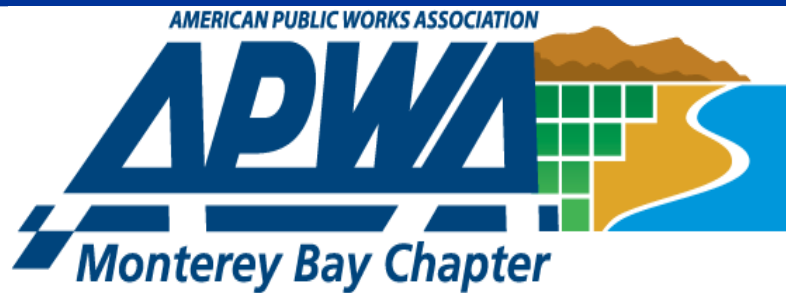


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President's Column

Welcome to the New Uncertain.

We didn't expect to be where we are today. Governor Newsom has declared a state of emergency in response to coronavirus which is reaching pandemic proportions. The global economy is experiencing the greatest upset since the housing bubble broke. In the wake of the last two economic downturns we were told that we need to adjust to the "new normal." We face the new uncertain and hope that this is not a new normal as we adjust to the demands of a global health crisis. One thing is certain, there is a future beyond this current challenge. Each of us has played a key role in building and maintaining the infrastructure that supports the response to this crisis and we will play a role in the changes needed going forward.

Cancelling of events that gather people happened in rapid succession. Your Monterey Bay Chapter Board of Directors made the decision to cancel the March General Meeting. Thanks go out to the County of Santa Cruz for their willingness to host the event and the efforts of many that were working to make the meeting possible.

The health crisis will hit organizations like APWA in a hard way. When you get right down to it, APWA exists to bring like-minded professionals together to network, promote, recognize, and encourage the future of public works in our community. Most of our efforts go to organizing events.

Your Directors remain committed to serving you and will be approaching future planning with prudence to be in line with the best practices being implemented across the nation.

Until we meet again, I thank all of you for your ongoing efforts to keep our community safe.

Brian McMinn, PE, PLS
2020 Monterey Bay APWA Chapter President
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Council of Chapters Winter Delegate Meeting Report February 20-22, 2020 in Kansas City



Council of Chapters (COC)

The COC is the link between APWA national and the local chapters. The board of directors for each of the 63 APWA chapters has a delegate and an alternate delegate that meet twice a year on a national level to serve as the conduit between the national organization and the local chapters. The delegates share the goals of APWA national with the chapters and inform national of the local happenings.

The chapter delegate and alternate delegate goals are:

- Goal 1: To Serve as a Resource by directly participating in the COC, committees, focus groups, and thus learning to be a capable resource for the chapter, region, and national association
- Goal 2: To Serve as Liaison between all the chapters of the Association, within the chapters, and between chapters and the Association committees.
- Goal 3: To Serve as Advocate for the Association, the chapter members, the chapter board, public works professional, and the public at large.

National Message Brought Back by the Alternate Delegate

Our alternate delegate, Philip Edwards, attended the February 2020 COC winter meeting in Kansas City. During the winter meeting the APWA revealed the Strategic Goals and Activities for the next years. The strategic goals are:

- VALUE: Promote the value of public works and enhance its visibility and awareness
- VOICE: Be the voice of public works to government leaders, the public, and media
- EDUCATION & CREDENTIALING: Provide excellence in education and credentialing
- MEMBERSHIP & CHAPTERS: Deliver an outstanding and valuable membership experience in collaboration with chapters

The strategic Goals & Activities are designed to support our vision and mission statements.

VISION STATEMENT: Advancing quality of life for all

MISSION STATEMENT: Support those who operate, improve and maintain public works and infrastructure through **advocacy, education & member engagement.**

These goals are designed to bring honor, dignity, pride, and sense of accomplishment to the people who provide public works services to the general public. A primary goal of the APWA and the chapter delegates is to advocate for the public works professionals who give their lives to deliver this service.

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Alternate Delegate Highlights and Notes

- Advocacy Ambassador: Each chapter should assign an advocacy ambassador to inform the chapter of current public works bills at the national, state, and local level that effect the chapters constituents. For the Monterey Bay Chapter this includes the APWA California Advocacy Committee Teleconference with Lisa Rapp
- Monterey Bay Advocacy Ambassador: Philip Edwards
- A new Chapter Bylaw Template has been released and is based on the current national bylaws and can be found at:
https://www.apwa.net/CLR/Chapter_Mgmt/Chapter_Management_landing_pg.aspx?hkey=f7b5ed19-eb30-45bf-be08-0055975d8d71&WebsiteKey=d82f358a-1e05-4bcf-87c5-9cd72d58fdf8&New_ContentCollectionOrganizerCommon=2#New_ContentCollectionOrganizerCommon
- When transitioning to QuickBooks our chapter can participate in an investment strategy by De Meo Investing. This provides us the opportunity to grow our money.
- The San Diego Chapter is reaching out to the other California Chapters to seeking assistance and funding for PWX 2023 which will be held in San Diego.
- Look for monthly talking point from the Region VIII Director (Shahnawaz Ahmad)
- Current Committee Structure:
 - Steering Committee (Reviews all Committees and Committee Structure)
 - Asset Management Committee
 - Center for Sustainability
 - Emergency Management Committee
 - Facilities & Grounds Committee
 - Professional Development Committee
 - Solid Waste Management Committee
 - Utilities and Public Rights-of-Way Committee

CHAPTER NEWS

After 35 years Jeff Krebs “retired” from the City of Monterey and joined Harris Associates as a Construction Manager.

We were going to present Chris Schneider, City of Santa Cruz with his Lifetime Membership at the March APWA Dinner. The dinner was canceled due to COVID-19 so we'll present it to him at our next APWA Dinner.

Just a couple more days for college students and potential employer to apply for the Chapter Intern Program. See the application forms on the next couple of pages.

Order your NPWW Poster from the APWA Store!

<https://www.apwa.net/Store/detail.aspx?id=PSTR20>



APWA developed a "Coronavirus and the Public Works Community" resource webpage. You'll find information and links broken down into three categories: **Resources**, **News**, and **Share Your Experience**. The **Resources** section provides you with links to health organizations, federal agencies, APWA's partner organizations, and other public works-specific websites. In the **News** section, you can find the latest updates on federal actions for COVID-19 emergency funds and links to the latest editions of the APWA Washington Report for additional federal legislation and guidelines.

The **Share Your Experience** section of the page provides you with links to APWA's Public Works COVID-19 Discussion Board where you can connect with others in the public works community to share your experiences and best practices and a link to the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) survey where you can let the federal government know how to better assist you and your community



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January 2020

Subject: Internships Opportunities for Engineering Students

The American Public Works Association Monterey Bay Chapter launched an internship program in 2011. The Chapter serves as liaison between students and public works agencies/firms willing to hire interns during the summer or school semester. Our goal is to place engineering students with cities, counties, districts or private firms to give students the opportunity to gain valuable work experience in a rewarding profession.

Eligibility:

In order to be eligible for the APWA Internship, students must be:

- Currently enrolled at a community college or university
- Pursuing a degree in a public works related curriculum such as civil engineering, construction management, or other closely related discipline
- A permanent resident within the Chapter (Monterey, Santa Cruz and San Benito Counties).

Requirements:

Eligible students are asked to submit:

- Completed Internship Application Form
- Personal Statement summarizing your background, interests, achievements and career goals (no longer than 2 pages)
- List of classes in which you are currently enrolled and those you propose to take in the next 12 months
- Resume
- Letter of Recommendation (from either college advisor, teacher, employer or supervisor)

Due Date:

Application deadline is 5:00PM on April 3, 2020.

Completed applications will be made available to all interested agencies and firms that are participating in the Internship Program. Applications can be emailed to Maria Esther Rodriguez at:

maria.esther.rodriguez@cityofwatsonville.org

Questions???: Contact Maria Esther via e-mail or at (831) 768-3112.

Sincerely,

Brian McMinn
Monterey Bay APWA Chapter President

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APWA INTERNSHIP APPLICATION FORM

Applicant Name:

Address:

City/State/Zip:

Email:

Telephone:

School Attending:

Major:

No Of Units Enrolled in Major:

Expected Date of Graduation:

I understand that all information will remain confidential and only be provided to firms and agencies participating in APWA Monterey Bay Chapter - Internship Program. If awarded an internship, APWA has my permission to publicize my picture and internship to APWA Chapter and National, and I agree to attend an APWA Monterey Bay Chapter Meeting.

Signature

Date

I have included the following attachments:

___ Personal Statement

___ List of classes

___ Resume

___ Letter of Recommendation



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Subject: Contribution to Fund Internships for College Students

Dear Colleague:

In 2011, the American Public Works Association Monterey Bay Chapter launched an internship program. The Chapter serves as liaison between students and public works agencies/firms willing to hire interns during the summer or school semester. Our goal is to place engineering students with cities, counties, districts or private firms to give students the opportunity to gain some work experience.

Intern positions may include such emphasis as: traffic engineering, development review, transportation engineering, construction management and inspection, storm water pollution prevention, drainage and flood control. Some of the internships are paid (typically around \$14-\$18 per hour); most assignments would be in the Monterey Bay Area.

The Monterey Bay Chapter is ready to provide up to \$6,000 this year in sponsorships to member agencies/firms interested in supporting this program to subsidize their costs of hiring interns. If your agency is interested in participating, please submit a proposal containing the following information:

- Name of agency and contact person
- Work location and proposed dates/timeframe
- Proposed work for student intern
- Description of what experience/exposure your agency can offer
- Amount your agency would pay for student intern.

Proposals can be emailed to Maria Esther Rodriguez at:
maria.esther.rodriquez@cityofwatsonville.org

Proposals will be accepted by COB on April 3, 2020. Proposals will be reviewed and ranked. Sponsorship decision will be made by April 17, 2020. Agencies awarded sponsorships will be required to request reimbursement within one year of award.

Thank you for your support of our local students! We look forward to a mutually beneficial internship program. Contact Maria Esther via e-mail or at (831) 768-3112 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Brian McMinn
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