inc.
Mercantile Texas Capital Corp.
Meyer Products, Inc.
Milwaukee Dustless Brush Co.
Mitchell Manuals, Inc.
Mortbore Industries, Inc.
Mott Corp.
Multisonic, Inc.
D.E. Myers Co.
NAM Engineering
National Contract Sweepers Assn.
National Lime Assn.
Neenah Foundry Co.
New-Rust Tool Tainer, Inc.
Novak, Dempsey & Associates, Inc.
NIS Corp.
NSWMA/Waste Age Magazine
O'Brien Division, Helco, Inc.
Olathe Manufacturing, Inc.
Ontario Government
Pak-Mor Manufacturing Corp.
Park Rubber Co.
Pavement Management Systems, Inc.
P.B. Loader Manufacturing Co.
Peabody Myers Corp.
Peterson Industrial Machines, Inc.
Petro Vend, Inc.
Phillips Fibers Corp.
Phillips Tenny, Inc.
Pipe Systems, Inc.
Piper Industries, Fox Brady Division
Porta-Patcher Division, Brown Equipment
Pressure Concrete Construction Co.
Prismo Universal Corp.
Public Works Publications
Publishers for Conventions, Inc.
Railroad Friction Products Corp.
Rexworks, Inc.
ROS Industries, Inc.
Roy Jorgensen Associates, Inc.
Rural & Urban Roads
Rusco Electronic Systems
Saf-T-Plug, Inc.
Salt Institute
Sank Valley Equipment Co.
Schmidt Engineering & Equipment Co., Ltd.
Schnorsted Instrument Co.
Schwarze Industries, Inc.
Services & Materials Co., Inc.
Sewer Rodding Equipment Co.
Sewer Tools, Inc.
Shwayder Co.
Sioux Steam Cleaner Corp.
Sturdy Seal
Southern Vehicle Products, Inc.
Speicher Corp.
Stanley Hydraulic Tools
Sted Hydraulic Crane Corp.
Super Products Corp.
SURECO
Sylvaco Systems, Inc.
Swenson Spreader Co., Inc.
Sylvax Chemical Corp.
Terrain King Corp.
Thomson Products, Inc.
Tiger Corp.
Tire Sentry, Inc.
Trackless Vehicles, Ltd.
Traffic Guide
Trimmore Industries, Inc.
Turner International Engineering, Inc.
Tymco, Inc.
Unique Paving Materials Corp.
Universal Shoring Systems
Urban Systems Streetscape, Inc.
Waste Management, Inc.
Wetquip, Inc.
Wick-Rust Manufacturing Co., Inc.
William M. Wilson & Sons, Inc.
Witco Chemical, Golden Bear Division
R.E. Wolf Enterprises, Inc.
Work Area Protection Corp.
Zam, Inc.

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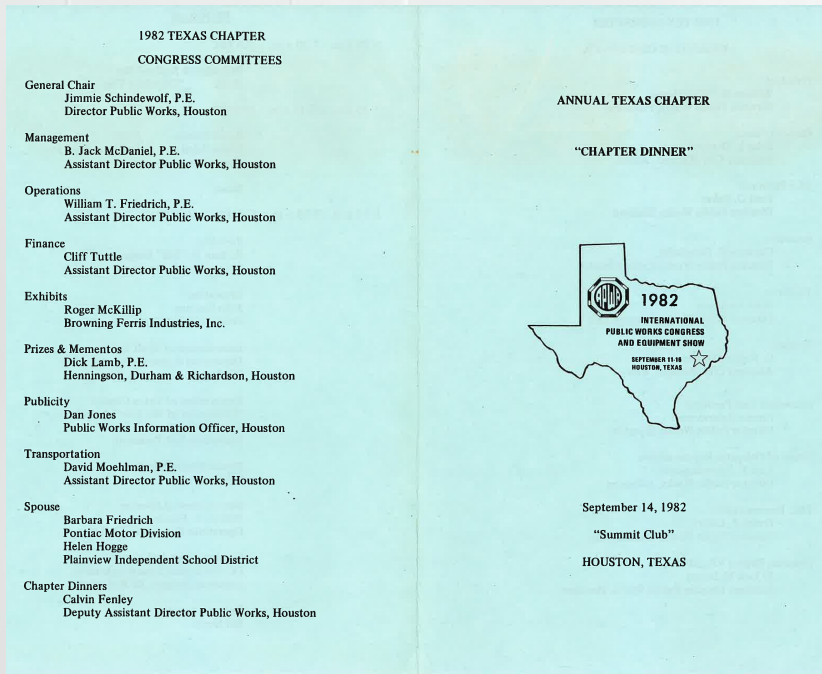
Congress, 1982 Style

The 1982 program featured technical sessions covering topics that were cutting-edge at the time, including computer applications in engineering, pavement optimization, emergency management communications, methane recovery, stormwater management, utility coordination, and even a session titled “How Engineers Are Using Computers—and Why.”

Attendees could also participate in:

- Tours highlighting Houston public works projects
- A trip to NASA
- Shopping excursions to The Galleria
- A Galveston tour and luncheon
- An Astros vs. Dodgers baseball game
- A Western Party and Barbecue at Gilley's Rodeo Arena

The exhibit hall featured more than 250 exhibitors showcasing the latest public works products and equipment.



committee members, and supporters work together to prepare for PWX 2026.

A Different Kind of Chapter Dinner

One of the more entertaining discoveries in the archives is how different the Texas Chapter Dinner looked in 1982.

Held at the Summit Club atop the Houston City Bank Building, the evening began with a social hour featuring a seafood bar and music by the "Dixieland Trio." Dinner consisted of roast sirloin, salad, vegetables, rolls, and coffee or iced tea before members settled in for the business meeting.

The Chapter Dinner and Meeting drew 235 attendees, including 107 Texas Chapter members, while approximately 1,250 people were registered for 32 chapter dinners held during Congress week.

The meeting itself included awards presentations, recognition of chapter accomplishments, reports from APWA leadership, approval of previous meeting minutes, and door prize drawings before adjournment.

Today's Texas Chapter Dinner remains one of the most anticipated gatherings at PWX, although the format has evolved considerably over the years.

1982 TEXAS CHAPTER	PROGRAM	
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE	6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.	SOCIAL
President William R. "Bill" Hogge, Director Public Works, Plainview		Beverages & Seafood Bar Music "Dixieland Trio"
President-Elect John L. German Assistant City Manager, Austin	7:30 p.m. - 8:15 p.m.	DINNER
Vice-President Fred G. Baker Director Public Works, Midland		Roast Sirloin Rolls Green Salad Coffee or Iced Tea Vegetables
Secretary Clarence T. Daugherty Director Public Works, Collin County	8:15 p.m. - 9:15 p.m.	MUSIC
Treasurer Mike Anderson Director Public Works, Missouri City		CHAPTER MEETING
Trustee C. Wayne Dickens Assistant City Manager, Waco		Presiding - William R. "Bill" Hogge Texas Chapter President
Immediate Past President Jimmie Schindewolf Director Public Works, Houston		Invocation - John German President Elect
House of Delegates Representative Kurt F. Schnellenbach Director Public Works, Arlington		Introduction of Head Table Dignitaries & Special Guests Bill Hogge
TML Representative Ernest P. Lillard Director Public Works, Wichita Falls		Presentation of Texas Chapter "Contractor of the Year" Award Jimmie Schindewolf Immediate Past President
Director, Region VII, APWA, B. Jack McDaniel Assistant Director Public Works, Houston		Special Presentations Bill Hogge
		Introduction of Speaker William T. Friedrich Operations Committee Chairman
		Speaker - Jack Jackson DC-10 Ground School Instructor American Airlines, DFW Airport
		Business Session Bill Hogge

Growing the Texas Chapter

The 1982 Congress took place during a period of tremendous growth for the Texas Chapter. In his year-end message, President Hogge proudly reported that Texas had surpassed 1,100 members, making it the largest chapter in APWA at the time. He also highlighted the success of the Houston Congress as one of the chapter's greatest accomplishments of the year.

Today, the Texas Chapter has grown to more than 2,000 members and remains one of APWA's largest and most active chapters. The growth and leadership celebrated in 1982 helped lay the foundation for the chapter we know today.

Looking Back—and Ahead

At the time, organizers reported approximately 5,100 registrations, along with an additional 670 spouse registrations, reflecting the tremendous growth of the profession and the importance of APWA's annual gathering.

As Houston prepares once again to host APWA's premier event, it is remarkable to see both the changes and the continuity. The technology has evolved. The conference has grown. The name has changed from Congress to PWX.

Yet one thing remains constant: the dedication of public works professionals and volunteers who come together to showcase Texas hospitality and advance the profession.

Forty-four years after Houston first welcomed APWA's international conference, Texas is once again ready to put its pride to work.

1982 vs. 2026: Houston Hosts Again

1982	2026
1982 Congress	2026 PWX
Theme: "Putting Pride to Work"	Houston's Space City / Space Cowboy-inspired experience
International Public Works Congress & Equipment Show	PWX
The mayor's name was Whitmire*	The mayor's name is still Whitmire*
5,100 registrations + 670 spouses	Recent PWX attendance exceeds 6,700 attendees
250+ exhibitors	Approximately 470 exhibitors
Astros vs. Dodgers game available during Congress	Astros vs. White Sox series during PWX week
Western Party & Barbecue at Gilley's Rodeo Arena	Get Acquainted Party at Stampede Houston
Spouse tours to River Oaks, Galveston, and The Galleria	Technical tours and Houston-area experiences
NASA tour available	Houston's space heritage remains a featured attraction
Hosted primarily by Houston Public Works and Southeast Texas Branch	Hosted by volunteers from across Texas, led by Houston-area public works professionals

*Fun Fact

When APWA Congress came to Houston in 1982, attendees were welcomed by Mayor Kathy Whitmire, who appeared on the opening session program. Forty-four years later, PWX returns to Houston under Mayor John Whitmire. Even more remarkably, Kathy Whitmire is Mayor Whitmire's former sister-in-law, creating an unexpected connection between Houston's two APWA host years.

Still Showing Up After 44 Years

While reviewing the 1982 exhibitor directory, we noticed a few familiar names that Texas APWA members still recognize today.

Among the companies exhibiting at the 1982 International Public Works Congress and Equipment Show in Houston were Advanced Drainage Systems (ADS), Tymco, Inc., and Cutler Repaving, Inc.

More than four decades later, these companies continue supporting the public works profession and remain valued partners of the Texas Chapter.

The technologies, equipment, and challenges facing public works have evolved considerably since 1982, but the importance of strong industry partnerships remains unchanged. We appreciate these long-standing supporters and look forward to seeing them again at PWX 2026—44 years after they exhibited at Houston's first APWA Congress.

“Although many Texas Chapter members from throughout the state attended and worked during the congress, the real credit for the success of the event must go to the Southeast Texas Branch and the public works staff of the City of Houston. They did a terrific job!”

— Texas Chapter President Bill Hogge, December 1982

I think this version strikes a nice balance between history, nostalgia, and building excitement for PWX 2026. The timeline, comparison table, exhibitor callout, and membership-growth story all help connect 1982 to what members will experience in Houston this August.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

WHAT A GREAT YEAR THIS HAS BEEN!!!

As we look back over the past year and the accomplishments of the Texas Chapter we can all do so with pride and satisfaction. This has been a busy year with a diversity of efforts and achievements.

MEMBERSHIP GROWTH -

1982 has seen the Chapter continue to grow by achieving the goal of a 100 member increase, thus making our's the largest Chapter in APWA, with over 1,100 members. Our thanks go to the Membership Development Committee for their hard work.

TPWA SHORT COURSE -

The Annual TPWA Short Course at Texas A&M University was the biggest ever with 406 registered and 420 in attendance at the banquet. The work of the Texas Engineering Extension Service staff and Chapter members who organized and conducted the excellent workshops and other events at the short course is most appreciated.

ANNUAL SPRING MEETING -

The 350 members, spouses, guests and exhibitors who attended and participated in the Spring Meeting in Waco enjoyed one of the best ever held. The workshops, meetings, meals and the equipment show were outstanding. The Waco public works staff deserve our sincere appreciation for hosting the event.

1982 APWA CONGRESS -

The biggest undertaking of the year was the hosting of the 1982 International Public Works Congress and Equipment Show in Houston. It, too, was one of the best ever held. Although many Texas Chapter members from throughout the state attended and worked during the congress, the real credit for the success of the event must go to the Southeast Texas Branch and the public works staff of the City of Houston. They did a terrific job!

PUBLIC WORKS PROMOTION -

Promotion of the public works profession was well done during National Public Works Week by many proclamations, radio and TV spots, special displays and newspaper articles. The Texas Chapter was also well publicized through booth displays at the APWA Congress and at the TML Conference. We appreciate the work of those who organized Public Works Week publicity and set up and manned the display booths. They were most effective.

TRAINING AND CERTIFICATION PROGRAM -

The continued development of the TPWA Training and Certification Programs has added formal training courses in street maintenance and preparation of courses for equipment maintenance and public works management. These fine programs will benefit members of the public works profession and their communities for years to come. The Education and Training Committee and its



WM. R. "BILL" HOGGE
President, 1982
Texas Chapter, APWA

Meeting of

General Membership, Texas Chapter, APWA
APWA Congress and Equipment Show
Texas Chapter Dinner and Meeting
September 14, 1982, 7:30 p.m.
Summit Club, Houston City Bank Building
Houston, Texas

The Chapter dinner and meeting was held at 7:30 p.m. in the Summit Club of the Houston City Bank Building after a social hour that began at 6:00 p.m. There were 235 people present at the dinner, 107 of which were Texas Chapter members. Members of the Executive Committee present were as follows:

President	Bill Hogge, City of Plainview
President-Elect	John German, City of Austin
Vice-President	Fred G. Baker, City of Midland
Secretary	Clarence Daugherty, Collin County
Trustee	Wayne Dickens, City of Waco
Immediate Past Pres.	Jimmie Schindewolf, City of Houston
House of Delegates	Kurt F. Schnellenbach, City of Arlington
Representative	
North Central Texas	Bobby Atteberry, Collin County
Branch - Vice-President	
APWA Congress Committee	Bill Friedrich, City of Houston

Additionally, the following special guests were present:

Joseph Casazza, President, APWA
Bob Bugher, Executive Director, APWA
Shirley Olinger, APWA
Flo Domzalski, APWA
Jack Richard, Linbeck Construction Co.
Jack Jackson, American Airlines

After dinner, President Hogge called the meeting to order and introduced those seated at the head table. After the introductions, Jack Jackson with American Airlines was introduced as the speaker for the evening. Mr. Jackson's comments were very dynamic and entertaining to the audience.

After Mr. Jackson's speech, President Hogge recognized the Top Three Public Works Leaders of the Year in Texas who had received their awards at the Chapter Spring Meeting. Those men are Cefe Valenzuela, Jimmie Schindewolf, and Bill Polasek.

President Hogge then recognized John Jones who received the Chapter Service Award at the Chapter Spring Meeting.

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President Hogge pointed out to everyone that the President's Plaque that the Texas Chapter won for the second straight year was on display near the head table.

President Hogge expressed the Chapter's appreciation to the representatives of the Texas Engineering Extension Service for setting up and manning the booth in the exhibit hall of the Congress.

President Hogge then recognized Cefe Valenzuela for being awarded the Greeley Award.

President Hogge then expressed his appreciation to several individuals working for the City of Houston who were instrumental in making arrangements for the Texas Chapter dinner.

Jimmie Schindewolf introduced and presented the Contractor of the Year Award to Jack Richard, Vice-President and Manager of Operations for the Linbeck Construction Company. This firm was given this award for their outstanding work in the construction of Terminal C of the Houston Intercontinental Airport. Jimmie explained that Linbeck went above and beyond what was expected in order to finish the project on schedule even though a fire had severely damaged much of the project at one point during construction.

Jimmie Schindewolf expressed his appreciation to Roger McKillep with Browning-Ferris Industries for his work as chairman of exhibits for the Congress.

Jimmie Schindewolf then expressed his appreciation to Jack McDaniel and Bill Friedrich for their work in leading the preparations for the Congress in Houston.

President Hogge presented plaques of appreciation to Jack and Ann McDaniel, Bill and Barbara Friedrich, Helen Hogge, Jimmie Schindewolf, and the City of Houston and the employees for the various parts that they played in the preparation of the Congress in Houston.

President Hogge introduced Fred Merkel who made a presentation to Jimmie Schindewolf. Fred presented the Saudi Arabian currency to Jimmie Schindewolf in remembrance of some past Texas Chapter activities shared by Mr. Merkel and Mr. Schindewolf.

President Hogge then asked if anyone had any corrections to the minutes of the Chapter Spring Meeting. There being none, the minutes were approved.

Jack McDaniel reported to the Chapter as a member of the APWA Board of Directors. He explained that the deciding factor that gave Texas the President's Plaque was the extensive activities for Public Works Week. He encouraged the Chapter to strive to obtain the President's

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Plaque again for 1982. He pointed out that the Chapter has a goal of becoming the largest chapter in the United States.

President Hogge informed the members that one of our active committee chairmen, Jim Hamm, had had a heart attack several weeks before and was now recuperating from open heart surgery and was doing well.

President Hogge then reminded everyone of the next Texas Chapter meeting to be held in conjunction with the Texas Municipal League meeting on October 25 and 26. Door prizes were then drawn. Prizes were given to four individuals in attendance at the dinner.

Jimmie Schindewolf expressed his appreciation to Calven Fenley for his work in coordinating all the Chapter dinners. Jimmie reported that approximately 1,250 people were registered for 32 Chapter dinners. President Hogge then adjourned the meeting.

Meeting
of
The Executive Committee, Texas Chapter, APWA
APWA Congress and Equipment Show
September 14, 1982, 7:10 p.m.
Summit Club, Houston City Bank Building
Houston, Texas

President Hogge called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. in the Summit Club, Houston City Bank Building. Those in attendance were:

President	Bill Hogge, City of Plainview
President-Elect	John German, City of Austin
Vice-President	Fred G. Baker, City of Midland
Secretary	Clarence Daugherty, Collin County
Trustee	Wayne Dickens, City of Waco
Immediate Past Pres.	Jimmie Schindewolf, City of Houston
House of Delegates Rep.	Kurt Schnellenbach, City of Arlington
North Central Texas	Bobby Atteberry
Branch - Vice-Pres.	
APWA Congress Committee	Bill Friedrich, City of Houston

Jimmie Schindewolf gave a report on the Congress. As of noon Monday, September 13, 1982, there were 5,100 registrations plus 670 spouse registrations.

Bill Friedrich reported on the financial status of the Congress. Attached is an itemized projection of the expenditures and revenues. He stated that he did not anticipate needing any additional funds from the Chapter.

President Hogge explained the schedule of the next meeting at the Texas Municipal League conference in Fort Worth on October 25 and 26, 1982. The Executive Committee Meeting will be held on Monday while a tour is conducted for the members.

Associated General Contractors will host a breakfast on Tuesday morning. The breakfast will be followed by the TPWA General Business Session and a Problems Clinic.

Since there was no further business to come before the Executive Committee, the meeting was adjourned.

1982 APWA BUDGET
Guest Programs

9/14/82

	Budget	Cost
<u>FRIDAY</u>		
Board Spouse Events	\$ 500	\$ 500
Contributions	\$ 3,225	
<u>MONDAY</u>		
Continental Breakfast	\$ 1,800	\$ 1,800
Tour & Luncheon	\$ 10,800	\$ 14,700
"My Friends & I"	-	\$ 700
Memento "Silk Roses"	-	\$ 700
Memento Bus Prizes	-	\$ 100
Memento Door Prizes	-	\$ 800
Memento Bluebonnet Seeds	-	\$ 265
Plant Rentals	-	\$ 383
<u>TUESDAY</u>		
Continental Breakfast	\$ 1,800	\$ 1,800
Tour & Luncheon - Galveston	\$ 10,800	\$ 12,100
- Bayou Bend	-	\$ 1,350
Memento Bus Prizes	-	\$ 100
Memento "Sand Dollars"	-	\$ 1,485
Wine and Soft Drinks	-	\$ 600
In House Programs	-	\$ 200
Ice	-	\$ 70
<u>WEDNESDAY</u>		
Continental Breakfast	\$ 1,800	\$ 1,800
Transportation - Galleria	\$ 2,500	\$ 4,500
In House Program	-	\$ 200
Contingencies (Mementos) (per Bugher)	\$ 12,000	-
	\$ 43,225	\$ 44,153

1982 APWA BUDGET
TPWA BUDGET

9/14/82

	Income	Cost
<u>SATURDAY</u>		
Contributions	\$ 9,750	
TPWA Chapter	\$ 10,000	
Pre-registration Valises		\$ 4,970
Packet Information		\$ 600
Speakers & Leaders Mementos		\$ 1,620
Identification Caps	500	\$ 1,365
<u>SUNDAY</u>		
Official Opening of Show - Band		\$ 250
Door Prizes - 6		\$ 180
<u>MONDAY</u>		
Opening Session - Band-University of Houston		\$ 125
Opening Session - Band-Bellaire		\$ 250
Opening Session - Color Guard		\$ 0
Door Prizes - 12		\$ 360
<u>TUESDAY</u>		
Door Prizes - 12		\$ 360
Chapter Dinner - Social	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000
Paul Buskirk - Entertainment		\$ 350
Jack Jackson - Speaker		\$ 350
Chapter Dinner - Meal	\$ 7,000	\$ 6,250
<u>WEDNESDAY</u>		
Door Prizes - 12		\$ 360
Grand Prize - 1		\$ 2,104
Gifts - Mr. & Mrs. Cazzasa		\$ 100
Gifts - Mr. & Mrs. Esterbrooks		\$ 100
Gifts - Directors		\$ 90
<u>MISCELLANEOUS</u>		
Gasoline		\$ 300
Postage		\$ 200
Printing		\$ 650
BALANCE ON HAND \$ 10,336.22	\$ 29,250	\$ 22,934