



October 2011 Delegate Report
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APWA Congress 2011, Denver Colorado

I attended the Congress in Colorado. I attended an all-day meeting of the House of Delegates (HOD) on the Saturday, September 17 and the Water Resources Management Committee on Monday, September 19 from noon to three. I also had opportunities to attend some great technical sessions and meet with vendors.

The House of Delegates held presentations on the Annual Membership which is down 0.5% from last fiscal year to 28,542 members. Other presentations included The Donald C. Stone Center for Leadership Excellence in Public Works, Emergency Think Tank Report, Emerging Leaders Academy, and Global Solutions in Public Works. Presentations were also made by exiting President George Crombie, President Diane Linderman, and Executive Director Peter King.

President Crombie spoke to the need to establish by-laws comparing the HOD to the House of Representatives within APWA. This later added some vibrant discussion and debate about the need for by-laws. Ultimately a motion was placed on the floor to have the House of Delegates consist of one Delegate from each Region elected by the regional Delegates and have the House of Delegate members elect the Chair. This motion was voted down.

The frustration appears to have come the lack of representation in the appointment of the Second Vice Chair of the HOD. The incoming Second Vice Chair is voted upon by the last three Chairs of the HOD should they remain active Delegates. These concerns were shared predominantly by the Region 1 and Region 2 chapters.

While the proposed motion did not carry. It appears the voices may have been heard. Charles Moore of the Central Pennsylvania Chapter was voted in as the Second Vice Chair of HOD.

President Linderman spoke of encouraging communication and has started a blog for APWA. She would like to focus on the Center for Sustainability, governance by the Board of Directors, and initiatives such as strength in membership, sustainability, and our international role.

I will be providing PowerPoint presentations to the MCAPWA Secretary to post to the website. I might also note that the PowerPoint presentations are now available for registrants along with an audio of all the presentations.

Overall the show appeared to be a great success.

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International Collaborative Committee

Rob Robinson of Manchester New Hampshire and I have submitted our article for the APWA Report. The name of the article is named *An International Collaboration Committee Task Force Learns from Toronto's Success*. I believe the article has been accepted. I will attach a copy of the article. We have also been submitted to present at the 2012 Congress in Anaheim California.

APWA Donald C. Stone Center for Leadership Excellence in Public Works - Public Works Leadership Fellows (PWFL)

There was a lot of focus on the Donald C. Stone Center for Leadership Excellence in Public Works. Ninety four mentors were accepted as Fellows, including Mike Bobinsky, Portland's Public Services Director. The program will now be looking for 94 mentees to begin to emerge through the program. More to come.

Emerging Leaders

Region 1 Director has asked that we seek out a nominee for the 2013 Emerging Leader Academy. While 2012 is currently full, we would like to be prepared for when the 2013 application process begins.

Call for Applicants for 2012 Jennings Randolph International Fellowship Program - Funded Through Eisenhower World Affairs Institute

The APWA International Affairs Committee is calling for applicants for the 2012 Jennings Randolph International Fellowship Program. In 2011, four APWA members were funded for study tours in Australia, Mexico, and the Slovak and Czech Republics. It is the intent of the International Affairs Committee (IAC) to award fellowships each year for APWA members to travel to countries with which APWA has formal international partnerships with other public works associations.

Applications are now being accepted for 2012 for the following locations:

- ICLEI-Mexico – generally one national conference and two-three regional conferences during the year
- Association of Local Government Engineering New Zealand Incorporated (INGENIUM – New Zealand) – June 2012

To be eligible for 2012 fellowships, **applications must be received at APWA headquarters by midnight on November 15, 2011**. The successful applicant(s) will be notified by the end of January 2012. To access the Jennings Randolph Fund Guidelines and the application form, click on this link (<http://www.apwa.net/About/International/>) or contact Gail Clark at 202-218-6732 or gclark@apwa.net

2012 Awards Program

The APWA Board of Directors approved the Sustainability Practices Award at its September board meeting in Denver, Colorado. This award will be included in the 2012 Awards Program targeted to be online effective November 1. The biggest change in our 2012 Awards Program

will be that every nomination except the Public Works Historical Society (PWHs) awards will be submitted electronically.

The Public Works Historical Society awards include the Abel Wolman Award and the Michael Robinson Award, these awards will be sent directly to Teresa Hon, Professional Development Program Manager and staff liaison to the PWHs.

Complete instructions will be on the website and watch your email for the bulletin "In the Works" for upcoming webcasts on how to use the website to submit the nominations. For more information about the 2012 Awards Program please contact Rhonda Wilhite at rwilhite@apwa.net or 800-848-2792 ext 5261.

2012 Chapter/Branch Officers & Chapter Profile Information Due December 1, 2011

As chapter and branches elect new officers for 2012, those new officers should be reported by December 1, 2011, to Rhonda Wilhite at rwilhite@apwa.net or by using the Chapter Officer Reporting Tool located in the Chapter Leader Resources area of the APWA website under Chapter Management then Leadership Tools. Receiving your list of 2012 chapter officers by December 1, 2011 will enable us to update our database and keep the lines of communication open to the chapter/branch leaders from APWA staff. Along with your executive committee positions we are specifically interested in obtaining your Delegate and Alternate Delegate, Membership, Diversity, Advocacy/Government Affairs, Education, Website, Scholarship and technical committee chairs if applicable.

Another document that should be checked for accuracy once a year is found beneath the Chapter Officer Reporting Tool and that is the Chapter Profile Reporting Tool. You will select your chapter to view its profile. A box on the page with the title "Requested Changes" is provided for you to submit any changes. Updating your chapter profile will help new members learn about their chapter.

If you have any questions or need additional assistance using the tools mentioned above please contact Rhonda Wilhite at 800-848-2792 ext. 5261 or by email at rwilhite@apwa.net.

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- [2012 Transportation Planning Excellence AwardsOpen for nominations October 1, 2011 - December 1, 2011](#)
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NATIONAL EVENTS

- [SEP 18-21, 2011International Public Works Congress & Exposition](#)
- [Oct 11, 2011How To Be FEMA Ready When Disaster Hits \(Rebroadcast\)](#)
- [Oct 14, 2011LEADERSHIP IN CHANGING TIMES](#)

- [Oct 20, 2011Got Potholes? Infrared Asphalt Restoration May Be Your Solution \(Live\)](#)
- [Oct 27, 2011Liquid Usage in Winter Maintenance \(Live\)](#)
- [Nov 10, 2011The New AASHTO "Green Book"](#)
- [Nov 15, 2011How To Train Your Fleet \(Rebroadcast\)](#)
- [Dec 8, 2011Clients and Consultants – How to Work Together for the Best Possible Project \(Live\)](#)
- [Dec 13, 2011Got Potholes? Infrared Asphalt Restoration May Be Your Solution \(Rebroadcast\)](#)
- [Dec 15, 2011Reality Check on Leadership: Systems Thinking for Leaders](#)