



UPCOMING EVENTS

- Lunch & Learn
Geotechnical Engineering 101
October 26, 2017
Huntsville, AL
- Everyone have a safe
and prosperous Holiday
Season!



Executive Committee Members Needed!

Our chapter currently has **three (3)** openings on its Executive Committee. We are in need of volunteers from the membership who are willing to serve and participate on the Committee. Members who are interested, please contact Eric at ebidwell@smeinc.com or any current member of the Executive Committee.

A red stamp with the text "WE NEED YOU" in a bold, sans-serif font. The stamp has a distressed, ink-like texture and is set within a white rectangular border.

A NOTE FROM ERIC...

We had a great time at the 2nd Annual Alabama Chapter Golf Tournament.

It was held at the beautiful Highland Park Golf Course in Birmingham, AL. A big thank you to Courtney and the entire staff for their hospitality! Thank you Teddy Kaperera for coordinating this event.

I would also like to thank our sponsors for supporting APWA and helping raise money for the *Alabama Chapter Scholarship Fund*. We greatly appreciate your support!

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Eric Bridwell
Alabama Chapter
President



2017 GOLF TOURNAMENT AND SCHOLARSHIP FUNDRAISER



Construction Inspection 201 is designed for individuals who are interested in building their skillset in project management – as it applies to work performed in the construction inspection profession. This program provides general guidelines for the various areas needed to maintain professionalism and competence. The program includes an array of information for the student, including: communication; contractor relations; plans and specifications; construction meetings; progress meetings; scheduling; documentation; negotiations; and project close-out.

(Click photos for more information)

DELEGATES REPORT – PWX AND SOCIAL MEDIA

On August 27-30th, the Florida Chapter of APWA hosted the 2017 PWX. It was held in Orlando, Florida at the Orange County Convention Center, which is the second largest convention center in the nation! As always, the conference was well attended. During the conference, APWA reached the 30,000 member mark. It is awesome that we are growing!

Listed below are just a few of the 125 outstanding education sessions that were offered:

- Career & Personal Development
- Construction Management
- Emergency Management
- Fleet Operations
- Snow & Ice Control
- Traffic Engineering
- Stormwater Management

For myself personally, the exhibit floor is probably my favorite part of the convention. This year there was over 80,000 square feet of exhibit space filled with every imaginable vehicle, equipment, tool, and new technology that you can imagine. It is truly a “one stop shop” for a Public Works official. And speaking of technology, the new push is to get Public Works on board with social media. There is so much out there: Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, etc. We as Public Works professionals do our job daily with quiet dedication. Yet, we touch everyone’s lives daily in some way. Everyday citizens are driving on our roads or walking on our sidewalks. And let’s not forget about those 2 a.m. phone calls to remove fallen trees or barricade flooded streets. We are always working to keep our citizens safe and protected! Therefore, if you are not using social media to get the word out on who we are and what we do, I highly encourage you to do so.

In closing, I highly commend the Florida chapter for a very successful PWX. I know there was a lot of hard work, time, and finances involved in this first-class convention.

Sincerely,

Jeff Holliyan
Delegate
Alabama Chapter of APWA



The Delegate for Alabama Chapter is Jeff Holliyan, Public Works Director for the City of Gardendale. Please feel free to contact him regarding any area of APWA at jholliyan@cityofgardendale.com or 205.631.9697



MORE FROM THE GOLF TOURNAMENT



SPOTLIGHT – VALLEY CREEK CLEANUP

In August of this year, the 7th Annual Valley Creek Cleanup was held in Jefferson County with volunteers and staff from the cities of Midfield,



Birmingham, Hueytown, Pleasant Grove, and Bessemer, along with the Jefferson County Department of Health, Alabama Power/Renew Our Rivers, and numerous sponsors. It is a three-day event with Public Works, Jefferson Co. Health Dept, ALPCo and Fresh Water Land Trust staff entering the Creek on Thursday and Friday to remove heavier debris and volunteers entering on Saturday to remove smaller debris and perform roadside cleanup. The Warrior River is a major source of drinking water for the western side of Jefferson County, which makes this annual event extremely important. Thank you all involved in this year's cleanup!



Volunteers removing debris from Valley Creek, which runs from downtown Birmingham to the Black Warrior River

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Want to recognize a Public Works project or employee?

Contact anyone on the Executive Committee with information regarding a project, employee or anything positive related to Public Works in Alabama and it could be featured in an upcoming newsletter. We want to shine a positive light on Public Works!

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APWA Mission Statement:

To be an active, unified Public Works organization, providing leadership, education, training, direction and support on Public Works issues to its members, elected officials, and the public, every day, as well as during times of natural disaster.

We welcome your feedback! Please send ideas or suggestions to any member of the Executive Committee.

Congratulations!

City of Birmingham Horticulture Operations was recently recognized by the National Roadside Vegetation Management Association with the 2017 Award of Excellence. This agency was selected for having excelled in their roadside vegetation management programs. Way to go!