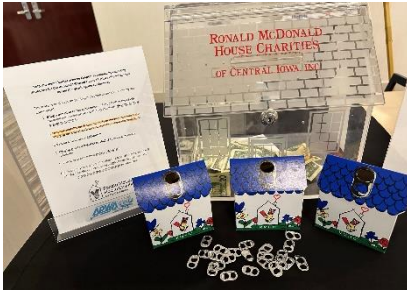


Spring Conference Wrap-Up

Thank you for making the 2023 Spring Conference a success and thanks to everyone who contributed to this year's service project: the Ronald McDonald House.

This year brought record breaking attendance with 278 full conference registrants, 41 single day registrants, 65 exhibiting companies, and 28 generous sponsors.



Pop tabs and other Ronald McDonald House Charities donations



Attendees visit the equipment displayed outside of the hotel



Keynote speaker, Patty Hendrickson, gets the attendees up and interacting

Top 10 Award

One of the most coveted and prestigious public works awards is sponsored each year by APWA and is presented to ten individual leaders whose excellence in public works earns them the distinction of the Top Ten Public Works Leaders of the Year. The honorees are awarded this recognition for their professionalism, expertise, and personal dedication to improving the quality of life in their communities through the advancement of public works services and technology.

Our own Jonathan Gano, City of Des Moines Public Works Director, is one of this year's recipients of the prestigious award for all of his contributions to public works and the community. Congratulations to Jonathan! Jonathan's achievement marks ten Top 10 winners in a row for the Iowa Chapter, setting an APWA record for the most consecutive Top 10 winners from one chapter!



Jonathan Gano, Iowa's newest Top 10 winner

Emerging Leaders

A year-long national program, the Emerging Leaders Academy provides intensive leadership and management training within the context of public works. It encourages professional growth through a strong network of peers, and offers an in-depth introduction to APWA at the national, chapter and branch levels.

The candidates must be professionals who have been working in the field of public works for no more than ten years or have been working for longer than ten years but have been promoted into their first leadership role within the past three years. Candidates must have demonstrated an interest in advancing their careers within the profession.

2023-2024 [Emerging Leaders Academy](#) program applications are now available. Please contact [Steve Johnson](#) if you have any questions regarding the program.

Committees Update

During the last Iowa Chapter Executive Committee meeting, it was decided to add a new **Utilities and Public Row Committee**. There are also vacancies on the **Small Communities Committee**. If you are interested in becoming more involved in APWA and would like to be part of one of these committees or one of the existing committees, please reach out to either the chair listed on the [Current Iowa APWA Committee Membership List](#) or to [Beth Richards](#).

Upcoming Training Opportunities through Iowa LTAP

1. Monthly Webinars/Online Workshops
 - a. Five Leadership Practices to Quickly Improve Team Morale (4/27 @ 12:00 PM)
 - b. Grant Writing 101 (May 2 @ 9:00 AM)
 - c. Intervening Skillfully (5/25 @ 12:00 PM)
2. Workshops
 - a. MUTCD Signing Review (5/9 - 5/11, 5/16 - 5/18)
 - b. Motor Grader Operator Training (5/9, 5/10, 5/11, 5/23, 5/24)

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.

Chapter Awards and Project of the Year Awards

Nominations for the awards will be accepted until July 1, 2023, and winners will be announced at the Fall Conference. Please check out the website to see the list of [Chapter Awards and Project of the Year Awards](#) and how you can nominate candidates for these awards.

Other Upcoming Events...

- [National Public Works Week](#) (05/21-05/27)
- [Mid-America Conference](#) (5/22-5/24) – Overland Park, KS
- [TRB International Low Volume Roads Conference](#) (7/23-7/26) – Cedar Rapids, IA
- [PWX 2023](#) (8/27-8/30) – San Diego, CA
- [APWA Iowa Chapter Fall Conference](#) (9/27-9/29) – Iowa City, IA

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!

Questions?

If you have any questions about APWA or this newsletter, please contact [Beth Richards](#).