

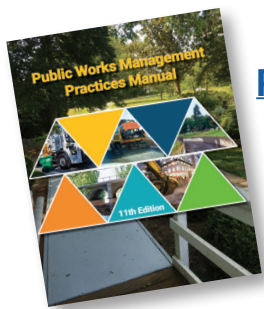


TALKING POINTS

FEBRUARY 2024

US GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

- » APWA’s Board of Directors will meet in Washington DC, February 7-8, to select a president-elect to replace the late Lisa Rapp. During their visit, the board will also meet with federal officials and US Representatives and Senators.
- » You have two opportunities to tell Congress how to make a difference for public works professionals: [greater flexibility for water infrastructure projects](#); and [feedback on EPA’s Lead and Copper Rule](#). Just click the links and APWA’s Phone2Action app (mobile and desktop) will do the rest. If you aren’t receiving APWA legislative action alerts, sign-up by texting PWX to 52886.
- » The Government Affairs Committee has updated APWA’s policymaker primers on [asset management](#), [ROW management](#), [resiliency](#), and [workforce development](#). The primers are different than APWA’s 118th Congress public policy priorities because they underscore the wide-reaching roles of public works professionals rather than the policy prescriptions APWA advocates to the US Congress and federal agencies.
- » The [Engineering & Public Works Roadshow](#), fresh from its stop in Kentucky, January 29, will be showcasing the Northwest Valley Wastewater project in Phoenix, AZ, February 22. Northwest Valley was an [APWA Project of the Year](#) winner in 2023.
- » Wondering what’s happening in Congress when the APWA Washington Report isn’t informing you? Check for updates and breaking news from APWA Government Affairs on [X](#) and [LinkedIn](#).
- » Our APWA Government Affairs team is standing by to help APWA chapters expand their outreach and advocacy. Just drop a line to Andrea Eales, Director of Government and Public Affairs at aeales@apwa.org and we’ll schedule a training or brief that will amp your voice and your impact.



PUBLIC WORKS MANAGEMENT PRACTICES MANUAL (11TH EDITION)

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MEMBERSHIP

31,975

VIDEOS

Our latest Roving Reporter episode features Delaware County, Pennsylvania talking about their sustainability plan.



ACCREDITATION

- » Temple, TX Public Works Department (1st accreditation)
- » Mount Pleasant, SC Public Services Department (1st accreditation)
- » New Lenox, IL Public Works Department (2nd accreditation)
- » Arvada, CO Public Works Department (3rd accreditation)
- » Arvada, CO Utilities Department (3rd accreditation)
- » Clark Regional Wastewater District (5th accreditation)

EDUCATION:

CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS:

In 2023, chapters offered 19 sessions of APWA's four certificate programs: Winter Maintenance Supervisor Certificate (WMSC), Winter Maintenance Operator Certificate (WMOC), Public Fleet Management Certificate (PFMC), and Facilities & Grounds Management Certificate (FGMC). We are already planning for fall 2024. As these programs are very popular, early planning is advised. If chapters are interested in holding a certificate program locally, they should contact education@apwa.org.

WEBINAR

NEW WORKSHOP:

February 22, 2024—Introduction to Basic Stormwater Concepts

This course provides the foundational concepts of stormwater management, ideal for those new to the field of stormwater including operator and maintenance staff, managers, and public works directors. [Click here for more information.](#)

CONFERENCES

NORTH AMERICAN SNOW CONFERENCE AND PWX



The PWX Program Review Committee met in Kansas City in January to make final session selections and plan the education program for the conference. Committee

members reviewed 457 submitted sessions. We are moving forward in the planning process and notifying speakers of their selection.

TOP TECH:

Do you have experience with one of APWA's 2024 Top 5 Trending Technologies in Public Works? Here's your opportunity to share your knowledge. Join a work group today to inform and educate our members on these important advances in the industry.

- » Artificial Intelligence—Condition Assessment Data Collection
- » Availability of Centralized Community GIS Mapping Data
- » Lead Service Line Identification
- » Microgrids
- » Sustainability Due to Severe Events—Improving Transportation infrastructure

Please contact April Jones at ajones@apwa.org to join a Top Tech Work Group.

CERTIFICATION:

Updates are underway for the APWA certification pages on the apwa.org website. Our goal is to improve and expand the information related to APWA certification programs, with efforts being made to enhance content comprehensiveness and user-friendliness. The completion of all five program pages is expected by early February.

For more information, please contact the certification team at certification@apwa.org or visit our certification page under Education & Careers at www.apwa.org.



IMPORTANT LINKS

[Focus On Public Works](#)

[Tell Your Story](#)

[Education/Credentialing Calendar](#)

[Technical Committees—Your Public Works Experts!](#)

[Groups & Committees](#)

[Council of Chapters](#)

[Government Affairs](#)

• [Washington Report](#)

• [Legislative Action Center \(US\)](#)

• [Ottawa Report](#)

MARKETING & COMMUNICATIONS

2024 NORTH AMERICAN SNOW CONFERENCE TAKING SHAPE

This year's 2024 North American Snow Conference in Kansas City, Missouri, kicks off April 28–May 1. #Show4Snow is a time to learn, network, and sharpen your skills. Some highlights are:



- » A comprehensive education program that includes hands-on calibration demonstrations and four full- and half-day workshops featuring targeted content designed for fleet and winter maintenance supervisors, operators, and managers.
- » Networking events hosted by members of the KC Metro Chapter to include the Snow Trek on Monday afternoon and Snow Celebration on Tuesday evening.
- » “The Pitch,” which is new this year and is a fast-paced theater on the exhibit hall floor with 20-minute presentations and demos of both new and existing products and services from our exhibitors.

[Upload your submissions to the 2024 Snow Conference Photo and Video Contests by February 29.](#) This year's theme, *Show Us Your Heart*, is all about celebrating how you and your teams put your hearts into snowfighting each winter. Voting for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners will begin March 1!

EXECUTIVE OFFICES

Board Nominations are now open for the President-Elect, Technical Directors for Engineering & Technology, Environmental Management, Leadership & Management, and Transportation as well as Directors in Regions III, IV, VII, and IX. If you would like more information on open positions, expectations, time commitment, and more, please check the [website](#). Deadline for submissions is February 13, 2024. Questions should be directed to Teresa Hon (thon@apwa.org or 816-595-5224).

National Committee Nominations are open February 1–29, 2024. If you would like to be considered for service on a national committee or know of a colleague who would be a good fit, visit the [website](#) for more information or log in to [submit your nomination](#). Questions should be directed to Teresa Hon (thon@apwa.org or 816-595-5224).