



**APWA-NC President’s Message: Conferences + Planning for 2012 and Beyond.....**

by B. Keith Pugh, APWA-NC Chapter President

**Conferences:**

Our Annual Conference and Equipment Show in Asheville was a success by all measures! Mr. Brian Dehler (Chapter President-Elect) put together an excellent technical program and through the effort of many people, the event was a benefit to all who attended. I am always impressed with the value of our APWA dollar through these events.



As Chapter President, I’ve also been fortunate to attend a couple of Division conferences in addition to the Annual Conference. The combined Administrative Management Division/ Technology Division conference was held in July at Sea Trail Resort and Conference Center in beautiful Sunset Beach. I took my family with me and we had a great time enjoying the conference activities and the surrounding area. We invited the South Carolina Chapter President to join us at the conference in an effort to develop a stronger relationship and discuss potential partnership opportunities with training and networking events. Stay tuned..... we may have a combined training outreach with SC in the near future.

The Solid Waste Division conference prompted my return to Sunset Beach during August. The educational, social and networking opportunities were both informative and interesting. Our motivational speaker was excellent and enjoyed by all. I was even talked into participating in the Karaoke. I’ll leave the reviews (good or bad) to those in attendance.... But I will say that Lynyrd Skynyrd was in the house!

I look forward to attending the combined Streets Division/Equipment Services Division conference in Concord at the end of September. You can find registration information on both of these events on the chapter website. Be sure to check the chapter calendar regularly for updated information on all of our workshops and conferences. <http://northcarolina.apwa.net/events/chapter/>

**Planning:**

I’m not sure about the timing of this newsletter, but our National APWA Congress will be held in Denver, Colorado in mid-September. I’m looking forward to representing the Chapter along with other officers to accept the PACE award for the 10<sup>th</sup> time in the past 12 years. Congratulations to the North Carolina Chapter for this achievement! During Congress, we have a few chapter members who will begin their service on National Committees: Jeffery Brown (2012 Congress Program Committee), David Mason (Public Works Project of the Year Selection Committee), Keith Pugh (Government Affairs Committee), and Scott Whalen (Center for Sustainability).

This is also the time of year to cast your vote for the Chapter’s slate of officers. We are fortunate to have a strong ballot with many qualified (and willing) individuals who desire to serve the Chapter in a leadership role. So, please cast your vote and return it prior to the deadline.

Included with the ballot is a separate issue concerning the re-naming of the Water Resources Division. We need your vote to change this to the *Stormwater Management Division*. The Chapter Executive Board voted on this proposed

change during our July meeting. The name change was initiated by the Division and supported unanimously by the Chapter Board. This division has functioned for years as a stormwater group and the name change will better identify their primary focus and clarify their role within the Chapter.

And finally, I’d like to thank a good number of you who have already participated in the Chapter Survey distributed during our conferences this year. The information we gather through this process will be critical to the continued success of our Chapter. Your Executive Board recognizes that needs, expectations and budgets greatly influence how effective we are as an organization. In this survey, we ask our members, our sponsors and those public works officials who aren’t members about their opinions, preferences, needs and desires. We are doing this in an effort to better align our services and programs with the needs of our members! So please, answer truthfully, completely and be as blunt as you like. We want to hear what we need to continue doing or what we need to change in order to better serve you and provide what you expect from this organization. We will send a blast email out to all Chapter members to solicit your input with a link to the survey. The survey (the long and the short versions) will be open to the membership through October, 2011. We will use the results to refine and possibly redefine our service goals.

In closing, I’ll state once again that it is a privilege to serve you and represent the North Carolina Chapter. Your dedication and hard work continue to inspire me to perform my best.

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## APWA Awards and Achievements

In 2011 has been another busy year for the APWA-NC Awards Program. The committee has been hard at work evaluating chapter nominations and assisting with national nomination submittals, preparing for and participating in awards presentations.

The chapter endorsed eight nominations for national awards, two of which were selected, with hopefully one more to come!!! While all applicants certainly well deserved, the following individuals were selected to receive NATIONAL recognition:

- ◆ *Mr. Carl Dawson* (City of Raleigh) Top Ten Public Works Leader!
- ◆ *HDR, Inc.* - APWA's 2011 Harry S. Swearingen Award for Outstanding Achievement and Excellence in Chapter Service - Corporate Member

Congratulations to Carl and HDR for such well deserved recognition!!!

Our Chapter has once again won the PACE Award. Many, many thanks to *Flip Bombardier* for his efforts again this year in preparing the PACE submittal!!!

At the Chapter Awards level, the Committee was overwhelmed with sixteen nominations!!! After thoughtful deliberations, the following recipients were selected.

- ◆ *Mark Combs* (Town of Black Mountain) Robert K. Seals Distinguished Service Award
- ◆ *Layton Lamb* (City of Charlotte) Robert S. Hopson Award
- ◆ *Karen "Liz" Calloway* (City of Asheville) H.W. Kueffner Award
- ◆ *Tim Shaw* (City of Sanford) Samuel A. Greeley Award
- ◆ *Bob Wilson* (US Infrastructure) Robert S. Linkner Award
- ◆ *Cindy Forrester* (City of Gastonia) Jean Seals Award
- ◆ *Russell Byrd* (City of Winston-Salem) President's Award

In addition to being honored at Congress (National Awards) and the Chapter Past Presidents Dinner (chapter awards), these recipients have or will receive this recognition a second time in front of their peers at work. This is a tradition that the committee began in 2008, and based on the feedback we have received, one that will hopefully continue.



*Carl Dawson, City of Raleigh, joins Elizabeth Treadway, Chris Thompson, and Flip Bombardier, all North Carolina APWA members, who have been recognized in past years by the national organization as Top Ten Public Works Leaders.*

As you can see, 2011 has been another very active and successful year for the Committee. Thanks to everyone who took the time to nominate someone, and assist in the preparation of the nominations.

I would again like to extend my sincere appreciation to the members of the Awards Committee:

- ◆ *Steve Nichols* (Telics)
- ◆ *Katy Kalb* (City of Durham retired)
- ◆ *Ted Kallam* (City of Greensboro)
- ◆ *Lanny Rhew* (City of Burlington)
- ◆ *Keith Pugh* (City of High Point)
- ◆ *Bob Linkner* (HDR)

A special thanks to *Keith Pugh* and *Flip Bombardier* for their hard work, assistance and support!!!

It is not too early to begin thinking about who you would like to nominate for an award next year. Please visit our website for more information on the awards program.

It has been a pleasure to again serve with such wonderful folks, and a true privilege to be involved in recognizing such outstanding individuals that have and continue to be such a vital part of the continued legacy of success that is the North Carolina Chapter of the American Public Works Association. On a personal note, to have had the privilege to chair this committee, and also be the recipient of one is both a fun and humbling experience.

Best regards,  
Russell Byrd, 2011 Awards Committee Chair

## *More APWA Awards and Achievements*

Achieving an APWA national certification is no easy accomplishment, so we wish to honor these individuals in every way possible. The purpose of Certification is to recognize the achievements of an individual in a particular profession.

Although many of you may be aware of the Certified Program established by the American Public Works Association, the following colleagues have passed the examination process and are listed as completing the process as of June 2011. If you meet them in your travels, give them a hearty congratulations

### *Certified Public Infrastructure Inspector*

Monte Clampett, CPII, City of Asheville, Asheville, NC  
Jeanette L. Hall, CPII, City of Jacksonville, Jacksonville, NC  
David Johnson, CPII, Town of Cary, Cary, NC

### *Certified Stormwater Managers*

Melanie Clerkley, CSM, Town of Hope Mills, Hope Mills, NC  
Dan Clinton, CSM, Town of Cary, Cary, NC  
Jeff Corley, CSM, City of Concord, Concord, N

### *Certified Public Fleet Professionals*

Ronald Brown, CFPF, City of Conover, Conover, NC  
Edward Parham, CFPF, Buncombe County, Asheville, NC



*APWA-NC Past Presidents who attended the Past President's Dinner at the Annual Equipment Show and State Chapter Conference in Asheville in June 2011.*

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*The 2011 APWA-NC's H.W. Kueffner Award for Outstanding Municipal and Community Service was presented to Liz Calloway on June 13, 2011. The presentation was made at the Past Presidents and Awards Dinner during the State Chapter Conference in Asheville.*

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*Keith Pugh, City of High Point, accepting a plaque and recognition from Gary Smith, City of High Point, as the APWA-NC Chapter President for 2011.*

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The N.C. General Assembly has adjourned - for now - and so member associations like the N.C. League of Municipalities have spent the past few weeks taking stock of legislative changes made so far this year. You can find a full recap of issues-initiated annexations that were already in progress. Essentially, these bills voided the lawfully passed ordinances that allowed the annexations to proceed. League members opposed these bills due to the precedent they set: what happens if the legislature sees some other lawful local government action and disapproves? Will it seek to overturn that action with a bill voiding that action? These bills passed by the legislature give local officials little faith that they have any authority to pass ordinances.

The legislature will continue its work by reconvening for a constitutional amendment session in September. As always, you may contact me about dealing with municipal government [here on the League's website](#), and if you want in-depth analysis of the more complicated issues, you can read the [legislative memos](#) written by the League's legal and research staff.

This legislative session provided a distinct departure from previous ones, mainly due to the philosophical change that accompanied the shift in majorities from Democratic to Republican. Motivated by a century of being in the minority party, new legislators pushed for quick, substantial changes to areas of state law that had long been settled under former Democratic majorities.

Municipalities in particular faced a tall roadblock right off the bat. First, as local governments, they represented another governmental unit that legislators felt could use more restraint. A slew of bills were filed, and some even passed, restricting the authority of municipalities to act in areas such as land use, zoning, broadband, environmental regulation, public safety, electric utilities, and open government.

Ultimately, League members found they could not get traction on these other issues until the legislature dealt with the elephant in the room: annexation. Opposition to city-initiated annexation had been building for years, fueled by a small but well-organized citizen's group. The new legislative majority placed reform of the state's annexation statutes on its top-ten list of issues to address in the first 100 days of the legislative session. Legislators succeeded in their goal, ultimately passing [HB 845 - Annexation Reform Act of 2011](#). Read more about the final days of the debate on [the League's blog](#).

Why should public works employees care about these changes to the state's annexation laws? First, the changes promise to restrain the way cities grow and provide services to residents long into the future. We anticipate the changes will make city growth much more difficult, thus pressuring budgets and placing burdens of providing municipal services on a shrinking group of residents.

Second, the ultimate bargaining chip during the annexation debate was the provision of water and sewer service to annexed residents. Under the new laws, if a municipality initiates an annexation, it must provide both water and sewer service to every home in the annexed area. This provision of service would occur if over 50% of annexed residents request the service. The municipality would have 3.5 years to complete the installation of water and sewer lines. Of course, this requirement raises many technical and legal issues which must be worked out as cities learn to annex under these new provisions.

Legislators did not stop with changing the city-initiated annexation statutes. They also passed [bills](#) that applied retroactively to stop certain city-initiated annexations that were already in progress. Essentially, these bills voided the lawfully passed ordinances that allowed the annexations to proceed. League members opposed these bills due to the precedent they set: what happens if the legislature sees some other lawful local government action and disapproves? Will it seek to overturn that action with a bill voiding that action? These bills passed by the legislature give local officials little faith that they have any authority to pass ordinances.

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### *Newsletter Submission Dates*

By D. J. Señeres, Newsletter Chair

Please mark your calendars with the newsletter deadline of November 15 for the Winter issue.

Thanks for the past submissions from Division Presidents. Please remember to attach your article text and any supporting photographs; Include below the title of the article who the author of the article is and the organization he or she represents i.e.,

Article for Newsletter  
By John Doe or Jane Doe, Name of Organization

**SAVE THESE DATES . . . . .**



**Buildings and Grounds Fall Workshop - October 21, 2011**

The Buildings and Grounds Division will be holding a one day workshop covering Facility Management on October 21, 2011 in New Bern. Come join us for a session packed full of valuable information and strategies along with great networking opportunities. We will not be having a full conference until April, 2012 so we have decided to provide valuable educational workshops during 2011. Our workshop will be held at the Cullman Hall at the North Carolina History Center at Tryon Palace.

**Solid Waste Division Fall Workshop - October 26, 2011**

Oct 26, 2011 in Burlington - check website for more details

**2011 APWA-NC Meet and Greet Luncheon! - Thursday, December 1, 2011**

Each year the North Carolina Chapter of APWA hosts a Meet and Greet luncheon for new, curious, and potential members who would like to know a little more about the chapter and have an opportunity to meet the chapter's leadership. This luncheon is intended to be informative and fun!

Please plan to attend on Thursday, December 1, 2011

11:00 AM - 12:45 PM, Raleigh, NC

Check the website for more details

**Chapter Leader Training December 1, 2011 1:00 pm**

Training sessions will be held for chapter leaders including, Executive Board, Division Boards and Committees. The training will be followed by dinner and a Chapter Officer Installation Ceremony in Raleigh.

**2013 APWA North American Snow Conference, Charlotte, April 7-9, 2013**



## *The Relevance of History in Public Works*

*Submitted by Teresa Hon, Professional Development Program Manager,  
American Public Works Association Professional Development*

As the current President of the Public Works Historical Society (PWHS), I am often asked the question why be a member? The answer was brought home to me again just the other day on a conference call with the other Trustees of the PWHS. We were discussing our newest oral history venture—an interview with Robert Albee. Those of you who attended Congress in Boston may have been fortunate enough to attend his session on the Big Dig.

Robert Albee, former Boston city engineer and Central Artery/Tunnel construction director, is Managing Director of Telecommunications Engineering; he directs mega-utility projects for VHB, an engineering, land planning and environmental services firm with private and public clients. Bob was in charge of the Big Dig and prior to the start of the project he had his staff read the "The Power Broker: Robert Moses and the Fall of New York" by Robert Caro. Why? Here is a bit of information about Robert Moses and his career as an urban planner.

"His (Robert Moses') works remain extremely controversial. His critics claim that he preferred automobiles to people, that he displaced hundreds of thousands of residents in New York City, uprooted traditional neighborhoods by building expressways through them, contributed to the ruin of the South Bronx and the amusement parks of Coney Island, caused the departure of the Brooklyn Dodgers and the New York Giants Major League baseball teams, and precipitated the decline of public transport through disinvestment and neglect." (From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia)

Bob wanted his staff to learn from the mistakes of another historical figure responsible for numerous infrastructure projects in New York City, prior to undertaking the Big Dig in hopes that a greater sensitivity would be shown by staff members during the project.

### *Public Works Historical Society Invites You to Join!*

The Society's logo (above) is a depiction of the nation's first federal public work, the Cape Henry Lighthouse at Chesapeake Bay, Virginia. Built in 1791 at the specific direction of the first Congress of the United States, President George Washington and Treasury Secretary Alexander Hamilton were personally involved with the project. The lighthouse was built on the site of the landing of the Susan Constant, the ship carrying settlers who founded Jamestown in 1607—the first permanent English speaking colony in the new world. The lighthouse stands today as a historical monument not only to our nation's heritage, but also to the timelessness of public works.

The mission of the Society is to enhance the planning and management of public works programs, and to promote public understanding and appreciation of the role of public works in the growth and development of civilization. The Society accomplishes this mission through the collection, preservation, and dissemination of public works history. Specifically, the goals of the Society are to: Foster scholarly research and publication;

Support collaboration among public works practitioners, historians, and educators;  
Encourage the preservation of historically significant public works;  
Promote historical awareness and activities throughout APWA; and  
Collect and preserve records of individuals and groups engaged in important public works activities.

The Public Works Historical Society (Society) was chartered in 1975 by the American Public Works Association (APWA) to prepare a history of public works in America to coincide with the United States bicentennial. Our official formation was announced at the Cosmos Club in Washington, D.C., on April 10, 1975. Senator Jennings Randolph - then Chairman of the Senate Public Works Committee - was the principal speaker. The Society's first annual meeting followed later that year in New Orleans.

During our 35-year history, the Society has evolved as an historical organization, having published volumes of books, essays, and articles; administered research grants; sponsored award programs; and hosted academic seminars and meetings.

Membership in the PHWS is comprised of public works practitioners, historians, authors and educators, and is open to all, regardless of APWA affiliation. The annual dues are \$35, and can be paid separately or with APWA dues. For membership information, please go to:

<http://www.apwa.net/About/SIG/PWHS/member.asp>

*[The Wisconsin State Chapter Historical & Archives Committee Chair, Bill Kappel, is currently serving as President of the PHWS Board of Trustees. A special thanks to Bob Moorhead, Washington State Chapter History Committee Chair and current Trustee on the PHWS Board for his contributions to this article]*

## *APWA Life Membership:*

APWA members who meet any ONE of the following requirements are eligible for Life membership.\*

- ◆ continuous membership for 30 years
- ◆ continuous membership for 20 years and age 70
- ◆ continuous membership for 20 years, age 65 and fully retired from active service for which compensation is received

In addition any individual who has been a member continuously for 10 years may be designated a Life Member by special action of the board of directors in recognition of outstanding service to the Association.

From the records I have, I can only address the 30 years of membership. The folks that meet this criteria are listed below:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Mr. Richard T. Timmerman</li> <li>◆ Mr. Joe H. Berrier</li> <li>◆ Mr. Daniel A. Okun</li> <li>◆ Mr. Leon C. Cheek, Jr</li> <li>◆ Mr. Richard J. Lynch</li> <li>◆ Mr. J E. Hinkel</li> <li>◆ Mr. Lloyd G. Byrd</li> <li>◆ Mr. Kenneth E. Wright</li> <li>◆ Mr. Carl D. Wills</li> <li>◆ Mr. Paschal W. Swann</li> <li>◆ Mr. Gilbert R. Alligood</li> <li>◆ Mr. E K. Hoffman</li> <li>◆ Mr. David Cox</li> <li>◆ Mr. Kenneth G. Gillis</li> <li>◆ Mr. Clark D. Readling</li> <li>◆ Mr. Thomas Nolan</li> <li>◆ Mr. Douglas S. Roberson</li> <li>◆ Mr. Charles R. Southerland</li> <li>◆ Mr. Pressly F. Beaver</li> <li>◆ Mr. Stanley J. Endlich</li> <li>◆ Mr. Russell Waters</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Mr. Fritz Schwarting</li> <li>◆ Mr. Bobby B. Teague</li> <li>◆ Mr. D Lendell Smith, Jr</li> <li>◆ Mr. William P. McDowell, III</li> <li>◆ Mr. Larry B. Thomas</li> <li>◆ Mr. Larry S. Harvell</li> <li>◆ Mr. Gary L. Mills</li> <li>◆ Mr. William G. Lapsley</li> <li>◆ Mr. W. Howard Wood</li> <li>◆ Mr. Robert E. Linkner</li> <li>◆ Mr. Joe K. Donaldson</li> <li>◆ Mr. John A. Ray</li> <li>◆ Mr. Edward N. Sizer</li> <li>◆ Mr. Robert S. Kennedy</li> <li>◆ Mr. Clarence M. Lockamy</li> <li>◆ Mr. Donald E. Knibb</li> <li>◆ Mr. H. Dixon Ivey</li> <li>◆ Mr. Dumont Bunker</li> <li>◆ Mr. Lenward M. Jones</li> <li>◆ Mr. Malcolm Lewis</li> </ul> |
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Also, from the Membership roster, there are 2 individuals that may also be Life Members. Like the 30-year members above, their renewal date is 12/31/2099 in the roster. They probably meet the requirement to be retired and have 20 years of membership.

- ◆ Mr. S. Frank Wyatt
- ◆ Mr. James T. Pratt, III





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