

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS

Interested in serving on a regional or the National Nominating Committee? Now is the time to submit your name for consideration. For more information, send an email to nominations@apwa.org. Deadline to submit is December 15.

[Click here](#) to review the bulleted summary from the APWA Board of Directors' meeting held September 12 in Kansas City.

NOMINATIONS FOR NATIONAL APWA COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS NOW OPEN

APWA is soliciting nominations for appointments to national-level committees, councils, and external relationships for the 2026–27 year. Members interested in learning more about the various committees should go to the [nominations landing page](#) on the APWA website. Nomination deadline is March 31, 2026.

CONFERENCES

PLANNING IS UNDERWAY FOR SNOW 2026



The 2026 North American Snow Conference (NASC) will be held in Cleveland, Ohio, April 26–29, 2026. This highly anticipated annual conference provides education and solutions for public works snowfighters and those who support them. The NASC Program Review Committee will be meeting in November to make final selections and plan the education program for the conference.

MEMBERSHIP

30,411

NEW

WHAT'S IN A RIGHT-OF-WAY WEBPAGE AND INFOGRAPHIC

Managing the right-of-way (ROW) is a complex task that extends beyond what is visible on the surface. [This infographic](#) offers a visual introduction to the ROW and the various elements it encompasses.

ACCREDITATION

Charleston County, South Carolina Facilities Management Department—4th accreditation

Charleston County, South Carolina Fleet Department—4th accreditation

Charleston County, South Carolina Public Works Department—4th accreditation

Raymore, Missouri Public Works Department—3rd accreditation

Unified Government of Wyandotte County/Kansas City, Kansas Department of Public Works—1st accreditation

CERTIFICATION CORNER



We are seeking Subject Matter Experts (SMEs) for the new Stormwater Microcredential Program, which will include four stackable microcredentials that can be earned individually or combined toward the Certified Stormwater Manager (CSM) credential. Development work will continue through 2026–27. For questions, contact certification@apwa.org.

QUICK LINKS

[Focus on Public Works](#) | [Tell Your Story](#) | [Education/Credentialing Center](#)
[Technical Committees](#) | [Groups and Committees](#) | [Council of Chapters](#)
[Washington Report](#) | [Legislative Action Center](#) | [Ottawa Report](#)

US GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

- » The APWA Government Affairs team is on the road again in November, visiting the Illinois Chapter, November 5–6, and the Central Pennsylvania annual dinner/meeting, November 15. Andrea Eales, Director of Government and Public Affairs, will speak to Illinois in Peoria, while Andrea and Government Affairs Media Manager Mark Shade will visit Central PA at the Memorial VFW Post 7530 in Mechanicsburg.
 - » [Contact Andrea](#) to schedule your chapter's training or briefing with any one of the Government Affairs team members.
- » Crash Responder Safety Week is being recognized November 17–21. With the ongoing federal government shutdown there are likely delays in the Federal Highway Administration's rollout efforts. [Here is a link to an all-states planning call](#) held in September that may prove helpful for information about the upcoming week.
- » APWA's Big Cities and Counties Forum will meet November 18–20 in Milwaukee.
- » Barring the continuation of the federal government shutdown, APWA will participate once again, November 18–19, in the Federal Highway Administration's Traffic Incident Management Executive Leadership Group quarterly meeting.
- » Follow APWA Government Affairs on [X](#) and [LinkedIn](#).

EDUCATION

NEW INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

Visit the new [Hosting a Certificate Program at Your Chapter webpage](#). Discover the many benefits of hosting a certificate program at your chapter and [get everything you need to put on a successful event](#).

UPCOMING LIVE PROGRAMS:

November 4–5. Winter Maintenance Operator Certificate. This virtual four-hour certificate program is targeted toward those staff in the trucks performing winter operations, including operators, crew leaders, and foremen. The program focuses on snow and ice control materials and how they work, equipment, and operations. [Register here](#).

November 18. Attend the Virtual Self-Assessment Workshop to learn how to optimize the performance of your public works agency. The workshop provides an overall understanding of the self-assessment process and the accreditation program. [Register here](#).

December 11. Tech-Driven Trees: Advancing Urban Forestry with Technology. This live virtual program offers an in-depth exploration of how ground-based LiDAR technology, artificial intelligence (AI), and machine learning are transforming the way municipalities conduct urban tree inventories. [Register here](#).

PUBLIC WORKS BENCHMARKS FOR WINTER MAINTENANCE AND FACILITIES AND GROUNDS

Public Works Benchmarks for Winter Maintenance and Facilities and Grounds are now available in the [Resource Center](#).

[Public Works Benchmarks: Winter Maintenance](#)

[Public Works Benchmarks: Facilities and Grounds](#)

MARKETING AND COMMUNICATIONS

HELP US #PWR UP OUR PODCAST

Coming soon in early 2026, APWA is launching a new podcast called Public Works Radio (PWR)! This is your chance to pitch fun, engaging stories by submitting your content ideas via [this form](#). You'll be asked to provide your name, email, a topic idea, a short description, and suggested guests. It's quick and easy!



WELCOME BACK, ROVING REPORTER!



On November 4, we are releasing the first episode of our reimagined APWA's *Roving Reporter* video educational series. These short videos will be less than five minutes long. For our launch episode, "Deep Tunnel," we visit the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of

Greater Chicago to learn more about how this project continues to implement sound flood solutions to handle large storm events and keep people and property safe and dry. Viewers who are interested in diving deeper into this topic can read [a complementary article in the November issue of the APWA Reporter](#). Learn more about our *Roving Reporter* series [here](#).