

Chapter Awards and Project of the Year Awards

Nominations for the awards will be accepted until **July 13, 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.

Paul Wiegand's Retirement

After an illustrious career in public service spanning 51 years, Paul Wiegand is retiring. He has spent the last 18 years with Iowa State University, Institute for Transportation; the last 13 as SUDAS Director. Prior to InTrans, Paul worked for the City of Ames for 31 years; serving as public works director for the last 17 of those years.

Paul has been an active APWA member since 1979. He is a great leader and mentor in the Iowa Chapter, serving various roles on the Executive Committee since 1982. In 2016, Paul was named one of APWA's Top Ten Public Works Leaders of the Year. Paul has also received numerous Iowa Chapter awards, including the two most coveted - the Stan Ring Award and the Al Olson Excellence in Public Works Operations Award.

A retirement reception will be held on July 7th, 4-7 pm at Sweet Caroline's in Ames in honor of Paul. Please join us to celebrate one of Iowa Chapter's great leaders and mentors!



Iowa Chapter Apparel

Force Fitters has opened an opportunity for individuals to order APWA Iowa Chapter apparel! If you are interested in personally purchasing some apparel, below are the steps to create an account and start shopping. Force Fitters says they need 4 weeks lead time, so if you want to order something to wear at PWX, we recommend you place your order no later than July 24!

Here are the steps to ordering apparel:

- Email 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 to login and start shopping.

Fun During PWX

The Iowa Concrete Paving Association would like to invite Iowans for a night of fellowship and fun, sponsored in conjunction with Bolton & Menk, Foth, HR Green, McClure, Snyder & Associates, and Veenstra & Kimm. This event will be Monday, August 28th, 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at Lou & Mickey's located across from the San Diego Convention Center. Click [here](#) to RSVP.

The APWA Iowa Chapter dinner will be hosted at Rustic Root, 535 5th Ave, San Diego on Tuesday, August 29 from 6:00 to 9:00 pm. RSVP using [this form](#) by Friday, July 21.

Emerging Leaders Academy

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. They are due July 28th. Please contact [Steve Johnson](#) if you have any questions regarding the program.



Upcoming Training Opportunities through Iowa LTAP

- [Motor Grader Operator Field Days](#) (8/7-8/11) - Camp Dodge, Johnston

Details and registration for the field day event will be sent out soon to all the Iowa cities and counties that had participants registered for the classroom sessions earlier this year.

- [Iowa Streets and Roads Workshop and Conference](#) (9/19-9/21) - Ames

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.

Other Upcoming Events...

- [2023 ICEA Mid-Year Conference](#) (7/13) - Ames
- [TRB International Low Volume Roads Conference](#) (7/23-7/26) - Cedar Rapids
- [PWX](#) (8/27-8/30) - San Diego, CA
- [Iowa Chapter Fall Conference](#) (9/27-9/29) - Iowa City
- [SPOT and Iowa State Roadeo](#) (10/3-10/5) - West Des Moines

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](#).