

## Fall Conference Wrap-Up

Thank you to all who were able to attend this year's APWA Iowa Chapter Fall Conference. We had great registration numbers - 176 conference registrants, 76 golfers, and 20 exhibitors. Check out the [event website](#) to find the 1) attendee list, 2) downloadable CEU form, and 3) PDF versions of the presentations. Extra thanks to our awesome conference hosts and sponsors!



## Award Winners

During the Fall Conference, the chapter recognizes members who provide outstanding service to the chapter during the year. Congratulations to all of this year's recipients. Check out the [awards page](#) on our website to find award descriptions.

This year's award winners are as follows:

- ❖ Public Works Leader of the Year – Scott Sovers, City of Iowa City
- ❖ Past President Award – Scott Sovers, City of Iowa City
- ❖ Contractor of the Year – Merit Construction Company
- ❖ Al Olson Excellence in Public Works Operations – John Klostermann, City of Dubuque
- ❖ Chapter Service Award – Rob Kline, Foth
- ❖ Stan Ring Award – Rick Fosse, University of Iowa
- ❖ Past Director Award – Michael Duffy, City of Cedar Rapids
- ❖ Historic Restoration/Preservation – City of Britt, Bolton & Menk, Maquire Iron
- ❖ Young Leader of the Year – Eryn Stone, City of Cedar Rapids
- ❖ Project of the Year, Transportation > \$2.5M – City of Marion, Anderson Bogert, Rahje, RDG
- ❖ Project of the Year, Environment > \$2.5 – City of Ames, Keller Excavating, WHKS
- ❖ President's Award – Kim Sandberg, City of Iowa City



*Tracy Peterson and John Klostermann celebrating John's Al Olson Award*



*The awards committee provided excellent entertainment with a fun game of Wheel of Fortune!*

## Award Winners (Continued)

### L.O. Stewart Service Award:

- ❖ Scott Chiri, City of Johnston
- ❖ Erik Hill, City of Ames
- ❖ Joy Huber, City of Cedar Rapids
- ❖ Dave Odor, City of Ft. Dodge
- ❖ Dan Pritchard, City of Des Moines
- ❖ Beth Richards, InTrans/ISU
- ❖ Wayne Ryckaert, Scott County
- ❖ Chad Schaeffer, City of Ft. Dodge
- ❖ Brian Steenblock, City of Coralville

### Samuel A. Greeley Service Award:

- ❖ Bret Hodne, City of West Des Moines
- ❖ John Joiner, City of Ames
- ❖ John Klostermann, City of Dubuque

### 25 Year Award:

- ❖ John Gibson, City of Grimes
- ❖ Jeff Krist, City of Council Bluffs
- ❖ Brian Sullivan, Retired, City of Waverly
- ❖ Ron Wiese, City of West Des Moines

## Emerging Leaders

The Iowa Chapter would like to congratulate Brian Hommer (City of Des Moines), Shane McQuillan (City of Des Moines), Kylie Petersen (City of Cedar Rapids), and Eryn Stone (City of Cedar Rapids) for being accepted in the Emerging Leaders Class of 2023-2024. The Emerging Leaders is a class of 32 leaders and the Iowa Chapter has 4 members (12.5%) for a state that has 0.96% of the nation's population (2021) – just a fun fact. They will start their journey with a class retreat in Kansas City, MO on November 9-11, 2023. So please make sure you congratulate them the next time you see them!



Brian Hommer



Shane McQuillan



Kylie Petersen



Eryn Stone

## Election of Officers

The Annual Iowa Chapter Business Meeting was held during lunch of the fall conference. The following officers were elected and will assume their roles in the new calendar year.

- ❖ President - Mike Duffy (City of Cedar Rapids)
- ❖ President-Elect - Kevin Hensley (City of Grimes)
- ❖ Region 2 Director - Justin Clausen (City of Ames)
- ❖ Region 4 Director - Matt Cox (City of Council Bluffs)
- ❖ Region 5 Director - Sara Kappos (City of Waukee)
- ❖ Region 6 Director - Nicole Gleason (City of Davenport)

The full list of Iowa Chapter officer contacts can be found [on our website](https://iowa.apwa.org/).

## Retirements

The Iowa Chapter has two more great leaders and mentors with illustrious careers to celebrate - Bret Hodne and John Klostermann. Bret, City of West Des Moines Public Services Director, retired on Sept. 8 after working for the city for over 34 years. John Klostermann, City of Dubuque Public Works Director, retired on October 20 after 48 years of service to the city.

Bret and John are both well known for their expertise in winter maintenance, having served on the APWA Winter Maintenance Subcommittee for numerous years. Both have also received the most prestigious awards from the Iowa Chapter and National APWA, including Iowa Chapter Leader of the Year, Al Olson Excellence in Public Works Operations Award, Stan Ring Distinguished Service Award, and APWA Top Ten Public Works Leader of the Year Award.

Although Bret retired from the City of West Des Moines, he started a new adventure as the public works director for Buckeye, Arizona, a Phoenix suburb. You can read more [here](#). John plans to enjoy his retirement by spending more time with his family and serenading Dubuque riverboat passengers. (Maybe we'll get him to sing at future Iowa Chapter events?!) Congratulations to Bret and John!



*John and Bret signing together in San Diego*

## Upcoming Training Opportunities (through LTAP)

1. Monthly Webinars/Online Workshops
  - a. W-Beam Bridge Rails for Low-Volume Rural Roads: Issues and Solutions (11/16/23 @ 12:00 PM)
  - b. Highway Design and Maintenance for Horse-Drawn Vehicles (12/07/23 @ 12:00 PM)
2. Workshops
  - a. 2023 Iowa Winter Maintenance Workshop Series (6 Locations – Nov. 7-16)
  - b. AutoCAD Basics 2023 (11/07/23 @ 9:00 AM)

Check out [Iowa LTAP's website](#) for more information or to register for any of their upcoming events. Please contact [Keith Knapp](#) with any questions.

## Food Drive Donations

During the Fall Conference Golf Outing, food donations were collected to support a local charity. The chosen charity this year was Community Crisis Services of Iowa City. Our chapter president, Scott Sovers, took the donations of 292 pounds of food and \$40 cash to the group. Staff at the Community Crisis Services were very appreciative of our donations. Thanks to all that donated to this worthy cause!



## Other Upcoming Events...

- Iowa Chapter Spring Conference (4/4-4/5) – West Des Moines
- North American Snow Conference (4/28 - 5/1) - Kansas City, MO
- PWX (9/8 - 9/11) - Atlanta, GA
- Iowa Chapter Fall Conference (9/25 - 9/27) - Cedar Rapids

## Presidential Award for Chapter Excellence (PACE)

Did you know the Iowa Chapter has won the APWA Presidential Award for Chapter Excellence 12 times? The only way this award is won is by highlighting all the amazing things our chapter does! Please send content or photos to [Katie Eickholt](#). Photos and writeups from National Public Works Week, community outreach programs, or PWX are particularly requested. The Iowa Chapter's past PACE nominations are posted on [our website](#). Volunteers to help contribute to the write-up of the PACE nomination are also always welcome.

## Public Works Service Bureau

The Iowa [Public Works Service Bureau](#) (PWSB) provides resources for public works staff from cities of all sizes to connect with one another in order to improve work efficiencies, learn new techniques, and maximize available resources. Use the link above to check out all the PWSB has to offer. Much of the most valuable resources are available to members only, so if you haven't already, join today. Signing up as a member is easy and FREE!

## Iowa Chapter Apparel

You can order APWA Iowa Chapter apparel from Force Fitters any time. If you are interested in personally purchasing some apparel, below are the steps to create an account and start shopping. Orders take approximately 4 weeks to fulfill.

Here are the steps to ordering apparel:

- Email [blake@forcefitters.com](mailto:blake@forcefitters.com) to request an account.
- Wait for Blake to reply with your password. *Username will be your email address.*
- Once your account is established, go to [www.forcefitters.com](http://www.forcefitters.com) to login and start shopping.

## Questions?

If you have any questions about APWA or if you would like more information on one of the items listed in this newsletter, please contact Beth Richards ([brich@iastate.edu](mailto:brich@iastate.edu)).