

MCAPWA NEWSLETTER

Maine Chapter Website

National APWA is going through an upgrade to their website. This is affecting our website and list serv. The Chapter hopes this will be working properly sometime in 2024.

Board of Directors

- President: Ralph Norwood, P.E. MTA Deputy Director of Highway and Equipment Maintenance
- Vice President: Scott Holland Public Works Deputy Director City of Auburn
- Treasurer: David Cote Public Works Director City of Brewer
- Secretary: Aaron Huotari Director of Public Works City of Bangor

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2024 Board and Executive Committee listed on last page

Windham Director Retires

Doug Fortier has retired from Windham after 31+ years with the Town. Doug was hired back in 1992 as a member of the grounds crew. He was immediately moved into a truck driver position. He was then promoted to an Equipment Operator in 1999. He gained valuable supervisory experience as an Equipment Operator. He was promoted to Deputy Director in 2001 then appointed to the Director's position in May of 2004. Doug has had many accomplishments in his tenure with the Town including securing MPI grant funding and overseeing the construction of the 9.3 million dollar Shared Maintenance Facility. We wish Doug a long and happy retirement!



MCAPWA Annual Golf Tournament

The Chapter held its annual golf tournament on October 6, 2023 at the Val Halla Golf Course in Cumberland. We had a good turn out with 56 players and 11 sponsors. Thanks to all that were able to make it, and a big thank you to our sponsors.

Winners of the 2023 Golf Tournament

Chris Taylor and Jordan Gagnon

50/50 Winner

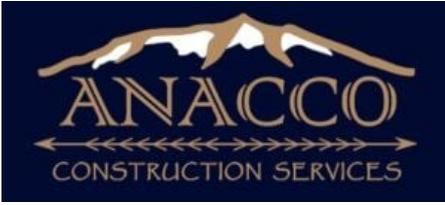
Jon Labrie

Women's Long Drive Winner

Jamie Madore

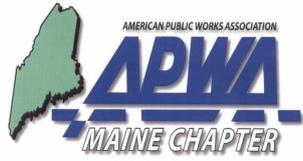
Prizes were also awarded for closest to the pin on two holes, men's long drive, and the honesty award for the highest score.

Thank you to our 2023 Golf Tournament Sponsors



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Excellence Awards

Typical Projects

Municipal Building or Fleet Maintenance, Solid Waste Management, Storm Drainage Control, Water or Sanitary Sewerage, Wastewater Treatment, Water Treatment, Erosion Control, Buildings, Handicap Accessibility, Road Rehabilitation/Construction, Wetlands Impacts, Park and Playground Construction, Sidewalk Rehabilitation, Beautification Project, Traffic Control, Road / Ditch Maintenance, and other Municipal Projects

Excellence Awards

As you are working and completing projects in 2023 keep in mind we will be looking for nominations for MCAPWA excellence awards. Take some photos and submit your nominations by the middle of April 2024

Category A is for projects from communities with 20 or more public works employees.

Category B is for projects from communities with between 5 to 20 public works employees.

Category C is reserved for projects from small municipalities with less than 5 employees.

Under each of these categories' awards will be made for projects using either in-house personnel or outside personnel (all of the work or part of the work).

Excellence Awards Submittals

Leader of the Year 2023: Nominations Due by March 1, 2024

[Click here for nomination forms](#)

Project Awards 2023: Nominations Due By August 16, 2024

[Click here for nomination forms](#)



A Year in Review

MCAPWA 2023

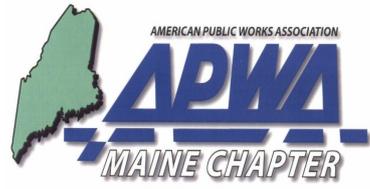
The following events would not take place without our sponsors, volunteers, presenters, and the dedicated board members of the Maine Chapter of APWA. A huge thank you to all.

The Maine Chapter of APWA was hard at work in 2023. Monthly board meetings were held the first Thursday of the month with the exception of July where there is no board meeting and December when it is pushed to the second Thursday so it does not interfere with the Transportation Conference. These meetings are typically in person with a remote option available for most meetings. The board members come together to organize the events of the year and to discuss hot topics that relate to the Public Works field. This is what we accomplished this year.

Annual Spring Meeting

The annual Spring Meeting was held at the Augusta Civic Center. We had over 200 attendees for the Spring Meeting. Topics discussed at the meeting were as follows:

- Transportation Funding and Initiatives presented by MDOT commissioner, Bruce Van Note
- Entry Level Driver Training presented by Maine Motor Transport, Randy Devault
- E-DNA presented by former Brunswick Town Engineer Ryan Barnes, MDOT's Eric Ham, and University of Maine's Geneva York
- Leader of the Year was awarded
- Several Maine Roads Scholars were recognized.



Annual Highway Congress

The annual Highway Congress was held June 1st at the Skowhegan Fair Grounds. This is the biggest event and fund raiser for the Chapter. We had 80 plus vendors and close to 1000 attendees for this year's congress. The chicken BBQ was put on again this year by the local Eagles Club. They provided lunch for all the attendees and sponsors for the event as well having donuts and coffee in the morning. Thank you to all of our sponsors that make this a success.



Time out for Training

Time out for training was provided by the Maine Local Roads Center at the Highway Congress. This provides training for attendees. Those attendees are also eligible for prizes that were raffled during the closing ceremonies.



State Snowplow Rodeo

The State Snowplow Rodeo takes place every year at the Highway Congress. The City of Portland took first place this year.





Supervisory Training

This year the Chapter provided two sessions of Supervisory and Leadership in Public Works. Each session was a total of five days and included classroom and hands on training. This is one of our most popular trainings. We were able to provide this training to 50 Public Works employees who either are supervisors or want to work towards being a supervisor.



Annual Fall Meeting

The annual fall meeting took place at the Augusta Civic Center. Topics discussed were:

- VPI and PPI Initiatives presented by MDOT Planning Director Dale Doughty
- MDOT update presented by MDOT commissioner Bruce Van Note
- Maine Local Roads Center updates presented by Maine Local Roads Director Pete Coughlan
- Ground and Structure Surveys present by Wright Pierce's Chris Hinckley, Ryan Beisaw, and Jason Gallant

Annual Golf Tournament

(As seen earlier in the newsletter)



MCAPWA 2024 Meeting Event and Training Schedule

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
January 4	Executive Committee Meeting 9:00 a.m.	MMA - Augusta/Zoom
February 1	Executive Committee Meeting 9:00 a.m.	MMA – Augusta/Zoom
March 7	Executive Committee Meeting 9:00 a.m.	*Bangor (Zoom not available)
April 4	Annual Spring Meeting Executive Committee Meeting 9:00 a.m.	Augusta Civic Center
April 23-24	Supervisory Leadership in Public Works Program – Part I	TBD
May 2	Executive Committee Meeting 9:00 a.m.	Skowhegan Fairgrounds
May 19-25	National Public Works Week	Statewide
May 28-30	Supervisory Leadership in Public Works Program – Part II	TBD
June 6	Highway Congress	Skowhegan Fairgrounds
August 1	Executive Committee Meeting	MMA – Augusta/Zoom
September 5	Executive Committee Meeting 9:00 a.m.	MMA – Augusta/Zoom
September TBD	27 th Annual MCAPWA Golf Tournament	TBD
October 3	MMA Convention Fall Meeting Training/Luncheon	Augusta Civic Center
Oct TBD	Fleet Maintenance Technician Program – Part I	TBD
Oct TBD	Fleet Maintenance Technician Program – Part II	TBD
November 7	Executive Committee Meeting 9:00 a.m.	MMA – Augusta/Zoom
December 12	Executive Committee Meeting 9:00 a.m.	MMA – Augusta/Zoom



MCAPWA 2024 Board of Directors

Executive Committee

President: Scott Holland, Public Works Director

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Treasurer: David Cote, Public Works Director

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Secretary: Ryan Barnes, Project Manager

Maine Turnpike, barnes@maineturnpike.com

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Delegate: Eric Labelle, Deputy Director and Town Engineer

Town of Kennebunkport, elabelle@kennebunkportme.gov

Directors

- **Mary Ann Brenchick:** Deputy Director of Public Works
City of Augusta
- **Ryan Carrigan:** Ray Labbe & Sons, Inc
- **Dennis Cox:** Public Works Director, Town of Topsham
- **Matt Elwell:** Public Works Director, Town of Union
- **Doug Howard:** Public Works Director, Town of Scarborough
- **Dean Lessard:** Public Works Director, Town of York
- **Jamie Madore:** Senior Environmental Engineer/Project Manager, Sevee & Mahar Engineers, Inc
- **Tom Martin:** ANNACCO Construction Services
- **Dan Matchett:** Sales Representative, HP Fairfield
- **Mike Murray:** Public Works Director, City of Portland
- **Todd Philbrook:** Public Works Director, City of Rockland
- **Jeff Preble:** Senior Project Manager, Wright Pierce
- **Stewart Sevey:** Allied Equipment
- **Barry Sheff:** Senior Principal, Woodard & Curran
- **Pete Coughlan:** Director of Maine Local Roads Center