



TALKING POINTS

July 2026

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS

Members interested in reviewing a summary of June's APWA Board of Directors meeting may do so by clicking [here](#).

2026–2027 BOARD OF DIRECTORS ANNOUNCED

The process to affirm candidates for the 2026–2027 APWA Board of Directors has closed. Congratulations to our Board of Directors, the affirmed individuals will begin their term August 30 and be introduced during the opening general session at PWX.

US GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

- Due to America's 250th celebration, the *APWA Washington Report* will not publish July 6. It will publish as scheduled on July 13, 20, and 27.
- Senior Government Affairs Manager Marty Williams and Media Manager Mark Shade will be in Jekyll Island, Georgia, during the week of July 6 for APWA Georgia's annual meeting. They plan to meet with the chapter's board and present two sessions on July 7.

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APWA REPORTER HONORED WITH APEX AWARD

The *APWA Reporter* received an Award of Excellence in Magazines, Journals, & Tabloids, Print (long) category from the 2026 Apex Awards for Publication Excellence. Apex awards are based on excellence in graphic design, editorial content, and the success of the entry—in the opinion of the judges—in achieving overall communications effectiveness and excellence.

MEMBERSHIP

30,437

ACCREDITATION

Region 3:

- Greenville, South Carolina Department of Public Works—1st accreditation

Region 9:

- Arapahoe County, Colorado Public Works and Development Department—3rd accreditation
- Colorado Springs, Colorado Public Works Department—1st accreditation
- El Paso County, Colorado Department of Public Works—1st accreditation

Upcoming APWA Accreditation Open Forum: "Self-Assess or Apply? Finding Your Starting Point" on July 21. [Register here](#).

CERTIFICATION

Work on the Certified Public Fleet Professional (CPFP) Job Task Analysis (JTA) has concluded. This update will serve as the blueprint for the new, stackable fleet microcredentials, guiding the development of associated education and exam content. Work on the new microcredentials is scheduled to begin in FY27.

For more information, contact certification@apwa.org.

APPLY FOR EMERGING LEADERS ACADEMY!

[Applications are open](#) for the 2026–2027 ELA program. The deadline to apply is July 6.

QUICK LINKS

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EDUCATION

UPCOMING LIVE PROGRAMS

July 23. **Resilient by Design.** Discover how public works professionals and engineers are adapting infrastructure to withstand unpredictable climate changes through innovative design, collaboration, and data-driven strategies. This live virtual program features real-world case studies and practical lessons to enhance resilience and long-term performance. [Register here.](#)

August 6. **Subsurface Utility Engineering Essentials for Public Works: Smarter Utility Investigations.** Learn how Subsurface Utility Engineering (SUE) can reduce project risks by mapping and analyzing existing utilities, following industry guidelines, and guiding strategic decisions in this live virtual session. [Register here.](#)



UPDATES TO CAREERZONE

The [CareerZone Career Paths](#) have been redesigned to provide a cleaner, more intuitive user experience. The updated layout allows job seekers to navigate upward and lateral career movements within each technical discipline with ease. Check out the [Fleet Services Career Path](#)!



LISTEN TO THE BONUS EPISODE OF PUBLIC WORKS RADIO!

The second half of PWR's premiere season is right around the corner. Until then, we've released a special bonus episode with our best social media tips for public works professionals. [Give it a listen!](#)



WATCH THE LATEST ROVING REPORTER

In the latest episode of [Roving Reporter](#), "How Public Works Is Transforming Austin," we take a closer look at the major projects reshaping downtown Austin, Texas, including the redevelopment of the Austin Convention Center, the reconstruction and lowering of I-35, and Austin's future light rail system through Project Connect. Read the [accompanying article](#) in June's issue of the *APWA Reporter*.

CONFERENCE UPDATES

Registration is Open for PWX 2026!



Join us in Houston, Texas, August 30–September 2. [Click here](#) to register, see the schedule, book a hotel room, and more! This year's exhibit floor will be the largest in APWA history!

Call for Presentations is Open for NASC 2027!



The 2027 North American Snow Conference [Call for Presentations](#) is open. The deadline to submit a session proposal for Snow Conference 2027 is October 2, 2026.