

American Public Works Association— Minnesota Chapter

2019 Spring Conference

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Grand View Lodge and Conference Center
Nisswa, Minnesota

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Welcome from Conference Co-Chairs

This year's Spring Conference is guaranteed to be ice/snow free, with 70° sunny weather! Well, at least inside, if not outside. While we hope these predictions will prove true, we do know that the Spring Conference will be worth your attendance, rain or shine.

Wednesday night will introduce us to our main speaker, Jay Gubrud, as he helps us "rev up" our performance. Jay has an innate ability to contrast the trials of life and business in a way that everyone can relate to: cars and driving. Thursday transitions to the diversity/workforce inclusion topic with an opportunity to enhance our skill set on relating to coworkers and customers. Jay will lead us into this topic by eliminating everyday roadblocks to success and hand off to Denise W. Barreto. Denise will use her past city council and public works experience to help us learn about inclusive leadership, starting with a broad and wide definition of diversity, along with practical tips for building a more inclusive work environment.

One of the most exciting endeavors for our chapter addresses advocacy with the Raise Our Grade Campaign, and this will be introduced Friday morning. To close out the conference, former KQRS personality and Pioneer Press sports writer Bob Sansevere, with his colorful commentary and stinging wit, will prepare us for the return trip to life as we know it.

We're looking forward to seeing everyone at the 2019 Spring Conference at Grandview!

Matt Saam & Russ Matthys,
Conference Co-Chairs

Matt Saam
Conference Planning Committee Chair
City of Apple Valley

Russ Matthys
Conference Planning Committee Co-Chair and
APWA-MN Chapter Vice President
City of Eagan



General Information

Returning This Year: Service Project

The 4th Annual APWA-MN Chapter Spring Conference Service Project will take place just a short distance from Grandview Lodge in Lake Shore, MN, at Fritz Loven Park. The service project has grown in attendance each year. Don't miss out: make our Chapter proud by attending!

The City of Lake Shore and its Park & Recreation Board are working on a trail project which will connect with the Paul Bunyan Trail in Nisswa. They have a number of projects associated with this trail project in Fritz Loven Park that our group can help with including clearing, grubbing, and other trail prep work. Make sure to bring the appropriate clothing for getting dirty, including rain gear in case of inclement weather.

The project starts promptly at 1:30 p.m. at Fritz Loven Park, and participants are encouraged to meet at the Main Grandview Lodge Entrance at 1:15 p.m. to coordinate carpooling to the site. All necessary tools will be provided and the project should last around two hours.

Non-APWA MN Chapter Golf Event

On Wednesday, at 11:00 a.m., a Shotgun Golf Event has been planned at the Pines. Cost will be \$60 and includes cart. Greens fees should be paid to the Pines on the day of the event. Format will be a four-person scramble. Please contact Mark Kasma at markka@bolton-menk.com or 612-270-9681 if you'd like to participate.

Registration and Fees

The fee for the conference is \$235 for APWA members (\$260 for nonmembers) and includes all sessions, course materials, and refreshment breaks. Registration instructions can be found online at www.apwa-mn.org.

Cancellation and Refund Policy

A refund of the registration fee, less \$35, will be issued for cancellation requests received by email to the University of Minnesota at ccapsconf3@umn.edu by May 3, 2019. Cancellations received after this date will not be eligible for a refund. Persons who register but cannot attend may send a substitute.

Location and Lodging Information

A link to reserve lodging for Grand View Lodge is available on our website at www.apwa-mn.org. Meals and lodging are to be paid directly to Grand View Lodge.

Disability accommodations are available upon request. For further information, contact Grand View Lodge at 218-963-7352 or toll-free at 800-368-1885, or visit their website at www.grandviewlodge.com.

Professional Development Hours (PDHs)

Conference attendees will receive 7.50 PDHs for the APWA Minnesota Chapter Spring Conference. Please visit the following website for information about PDH requirements: <http://mn.gov/aelslagid/continuinged.html>.

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We're on Twitter!
Use hashtag
#apwamn19
to continue this
year's conference
conversation.

Program

Wednesday, May 8, 2019

3:00–6:00 p.m.

Registration and Check-In

5:00–6:00 p.m.

Get-Acquainted Reception

6:00–7:00 p.m.

Dinner

7:00–7:10 p.m.

Welcome by Chapter President and Recognize Guests from APWA National

Amy Grothaus, Chuck Williams, Tammy Bennett

7:10–8:00 p.m.

Be a Connector

Jay Gubrud, Jay Gubrud, Inc.

Be a Connector—Get What You Want by Helping Others Get What They Want. Connecting is something that most people already do, whether they realize it or not. It's a skill that helps solve other people's problems and makes you look and feel good. It deepens the understanding between people and highlights rewarding opportunities for all involved parties. During this fun and interactive session, you will:

- discover the six key principles of highly effective connectors.
- learn how to effectively connect with people who have different power or authority.
- see how connecting can bring different generations together.
- discover things about people you thought you already knew.

Be a Connector will empower you with the skills for building strong relationships, setting yourself apart from the competition, making you more visible in your organization/industry, and bringing greater satisfaction in life.

Thursday, May 9, 2019

8:00–8:05 a.m.

Opening

Russ Matthys, City of Eagan and APWA MN Vice President

8:05–9:30 a.m.

Speed Traps, Potholes, and Idiots

Jay Gubrud, Jay Gubrud, Inc.

Speed Traps, Potholes, and Idiots is designed to help your members eliminate the everyday roadblocks to their success and maintain a winning mindset. Jay takes the best of all his programs and incorporates them into one dynamic look at how to obtain success both professionally and personally. Through this program, attendees will:

- discover how their assumptions may be sabotaging their success.
- learn proven strategies for healthy conflict with excellent outcomes.
- uncover the reasons why people do the things that drive you crazy.
- realize how to give and receive feedback most effectively.

Speed Traps, Potholes, and Idiots will give people the ability to overcome obstacles and actually obtain their desired goals and results.

9:30–9:45 a.m.

Break

Program

Thursday, May 9, 2019 continued

9:45-11:00 a.m.

Inclusive Leadership for the 21st Century

Denise W. Barretto, Relationships Matter Now

In a thought-provoking and engaging talk, entrepreneur, author, TEDx speaker, and public servant Denise W. Barretto will ignite the audience to own their leadership journey and return to their respective facilities renewed, energized, and equipped to drive inclusive change. This interactive learning session will give the audience the opportunity to learn about inclusive leadership starting with a broad and wide definition of diversity and practical tips for building a more inclusive work environment starting immediately. We will briefly touch on bias and discuss how to begin to manage our biases to minimize the harm they may inflict on others.

11:00-11:30 a.m.

Education and Training Committee Presentations

- Diversity Committee Challenge (*Marcus Thomas*, Bolton & Menk, Inc.)
- Education and Training Committee Program Offerings (*Monica Heil*, WSB & Associates, Inc. and Education and Training Committee Chair)
- Leadership Academy Graduation (*Wally Wysopal*, Hamline University)

11:30 a.m.-noon

Chapter Business Meeting

Noon-1:00 p.m.

Lunch

1:30 p.m.

4th Annual APWA Minnesota Chapter Service Project

Moderator and Contact: *Chris Petree*, City of Rochester

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6:15 p.m.

A Taste of Grand View: Social and Dinner

With such spectacular onsite restaurants as CHAR, Cru, and the Northwoods Pub, this dinner is a chance to try out some of the eats at Grand View without making reservations. Come for the intriguing dishes, stay for the quality company and the chance to mingle with new connections and coworkers alike. Reformatted this year, this dinner will be a culinary adventure!

Program

Friday, May 10, 2019

9:00–9:05 a.m.

Introduction and Welcome

Matt Saam, City of Apple Valley and Conference Planning Committee Chair

9:05–9:45 a.m.

Minnesota Department of Transportation Update

Commissioner, Minnesota Department of Transportation (invited)

9:45–10:15 a.m.

Legislative Update

Anne Finn, League of Minnesota Cities;
Margaret Donahoe, Minnesota Transportation Alliance

Hear the latest on the status of important bills and initiatives at the State Capital affecting the Public Works industry.

10:15–10:30 a.m.

Break

10:30–11:00 a.m.

Raise Our Grade

Scott Barsuhn, Barsuhn; *Zachary Johnson*, City of Lakeville; *Kristin Asher*, City of Richfield

Get your VIP view of the Raise Our Grade, Minnesota website! The 2018 Minnesota Infrastructure Report Card rated our statewide infrastructure an overall grade of C. This new APWA-MN public engagement initiative—launched this year—will kick off a groundswell of interest and support for infrastructure investment in our state. See the website tool that will help Public Works professionals throughout the state create a public and legislative movement. Get your seat to watch, ask questions, and comment, and let's start improving Minnesota's infrastructure grade together!

11:00–noon

Embrace the Journey

Bob Sansevere, KQRS-FM

Embrace the Journey is the root message in Bob's speeches. Drawing from his own life experiences and the lives of famous people he has covered and gotten to know as a newspaper columnist, journalist, and radio personality, Bob uses crackling wit and crack observations to lay out for you how athletes and nonathletes too often fixate on attaining a goal. And how they fail to cherish—or, at times, even acknowledge—all those special moments that tick on by as they chase that goal.

A multiple national champion in the horse show world, Bob knows what it takes to succeed and also what will taint the chances for success. While he may not unlock every secret in the world during his speech, he will tell you and your group, "Don't fear success. Embrace what it takes to achieve it." (For no extra charge, he will use bigger words and better sentence structure.)

Noon–1:00 p.m.

Adjourn and Lunch

Committee Members

Russ Matthys, City of Eagan, Co-Chair and APWA MN Chapter Vice President

Matt Saam, City of Apple Valley, Co-Chair

Anna Bessel, Metropolitan Council Environmental Services

Jeannine Clancy, Metropolitan Council Environmental Services

April Crockett, Minnesota Department of Transportation

Mark Erichson, WSB & Associates, Inc.

Beverly Farragher, City of Saint Paul

Brad Henry, University of Minnesota

Jon B. Horn, Kimley-Horn & Associates, Inc.

Mark Kasma, Bolton & Menk, Inc.

Chris LaBounty, City of Plymouth

Lucas Lortie, Ramsey County Public Works

Mike Marti, SRF Consulting Group, Inc.

Sue Mason, Short Elliott Hendrickson Inc.

John Mazzitello, KLJ Engineering

Cristina Mlejnek, Bolton & Menk, Inc.

Eric Nelson, Alliant Engineering

Chris Petree, City of Lakeville

Bridget Rief, Metropolitan Airports Commission

Tom Thompson, Stanley Consultants, Inc.

Jessa Trbojevich, Hennepin County Transportation Project Delivery

Helen Weber, University of Minnesota

Katherine Hagberg, University of Minnesota

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