



TALKING POINTS

MAY 2024

US GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

- » The APWA Government Affairs team needs your stories. To best represent our members, we need to be able to share specific examples of what's working and what isn't with US lawmakers. Something about right of way? Permitting? The bipartisan infrastructure law? We want to hear from you. Email Director of Government and Public Affairs Andrea Eales at aeales@apwa.org with your real-world experience.
- » During National Public Works Week, Government Affairs will host a breakfast and a panel discussion on Capitol Hill, May 24, with APWA members and the US House Public Works and Infrastructure Caucus. APWA President Gary Losier will participate.
- » The Government Affairs team will notify Congressional staff during the first week of May about this year's APWA Top 10 Public Works Leaders.
- » The Engineering & Public Works Roadshow will visit Washington DC, May 16, either championing the new [Frederick Douglas Bridge](#) or the [Hilltop Campus stormwater project](#). Event details not yet finalized.
- » The APWA Washington Report will publish the first three weeks of May. Stay up to date on all matters affecting public works on the APWA Government Affairs social media platforms: [X](#) and [LinkedIn](#).
- » The Government Affairs team is accepting invitations from chapters for in-person outreach and advocacy training. Send your invites to Andrea Eales at aeales@apwa.org.

TRENDING TECHNOLOGY WORK GROUP (MICROGRIDS)

Join the Trending Technology Microgrid Work Group and be part of shaping the future of sustainable infrastructure. Collaborate with industry experts to drive innovation and contribute your expertise to advance education on microgrid technology. If you are interested in joining, please email education@apwa.org.



MEMBERSHIP

31,975



FOCUS ON SUSTAINABILITY AND RESILIENCY IN MAY!

Sharing these resources with your colleagues is a great way to ensure that everyone on your team stays current on the latest best practices.

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ACCREDITATION

- » Winter Haven, Florida Public Works Department—1st accreditation
- » Elk Grove, Illinois Public Works Department—1st accreditation
- » Sumter County, Florida Board of County Commissioners Public Works Department—3rd accreditation
- » Castle Rock, Colorado Public Works Department—3rd accreditation
- » Maryland Heights, Missouri Public Works Department—3rd accreditation

CONFERENCES

REGISTRATION FOR PWX OPENING SOON!

September 8–11, 2024

Registration and Hotel Reservations coming soon!

www.apwa.org/pwx



SNOW 2025 CALL FOR PRESENTATIONS OPEN!

The 2025 Snow Conference Call for Presentations is now open!



Share your knowledge, experience, and vision for the future by submitting a proposal to speak at the 2025 North American Snow Conference, which will be held in Grand Rapids, Michigan, April 6–9, 2025. This highly anticipated annual conference provides education and solutions for public works snowfighters and those who support them. The deadline for proposal submission is October 4, 2024. [Click here](#) to view the Call for Presentations web page.

THE DEI OVERVIEW TOOLBOX IS NOW AVAILABLE:

In correlation with upcoming articles for the May–August issues of the *Reporter*, the DEI Committee



has created four toolboxes as chapter resources to explain how chapters can incorporate diverse, equitable, and inclusive practices into their activities. The toolboxes are available as a chapter resource and on the DEI webpage. [The DEI Overview Toolbox](#) is now available!

DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION NETWORK

The Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee invites you to join the DEI Network, a collaborative platform actively dedicated to promoting value, amplifying voices, ensuring educational excellence, and creating an inclusive, diverse experience. If you are interested in joining, please email education@apwa.org.

EMERGING LEADERS ACADEMY

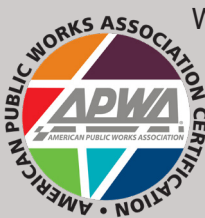


Applications for the 2024–2025 program year are now available on the APWA website. Applications are due no later than the end of day Wednesday, July 10, 2024. Questions should be directed to

education@apwa.org.

[Application Link](#)

CERTIFICATION:



We are excited to announce the Certification Resource Bundles are now available for purchase in the APWA store! We are in the process of notifying candidates currently in eligibility. For more information, please contact the certification

team at certification@apwa.org or visit our certification page 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](#)

WEBINARS

ENVISION SUSTAINABILITY PROFESSIONAL (ENV SP) TRAINING

In collaboration with the Institute for Sustainable Infrastructure, APWA is excited to offer live online Envision Training over four consecutive days for two hours each day, May 13–16, 2024. Participants will also be qualified to take the Envision Sustainability Professional (ENV SP) exam. The cost of the exam is included in the training registration cost.

[Registration Link](#)

WINTER MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

The Winter Maintenance Supervisor Certificate Program, one of APWA's most popular programs, is targeted toward foremen, supervisors, and managers of winter maintenance operations. This certificate program, being held virtually May 21–23, 2024, helps those in charge of winter operations understand all facets of what goes into developing and maintaining an effective winter maintenance program, resulting in more effective, efficient, equitable, and environmentally friendly snow and ice control.

[Registration Link](#)

CLICK, LISTEN & LEARN

May 16, 2024—Building Sustainable and Resilient Communities

With increasingly frequent and severe weather events, today's public works engineers are facing great challenges in designing, operating, and maintaining the public infrastructure that serves our communities. To develop holistic, effective responses on the local, regional, national, and international scales, all practitioners must collaborate effectively and



communicate well with each other—so that they “speak in a common language.” This session will introduce you to the many promising new initiatives currently being worked on in the general areas of sustainability and resiliency, as well as information from FEMA outlining their most recent approaches to planning for and responding to increasingly frequent and severe weather events.

[Registration Link](#)

MASTER CLASS SERIES

Stan Brown—This session will feature APWA's Past Board President, Stan Brown, discussing his major leadership influences and presenting his leadership philosophy, shaped by experiences over his career in public works. Jonathan Gano, past Chair of the Leadership and Management Committee, will serve as moderator.

[Registration Link](#)

WORKSHOP

Registration is now open for the Virtual Self-Assessment Workshop—May 30, 2024, at 11 a.m.–2 p.m. CT

Are you trying to optimize the performance of your public works agency? The Virtual Self-Assessment Workshop may be what you are looking for. The workshop provides an overall understanding of the self-assessment process and the accreditation program.

[Registration Link](#)

EXECUTIVE OFFICES

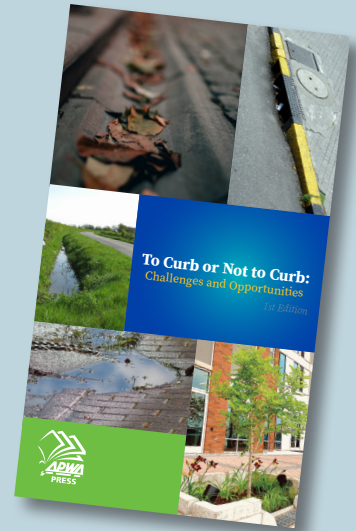
Candidates for the affirmation ballot have been set and voting will open May 16. Watch your email for the link to cast your affirmation vote for the President-Elect position, as well as Technical Director positions in the areas of Engineering & Technology, Environmental Management, Leadership & Management, and Transportation. Members in Regions III, IV, VII, and IX will also have an opportunity to provide input on their Regional Director.

PUBLICATIONS

City officials with an eye to their budget may consider the construction of curbs and gutters to be an unnecessary expense. So, too, may some developers and home builders who are interested in ensuring they keep their construction costs down.

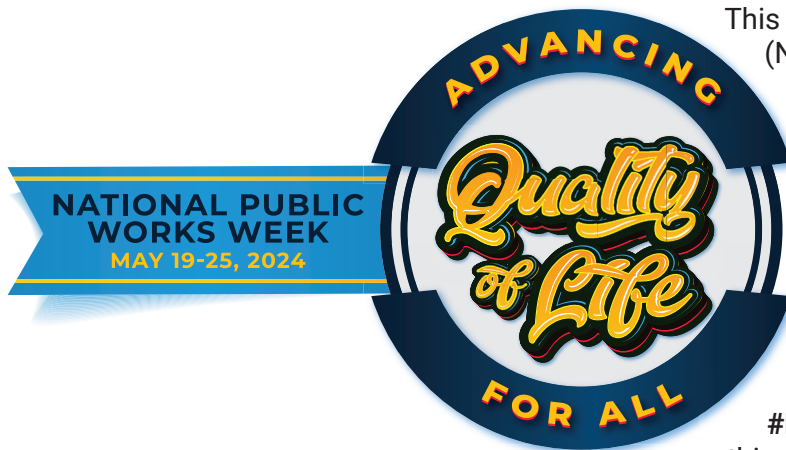
To Curb or Not to Curb: Challenges and Opportunities is a replacement publication for *Why Curb and Gutter?* Updated to address more modern concerns, the booklet is still a succinct guide to help the public works professional understand the factors at play when considering whether a street should contain curbs or gutters—or not!

Purchase your copy in the [APWA Store](#).



MARKETING & COMMUNICATIONS

NATIONAL PUBLIC WORKS WEEK HAPPENS IN MAY



This month we'll be celebrating National Public Works Week (NPWW), May 19–25, 2024. We encourage you to spread the word about NPWW to your fellow APWA members, public works agencies, and public works professionals so they might share their stories in their municipalities throughout the week. Invite them to visit the [NPWW section on APWA.org](#) to find a robust collection of downloadable design pieces, proclamation samples, and virtual, in-person, and social media how-to guides to help them develop and implement their own celebrations.

#NPWW—Make sure to use this official hashtag on all your National Public Works Week social

media posts. By doing so, you'll join in on all the NPWW discussions being held across all major social media platforms, and it will make your posts easier for others to find. Plus, your posts made on Facebook and Instagram will be included in the NPWW Social Media Gallery on APWA.org!

NPWW posters are still available to order from the [APWA Store](#), although supplies are going fast. This year's poster theme, "Advancing Quality of Life for All," showcases how public works contributes to advancing and enhancing our quality of life, no matter where we live in the world.

