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President's Message:

Submitted by: Chad Schaeffer

Strategic Planning

Welcome Back to the American Public Works Association—Iowa Chapter Newsletter. It



Chad Schaeffer,
President, APWA IA
Chapter

has been a couple years since our last newsletter was published. It is the Iowa Chapter's Executive Committee commitment to publish this newsletter at least twice annually going forward. A huge Thank You goes out to Ben McConville, GIS Coordinator of the Ames Public Works Dept., for taking on this important advocacy goal as Newsletter Committee chairperson.

On March 24, 2011 the Iowa Chapter Executive Committee conducted a 1/2 day workshop with the help of Brian VanNorman, Chapter Relations Director of APWA– National. The goal of the workshop was to review and update the Iowa Chapter 2010-2015 Strategic Plan. The Mission Statement and Vision Statement were discussed to make sure those Statements reflect our goals as a Chapter and as an Executive Committee.

Mission Statement

The Iowa Chapter promotes Public Works through sustainable best practices, professional development, advocacy, information exchange and relationship building.

Vision Statement

The Iowa Chapter is the recognized leader in public works education, advocacy, and professional development.

I truly believe in these statements and so does the Executive Committee! You will be seeing additional professional development, information exchange, and relationship building opportunities in the future. I would encourage you to attend those opportunities and to also invite a co-worker or colleague from a nearby community who may not be involved with APWA. The benefits of APWA are practically limitless if you are willing to be involved!

May 15 – 21 is National Public Works Week!

“Public Works: Serving you and your community”

Read more on pg. 10

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2010 APWA AWARDS

<p align="center">PAST PRESIDENT AWARD <i>Jeff Krist</i> City of Council Bluffs</p>	<p align="center">LEADER OF THE YEAR <i>Pat Kozitza</i> City of Des Moines</p>
<p align="center">L. O. STEWART The purpose of this award is to recognize Iowa Chapter members who have served the same governmental agency for 15 years in continuous employment. Recipients must have been a member of APWA for a minimum of 5 years.</p> <p align="center"><i>Jay T. Bennet</i> City of Des Moines <i>Jeb Brewer</i> City of Des Moines <i>Scott E. Larson</i> City of Coralville <i>Jeff M. May</i> City of Knoxville</p>	<p align="center">PAST DIRECTOR AWARD <i>Chad Schaeffer</i> City of Fort Dodge</p>
<p align="center">STRUCTURAL PROJECT OF THE YEAR Council Bluffs Fleet Maintenance Facility</p> <p align="center">(Nominated) <i>City of Council Bluffs</i> <i>Lueder Construction Co.</i> <i>HGM Associates, Inc.</i></p>	<p align="center">25 YEAR AWARD The purpose of this award is to recognize Iowa Chapter APWA members of this organization for a minimum period of 25 years.</p> <p align="center"><i>John F. McKee</i> City of Des Moines <i>Robert A. Nelson</i> Garden and Associates Ltd. <i>Steve Ravn</i> City of Cedar Falls</p>
<p align="center">PRESIDENT'S AWARD <i>Beth Richards</i> SUDAS</p>	<p align="center">YOUNG LEADER AWARD <i>Tracy L. Warner</i> City of Ames</p>
<p align="center">TRANSPORTATION PROJECT OF THE YEAR Edgewood Road SW Reconstruction (US 30 to 60th Avenue S.W.)</p> <p align="center">(Nominated) <i>City of Cedar Rapids</i> <i>CJ Moyna & Sons, Inc.</i> <i>Iowa Bridge & Culvert, L.C.</i> <i>Metro Pavers, Inc.</i> <i>AECOM Technical Services</i></p>	<p align="center">STAN RING DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD This award is to recognize Iowa Chapter APWA members who have demonstrated exemplary long-term service and commitment to the Iowa Chapter and to the Public Works Profession.</p> <p align="center">(Nominated) <i>John White</i> <i>Arnold O. Chantland</i></p>
	<p align="center">CHAPTER SERVICE AWARD <i>Greg Reeder (Nominated)</i> City of Council Bluffs</p>
	<p align="center">ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECT OF THE YEAR Reverse Osmosis Water Treatment Facility</p> <p align="center">(Nominated) <i>City of Hartley</i> <i>Howard R. Green</i> <i>Grundman-Hicks, L.L.C.</i></p>

Submitted by: Corey Mellies



2011 APWA Mid-America Conference

Event Dates: May 18, 2011 to May 20, 2011

Registration Dates: Dec 28, 2010 to May 20, 2011

Where: Overland Park Convention Center

May 18-20, 2011, brings the “*MID-AM*” triennial tradition back to the Overland Park Convention Center, when the five Mid-America Chapters (Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska and KC Metro) will once again host the *APWA Mid-America Conference & Exhibit Show*. Since 1983, this four-state education and exposition extravaganza has brought hundreds of public works administration and operations personnel, design and construction professionals, and vendors of equipment, supplies and services to the public works industry together to **THINK <> BUILD <> SHARE**. In fact, these goals will be the focus of our upcoming *2011 Mid-America Conference*. *WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!*

**REGISTRATION, GOLF TOURNAMENT AND EXHIBITOR INFORMATION
CAN BE FOUND AT THE FOLLOWING LINK:**

<http://kcmetro.apwa.net/events/2011midamconference/>

Iowa Chapter At the Mid-America Conference

This year the *APWA Mid-America Conference & Exhibit Show* will take the place of the Iowa Chapter Spring Conference. This conference gives our Chapter the opportunity to hear and talk to Public Works professionals from outside our chapter for networking and learning. This conference is also a great way for exhibitors to interact with Public Works professionals. If you are interested in being an exhibitor contact Mike Kallas at kallas.michael@geoeeye.com or use the Mid-American website link listed above.

While the conference is a great way to interact with professionals from other states the Iowa Chapter will host a dinner for our chapter. The dinner will be at Carmen’s Café, 6307 Brookside Plaza, Kansas City, Missouri 64113. The event will start at 6pm for a social hour with dinner starting at 7pm. You can find directions to Carmen’s Café from the Overland Park Convention Center here:

[Directions to Carmen’s Café.](#)

We hope you can attend the *2011 APWA Mid-America Conference & Exhibit Show* to take advantage of all it has to offer.

IA Chapter Mid-America Committee: *Terry Cox, City of Harlan ~ Bret Hodne, City of W. Des Moines
~ Corey Mellies, City of Ames*



Fouad K. Daoud, P.E., S.E.
President & CEO of WHKS & Co.

Diversity Corner

FROM LEBANON TO IOWA

*A STORY OF HARD WORK
AND SUCCESS*

Throughout his career, Fouad Daoud's determination, motivation, strong foundation of core values, and commitment to quality engineering service helped him to achieve business success. However, Fouad's story is also one of achieving personal fulfillment and realization of one's goals.

The overarching theme and foundation to Fouad's story is that anything is possible for those who set goals and are determined to achieve them. Fouad's values of hard work, self-sufficiency, and determination are the keys to his success. For Fouad, success meant realizing his dreams of becoming a leader in civil engineering and remaining true to his core values. The process was not easy and included significant hurdles and cultural barriers. Not to be distracted or discouraged, these obstacles built greater fortitude and inspired Fouad to strive for success. At the age of 17, he took a leap of faith and left his home country of Lebanon, after serving in the military, and set out for the United States.

Fouad arrived here in 1982 after his parents strongly encouraged him to leave Lebanon during its Civil War to pursue his interest in civil engineering. Fouad states "My parents' decision was so selfless because they were really looking out for my best interest and my future". Fouad decided to attend college in the U.S., and immediately applied for and was accepted into the undergraduate civil engineering program at Iowa State University (ISU) in Ames. To ease the financial burden placed upon his family, Fouad took the maximum number of credits per semester that his program would allow. In only three years, he obtained his Bachelor of Science degree in the summer of 1985 and graduated with Highest Honors.

After being granted both an academic and research scholarship, Fouad joined the ISU's Structural Master's Program and obtained his Master's degree in 1987. While he was working on his thesis during his graduate studies, he was also a Teaching Assistant for structural classes. Following graduation, he decided against returning to Lebanon during the midst of war, and instead, was hired as an entry-level Structural Engineer at WHKS & Co., by its then-President, Frank Schmitz. It was Frank who saw something very special in Fouad at a young age, and decided to sponsor him to become a U.S. citizen.

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Diversity Corner (continued)

After moving to Mason City, Iowa, Fouad supplemented his income by teaching mathematics at various North Iowa area colleges while also working weekends as a waiter and bartender at a local restaurant.

In the years that followed, Fouad underwent the immigration process, obtaining his American residency in 1992 and U.S. citizenship in 1996. In 1992, he passed the Principles and Practice of Engineering exam, followed by the Structural Engineer (S.E.) exam in 1993 which allowed him to perform structural engineering work in states with high wind and earthquake forces. Fouad became the first person in Iowa to pass the S.E. exam and to obtain an S.E. license; he is now a licensed professional engineer in many states.

Years of hard work, perseverance, and commitment saw Fouad transition from an entry-level engineer at WHKS & Co. in 1987 to its President and CEO in 2004. Fouad held various positions along the way, including Engineer Intern, Project Engineer, Design Engineer, Project Manager, and Department Head. Since being elected by the Board of Directors as President of the firm, he has played a major role in the continued growth and success of the company. This includes expanding WHKS' client base, maintaining relationships with existing clients, opening new offices in Iowa, Minnesota, and Illinois, and growing the number of staff in each of its six office locations.

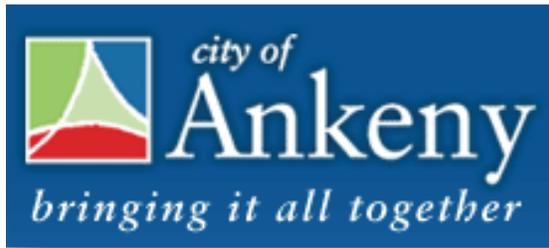
Fouad has also served in leadership roles in several professional organizations, including his position as President in 1992 of the local Iowa Engineering Society (IES) Chapter; he has been on the Bridge Committee for the National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying (NCEES) since 1994, and has been Chair since 2007; he was elected as President of the American Council of Engineering Companies (ACEC) of Iowa and served from 2007 to 2008; and in May of this year, he will be appointed as the Iowa National Director for ACEC. Also, Fouad has served on several boards within the community. He is involved in many community service functions and is committed to helping others.

APWA Diversity Statement:

The American Public Works Association recognizes, appreciates and fosters the synergy which is created when the work environment values the differences in individuals and practices inclusiveness and open communication.

APWA values all individuals and different perspectives of those individuals, and believes in providing the process for all to feel included as part of the whole. In order to achieve this goal, the APWA membership must first recognize its diversity and members must seek to uncover the ways that they are different and understand how these differences can add value to their professional association. APWA Meaning of Diversity: The term "diversity" means assortment, variety, or mixture; and for APWA membership and leadership purposes includes:

- Race, creed, national origin, geographic origin;
- Gender, lifestyle, marital status
- Age, height/weight, energy level;
- Educational background, social status, income level;
- Processing style, thinking style, political views;
- Personality, values, likes/dislikes, goals ambitions, assertiveness level;
- Tenure/level of position within an organization;
- Management/union, public/private, rural/urban; and
- All the other ways in which we are different from each other.



City of Ankeny Receives 2011 Environmental Leadership Award

ANKENY , Iowa (March 8, 2011) - The City of Ankeny has been awarded the 2011 Environmental Leadership Award by

the Freshwater Society.

The award was presented by public works staff to Mayor Steven D. Van Oort at a ceremony last night.

"This is an affirmation that once again Ankeny is at the forefront as a leader in sustainability," said Van Oort. " I want to congratulate our public works staff for pursuing innovative solutions to the City's snow removal operations that are environmentally sensitive and that ensure the safety of the traveling public."

In a press release issued by the Freshwater Society, Ankeny was praised for its effort to balance effective snow removal operations with its impact on the environment, particularly the region's freshwater resources. By employing best management practices, transferring, blending and manufacturing more environmentally friendly chemicals and the discontinuation of and snow removal operations on the environment.

Since 1999, the City of Ankeny has added 114 miles of roadway while reducing its salt use during snow events by approximately 57 percent. By properly determining when to anti-ice as well as implementing pre-wet applications, the city has been able to reduce the environmental impact of its snow operations, maintain safe road conditions during winter storm events and realize some cost savings.

"We feel a tremendous sense of pride in what we have accomplished," said Joey Almond, lead equipment operator. "It would not have been possible without the support of city administration and the freedom to make changes to improve services for the citizens of Ankeny."

The ceremony was attended by Public Works Director Paul Moritz, Administrator Al Olson, Supervisor Dennis Guillaume and Lead Equipment Operator Joey Almond.



From left: Public Works Director Paul Moritz, Supervisor Dennis Guillaume, Mayor Steve Van Oort, Administrator Al Olson and Lead Equipment Operator Joey Almond.

National Public Works Week May 15—21

Public Works: Serving you and your community

This year's poster is an artistic rendition of our theme "Public Works: Serving You and your Community" by illustrator Murray Kimber.

A storyteller at heart, Murray has worked on a diverse range of projects, from postage stamps to advertising to children's books. His designs are bold and his color palette striking and harmonious. Murray lives in British Columbia, Canada.

National Public Works Week (NPWW) is a celebration of the tens of thousands of men and women in North America who provide and maintain the infrastructure and services collectively known as public works.

Instituted as a public education campaign by the American Public Works Association (APWA) in 1960, NPWW calls attention to the importance of public works in community life. The Week seeks to enhance the prestige of the often-unsung heroes of our society—the professionals who serve the public good every day with quiet dedication.

APWA encourages public works agencies and professionals to take the opportunity to make their stories known in their communities. Over the years the observances have taken many forms, including parades, displays of public works equipment, high school essay contests, open houses, programs for civic organizations and media events. The occasion is marked each year with scores of resolutions and proclamations from mayors and governors, as well. Some special highlights of NPWW include a United States Senate resolution affirming the first National Public Works Week in 1960, letters of acknowledgment from Presidents Dwight Eisenhower and Lyndon Johnson, and a Presidential Proclamation signed by John F. Kennedy in 1962.

From the beginning, the selection of a Top Ten list of exceptional public works professionals has been a cornerstone of NPWW. The program has identified more than 400 men and women who reflect the highest standards of professional conduct for public works officials. These honorees have been recognized for discharging critical responsibilities in connection to the design, construction, maintenance and/or operation of major public works projects or activities in large and small municipalities throughout North America. Often their accomplishments are particularly noteworthy in relation to the limited manpower and financial resources available to them.

National Public Works Week is observed each year during the third full week of May. Through NPWW and other efforts, APWA seeks to raise the public's awareness of public works issues and to increase confidence in public works employees who are dedicated to improving the quality of life for present and future generations.

The [National Public Works Week How-To Guide](#) is one of several resources the Association makes available to agencies to assist them in the development and implementation of their own individual celebrations. With [this tool](#), an agency will learn how to create proclamations and solicit endorsements from government officials, develop media and press releases, write editorials and articles, and generate material for speeches. There are also several suggestions for celebratory activities to be implemented at the local level.

However you choose to celebrate NPWW this year, APWA is proud to be a resource for you. You deserve the recognition. (from APWA Website)



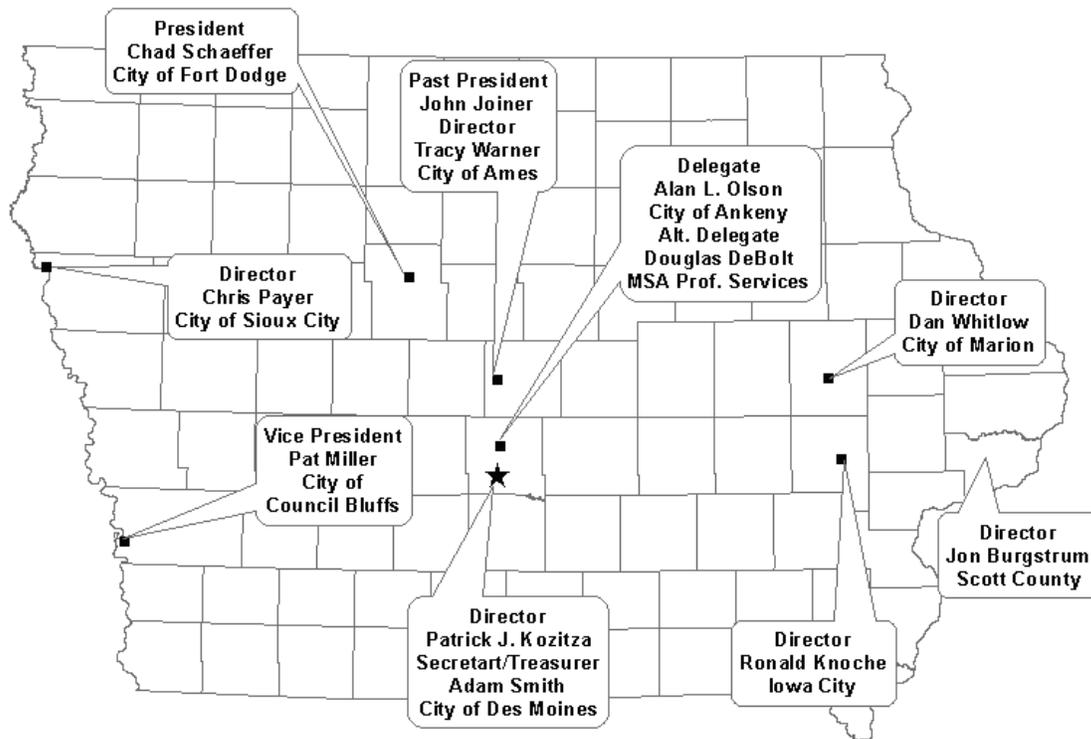
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APWA Iowa Chapter Statement of Financial Position

DESCRIPTION

ASSETS

Cash		
Checking	\$43,446.66	
Savings	\$0.00	
Certificates of deposit	\$0.00	
Investments		
Certificates of deposit	\$0.00	
Merrill Lynch Fund	\$0.00	
Furniture and Equipment	\$0.00	
Prepaid Deposits	\$0.00	
Pledges Receivable	\$0.00	

Total Assets \$43,446.66

LIABILITIES

Accounts Payable	\$0.00
Deferred Revenues	\$0.00

Total Liabilities _____

NET ASSETS \$43,446.66

Unrestricted:	\$43,446.66
Undesignated	\$0.00
Designated	
Temporarily Restricted	\$0.00
Permanently Restricted	\$0.00

Total Net Assets \$43,446.66

Total Liabilities and Net Assets \$43,446.66

January 5, 2011 through March 5, 2011

APWA MEETINGS CALENDAR

March 24, 2011	Strategic Planning Review HR Green Johnston, IA
April 10-13, 2011	N American Snow Conference Spokane, WA Johnston, IA
April 15, 2011	Executive Committee Mtg. HR Green Johnston, IA
May 15-21, 2011	National Public Works Week "Serving you and your community"
May 18-20, 2011	Mid-American Conference Kansas City, IA
June 17, 2011	Executive Committee Mtg. HR Green Johnston, IA
August 24-26, 2011	Fall Conference Fort Dodge, IA
Sept. 18-21, 2011	International Public Works Congress & Expo Denver, CO
November 18, 2011	Executive Committee Mtg. HR Green Johnston, IA



[2011 APWA Mid-America Conference](#)



THANK YOU FRIENDS OF APWA

The Friends of APWA is a group of corporate and business sponsors of the Chapter activities, especially the Annual Conferences. Through the financial support of the Friends, the Chapter is able to provide quality educational programs, networking opportunities, and social gatherings at a reasonable cost to the members. The Iowa Chapter of APWA is fortunate to have the “best of friends”. As members we all need to express our appreciation personally to the Friends.

THANKS!!

If you are interested in supporting the Iowa Chapter as a “Friend of APWA” contact Doug DeBolt, MSA Professional Services. at 515-554-5939

**Special thanks to the corporate community
for their assistance to John Joiner in making
the Fall Conference a great success!**



[APWA's 2011 International
Public Works Congress and Exposition
Denver, CO, Sept 18-21, 2011](#)



[APWA's 2011 North American Snow Conference Spo-
kane, WA, April 10 - 13](#)



[APWA's 2011 Sustainability in Public Works Conference
Portland, OR, June 27 - 29](#)