

MCAPWA NEWSLETTER

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Spring Meeting is Back

New Location

Augusta Civic Center

The Spring meeting is back after being cancelled due to COVID. Join us at the Augusta Civic Center on Thursday April 6, 2023. The agenda includes MaineDOT commissioner Bruce Van Note, Entry Level CDL license and driver training information, options for purchasing goods and services through Sourcewell, Excellence Awards, E-DNA, raffles and prizes, and of course entertainment with a comedian and lunch. [Click here to register](#)

Road Postings

Spring and mud season is on its way. Many communities limit heavy loads on their roads as the frost comes out of the ground. This helps preserve the roads from the impacts of the heavy loads.

[For more information on road postings throughout the State you can click here to visit the MDOT site regarding postings](#)

Has your town posted its roads yet this year? A **16 minute video** was produced recently for municipal officials that explains the importance of posting and the correct steps and practical aspects of restricting vehicles. It has been endorsed by MMA and the State Police

Another guide is this “thawing index map” that is updated daily to serve as a guide on when to post your roads:

<http://www.nrcc.cornell.edu/industry/roads/>

Excellence Awards

The Maine Chapter of APWA recognizes Cities, Towns and Public Works professionals through the excellence awards. Each year the chapter asks for applications and nominations for Leader of the Year which is typically presented at the Spring Meeting. Applications are also accepted for projects that fall under 3 different categories. Category A is for projects from communities with more than 20 Public Works employees. Category B is for projects from communities between 5 and 20 Public Works employees. Category C is reserved for projects from small communities with less than 5 Public Works employees. Projects are typically awarded at the Fall Meeting. For more info and to download the application visit the [Maine Chapter's website](#).





30th Annual Highway Congress

This year marks the 30th anniversary of the MCAPWA's Highway Congress. The event will be Thursday June 1st at the Skowhegan Fairgrounds. There will be close to 100 different vendors displaying their equipment and answering questions. It is a great opportunity to see the latest in Public Works equipment and technology and network with close to 1000 attendees. Enjoy the world famous BBQ chicken lunch put on by the local Lions Club, and yes if all goes well there will be whoopie pies!! There will be demonstrations and Time Out for Training. Raffles and prizes galore!



Executive Board Meeting and Training Schedule

- *April 6: Annual Spring Meeting Executive Committee Meeting Augusta Civic Center*
- *April 24-25 Supervisory Leadership in Public Works Program – Part I MaineDOT Training Facility - Fairfield*
- *May 4 Executive Committee Meeting 9:00 a.m. Skowhegan*
- *May 16-18 Supervisory Leadership in Public Works Program – Part II MaineDOT Training Facility - Fairfield*
- *May 21-27 National Public Works Week Statewide*
- *June 1 Highway Congress Skowhegan Fairgrounds*
- *August TBD Executive Committee Meeting TBD*
- *September 7 Executive Committee Meeting 9:00 a.m. MMA – Augusta*
- *September TBD Golf Tournament Val Halla – Cumberland*
- *October 5 MMA Convention MCAPWA Fall Meeting Augusta Civic Center*
- *November 2 Executive Committee Meeting 9:00 a.m. MMA – Augusta*
- *December 14 Executive Committee Meeting 9:00 a.m. MMA – Augusta/ Zoom*

Some Board meetings are hybrid so you can join via zoom. Links will be posted on the Maine Chapter's Website along with the agendas and minutes.

We are also looking at potential dates for a second Supervisory Training in October.