

SMALL BUSINESS

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The Small Business Committee provides APWA members with opportunities to connect small businesses with large companies and agencies to create new teaming opportunities that provide quality deliverables that meet agency's demands and commitments.

SOCIAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

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The mission of the Social and Community Service Committee is to serve our community through thoughtful actions and meaningful service while creating valuable connections and solutions for those serving our community through public works.

STORMWATER

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The mission statement of the Stormwater Committee is in support of APWA members and their communities, to educate and advocate for responsible, reasonable, efficient and effective stormwater management.

SUSTAINABILITY

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The Joint APWA/ASCE/ACEC Sustainable Infrastructure and Natural Resource Management Committee (a.k.a. Sustainability Committee) is a network of professionals within the San Diego and Imperial County Sections APWA, the San Diego Section of the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE), and the San Diego Chapter of the American Council of Engineering Companies (ACEC). The committee's mission is to advance the practice of sustainable engineering in the planning, design, construction, operation, and maintenance of civil works within the San Diego and Imperial County regions.

TRANSPORTATION

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The mission of the Transportation Committee is to gather information on the best practices, legislation and programs in transportation and encourage their use by educating the APWA membership to deliver transportation services effectively and efficiently. The Transportation Committee primarily serves the committee's goal to assist APWA members to acquire and maintain the skills and knowledge necessary to successfully manage public works infrastructure.

YOUNG PROFESSIONALS

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APWA is a leading industry resource for public works professionals. The Young Professionals group is a branch of the organization which aims to connect and empower young professionals and assist in their development to become leaders in the public works field. At YP you can network with both peers and experienced professionals in a supportive environment through engaging and interesting events.

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If you are interested in joining any of the committees, or have ideas for programs or events, please contact the committee chair or check out our website:

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ADVOCACY

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The Advocacy Committee promotes public works priorities by tracking, monitoring or drafting proposed legislation that could affect public works, and provides advocacy support, outreach, and education to elected officials and other interested parties.

AWARDS

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The Awards Committee facilitates the local program to recognize, promote, celebrate and acknowledge the design and construction of public works projects and staff that improve the communities within the San Diego and Imperial County region.

DINNER GALA

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The APWA Dinner Gala Committee organizes the annual dinner gala to celebrate and recognize all who serve our communities and financially support the chapter's students scholarship and philanthropy efforts.

EDUCATION

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The Education Committee provides and facilitates interesting, informative, and unique educational opportunities to our members and the San Diego Public Works community. Our signature event is the Public Works Institute. The yearly seminar is divided into four modules that cover a complete spectrum of actual practices within Public Works in San Diego for emerging leaders at all levels. It is taught by practitioners for practitioners. After completing all four modules of the PWI, attendees will earn an APWA Certification in Public Works Management.

GOLF TOURNAMENT

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The mission of the Golf Tournament Committee is to provide an enjoyable social event that fosters networking of members while generating donations for the scholarship fund.

INNOVATION

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The Innovation Committee is a collaborative effort between agencies, consultants, and tech innovators to discuss implementation experiences, user engagement, and advancements. The committee provides a forum to learn and share focusing on APWA Top 5 Technologies in Public Works.

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

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The International Affairs Committee explores and develops professional and cultural exchanges with other public works communities in other countries, primarily in Baja California, Mexico.

MARKETING

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The Marketing Committee is dedicated to reaching out, promoting, and distributing current information on APWA functions and activities to its members using all levels of social media and aims to create activities that appeal to members and also provide access and networking opportunities. Marketing includes social media, newsletters and the website.

MEMBERSHIP

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The mission of the APWA Membership Committee is to increase active membership by promoting the benefits of participation, the value of professional networking, and making APWA membership the "want-to-join" association for all public works professionals.

NORTH COUNTY

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The North County Events Committee provides educational and networking opportunities for members located in northern San Diego and Southwest Riverside County; along with supporting the greater San Diego Chapter.

OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE

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The O&M Committee fosters an environment of safety, training, and service among Operations and Maintenance Professionals through sharing of skills, accomplishments, and expertise. The committee provides training opportunities and hosts the Operations and Maintenance Rodeo event annually to recognize the accomplishments of Operations and Maintenance Professionals in San Diego and Imperial Counties.

OUTREACH - INTERNSHIPS & SCHOLARSHIPS

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The Outreach Committee supports high school and college students interested in technical degrees or training in fields related to public works.

The committee partners with local firms and agencies to provide paid internship opportunities to students at reduced or no cost to the hiring entity.

Through chapter fundraising efforts, the Outreach Committee also offers scholarship opportunities to students who identify with an under-represented ethnicity and/or sexual orientation minority group.

The committee also bridges the gap between college students and public works professionals through exposure to projects, access to mentors, and work experience opportunities and inform and educate students about public works.