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2023 APWA KS Annual Fall Meeting



2024 APWA KS Spring Conference

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2023 APWA KS ANNUAL FALL MEETING INFORMATION

Date: Friday, October 13, 2023

Time: 9:30 AM - 3:00 PM

Location: Homewood Suites by Hilton

**115 E Mulberry St.
Salina, Kansas 67401**

The format of the meeting will be casual and interactive. Please enjoy this opportunity to network with colleagues, share your challenges and successes, and gather ideas, information, and energy from this professional development opportunity. APWA Members are encouraged to register and bring non-members. Registration by credit card:

<http://kansas.apwa.net>

Registration fees are \$40 per person.

Registration Deadline: Noon, Monday, October 6, 2023.

9:30 - 10:00	Pre-meeting break (coffee & snacks)
10:00 - 10:30	Annual Fall Business Meeting (Committee Reports and Election of Officers) Michael Heigert, P.E., Chapter President
10:30 - 11:20	Building Resiliency through FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Opportunities John Gassman Hazard Mitigation Assistance Branch Chief, FEMA
11:20 - 11:50	Kansas Safety Corridor Pilot Program David Schwartz, KDOT Assistant to the Director of Planning and Development
11:55 - 12:25	KDOT Update Greg Schieber, KDOT
12:30 - 1:20	Lunch - Box Lunch to be Provided
1:25 - 2:10	City of Manhattan - Joint Maintenance Facility Rob Ott (MHK)
2:15 - 2:50	City of Lawrence's American with Disabilities Act (ADA) Transition Plan for Public Rights of Way Evan Korynta, ADA Compliance Administrator
2:50 - 3:00	Gift Certificate Drawing/Dismissal

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July 13, 2023

Mr. Michael T. Heigert
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Dear Michael,

Congratulations! The Kansas chapter has been selected as a recipient of the Presidential Award for Chapter Excellence (PACE). In recognition of the chapter's impact on APWA's membership, professional development, and the advancement of public works, thank you for what your chapter is accomplishing.

PWX will take place in San Diego, California and we look forward to recognizing your chapter at the Awards ceremony that will take place at 5:00 pm on Monday, August 28th. Please look for an email from Rhonda Wilhite, Awards and Chapter Relations Associate with details. If you have any questions, she can be reached at rwilhite@apwa.net or by phone at 816-595-5261.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'BKPugh', is written over a white background.

Keith Pugh, P.E., PWLF
APWA President

Copy: Brian Clennan, Chapter Delegate
Joe Johnson, Regional Director

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APWA SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS 2023-2024

I typically start off this article with a little history of the scholarship program. I never know when a new member is going to read the articles Karla is able to collect for each publication and it always seems like a good idea to bring everyone up to speed. But I'm kinda tired of the history report. So we'll kick this one off with something new to add to our chapter history later. Earlier this year the board approved offering an additional scholarship to an engineering student attending Benedictine College. Benedictine College is an accredited institution located in Atchison, Kansas offering a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering. Currently, there are only two other universities in Kansas with an accredited Civil Engineering program: University of Kansas and Kansas State University. With the addition of Benedictine College, we now offer five total scholarships: two scholarships each to K-State and KU (no change), and one to Benedictine College. Each scholarship is for the same value (\$1000/semester) and open to juniors and seniors in good standing and pursuing a Bachelor of Science degree in civil engineering at each institution.

For this award year, we received seven applications for the Kansas State University Steve Webb Memorial Scholarship and one application from the University of Kansas. Unfortunately, we did not receive any applications from Benedictine College for this first offering. We will continue to promote our scholarship program at each of these schools through our outreach efforts which includes annual campus visits. If you know of a student who should apply, please encourage them to! It truly is a simple process.

Without further ado, I'd like to introduce our 2023-2024 Scholarship Recipients:

ALEXI FISHER



Alexi Fisher is a senior at the University of Kansas and hails from Olathe, Kansas. She is an engineering student ambassador for the School of Engineering and a recipient of the KU Excellence Scholarship each semester. Alexi is very involved in the community on and off campus and has demonstrated a strong commitment to Public Works with great aspirations to contribute to and make a positive impact in the field of public works.

NICHOLAS SAIA



Nicholas Saia is a Senior at Kansas State University with a 4.0 GPA. Also hailing from Olathe, Kansas, Nick has received several academic scholarships and has been a University Scholar for three years in a row. A large part of his focus has been on renewable energy. Nick is a member of the Wildcat Wind Power competition

team at K-State, worked with a team to approve a wind farm in Marshall County, and serves on the Flint Hills Transportation task force. He comes highly recommended to our scholarship program by our very own member, Rob Ott. Nick worked with the City of Manhattan to help secure funding for bicycle and pedestrian projects throughout the City, clearly demonstrating his interest in the Public Works arena.

ABBI CLARK



Abbi Clark, also a senior from Manhattan, Kansas, rounds out our scholarship recipients. Abbi has been awarded a long list of scholarships throughout her time at K-State. For as long as her list of scholarship awards is, her list of school activities is even longer and includes: Army ROTC Wildcat Battalion, team manager of the KSU Women's Soccer team, Concrete Canoe, Steel Ring, Calc III tutor, Women in Engineering Mentor, K-State Study Abroad (Italy), E-Lead, and ASCE. During the summers of 2021 and 2022, Abbi worked for the Kansas Department of Transportation primarily with construction inspection on bridge and highway projects. Over the winter, Abbi secured an internship with Olsson's Manhattan office and will start full time with them in May.

A Thank You From Abbi

Dear Ms. Hancock and members of the APWA Kansas Chapter,

I would like to express my sincere gratitude for selecting me as a recipient of the Steve Webb Memorial Scholarship. I am honored and appreciative of your support in furthering my education. Being deeply involved with Army ROTC, K-State Concrete Canoe, and my other engineering clubs, it is unrealistic for me to work during the school year. Receiving this scholarship not only lightens my financial burden but also allows me to focus on my personal, professional, academic, and club-related commitments.

I would like to extend my heartfelt appreciation for investing in students like me. I am committed to making the most of my opportunities while at K-State by excelling in my studies, personal growth, and assuming leadership roles within my organizations.

Upon graduation, my plan is to join the Army with the aspiration of becoming an Engineering Officer. I am actively working towards a career with USACE or in a similar capacity where I can contribute to infrastructure improvement, lifesaving efforts, and community development. Your support brings me closer to realizing these aspirations, and I want to express my gratitude for helping me on this path to success.

Thank you once again for your generosity and belief in my potential.

With heartfelt thanks,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Abigail H Clark".

Abbi Clark

FEMA REGION 7 UPDATE

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is working with public works officials in Kansas as communities face an increasing threat from natural disasters and hazards. The potential disasters and hazards that each community faces can vary, which is why FEMA works with local officials to reduce risk through hazard mitigation. Hazard Mitigation Assistance (HMA) provides both pre- and post-disaster grant funding to states, tribes, and local governments to reduce the potential damage from future disasters.

The Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP), the Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) grant, and the Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) grant fall under HMA. HMGP helps communities implement projects after a major disaster to reduce future disaster losses. Examples of HMGP projects include the acquisition and removal of structures from floodplains and drainage improvement projects. BRIC offers mitigation grant opportunities to communities without a recent federally declared disaster. BRIC funds may be used for capability and capacity-building activities, mitigation projects, and management costs. FEMA offers FMA grants for projects that reduce or eliminate the risk to buildings insured by the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). FMA grants can be used for project scoping, technical assistance, community flood mitigation projects, individual structure/property-level flood mitigation projects, and management costs.

More information about the programs can be found at <https://www.fema.gov/grants/mitigation>. FEMA Region 7, which serves Iowa, Missouri, Nebraska, and Kansas, looks forward to working with public works officials in Kansas this year to cultivate resilient communities.

FEMA REGION 7 KANSAS PRESENTATION

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Title of Presentation: Building Resiliency through FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Opportunities



Bio for Presenter: John Gassmann is a Hazard Mitigation Assistance Branch Chief for FEMA Region 7 in Kansas City, MO. As an HMA Branch Chief, John oversees federal grants to make communities in Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, and Nebraska more resilient to natural hazards. Before joining FEMA, John served as the State Hazard Mitigation Officer for Nebraska. John is a native Kansan, a graduate of the University of Kansas and the US Naval War College, and a retired Cavalry officer from the Nebraska Army National Guard.

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