

2018

October 29 & 30

Arvada Center



## CALL FOR CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

The Colorado Chapter of the American Public Works Association (APWA) is requesting abstracts for presentation at the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Chapter Conference to be held October 29 & 30, 2018. Presentations are typically 50 minutes in length, although there are opportunities for shorter presentations or workshops. You are invited to speak and share your public works experiences.

The theme for the 2018 Conference is THE NEW AGE OF PUBLIC WORKS

Unlike the “New Age” spiritual movement which draws from esoteric, mysterious and obscure traditions from the past, the “New Age” of Public Works is a more forward looking movement. THE NEW AGE OF PUBLIC WORKS is characterized by alternative approaches to age old problems in a holistic and environmentally sound manner. In THE NEW AGE OF PUBLIC WORKS we must view all infrastructure projects as interconnected, mutually dependent systems. For Public Works to be successful in this “New Age”, planning for the future is vital. To effectively plan for the future we need to be mindful of both the small and big picture issues. We would invite you to submit your proposals that highlight THE NEW AGE OF PUBLIC WORKS through your experiences; sharing new and exciting projects, processes and practices that showcase this all-inclusive modern movement.

This conference gives you an opportunity to network with public works professionals, and share new ideas, innovative project approaches, or lessons learned with your peers.

No matter your role in public works, there is something for everyone at the Colorado Chapter’s 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference. Public works professionals from both the public and private sectors attend to stay up-to-date on emerging trends, and innovative practices and strategies. Speakers at the Conference are people like you who have met the challenge of managing public works projects and organizations. They view speaking at this Conference as a chance to advance their careers and to invest in the future of the public works profession by sharing what they know. Presentations are a way to instruct your fellow engineers, scientists, and community leaders on new techniques and interesting project lessons unique to the industry. The presentations should be a current topic related to any public works topic.

Topics vary but may include:

### Organizational Performance (Leadership/Management/Policy)

- Performance Management
- Performance Measurement
- Working with Elected Officials (Boards, Commissions)
- Strategic Planning
- Budgeting & Financing (Operating and Capital)
- Regulatory Challenges
- Attracting and Retaining Employees
- Change Management
- Improving the Customer Experience
- Relationships - Customer Service
- Public Engagement

### Operational Performance (Technical)

- Snow & Ice Control
- Pavement Management
- ROW Management
- Fleet Management
- Utilities
- Emergency Management
- Safety Programs
- Sustainability

### Project Performance (Technical - Example: Projects)

- Project Delivery - Alternative Methods
- Innovative Designs/Solutions
- Project Management Techniques and Best Practices
- Consultant Selection
- Construction Management
- Sustainability

### General Interest

- Colorado Water Supply
- CDOT
- RTD
- UDFCD
- CML
- Automated Vehicles
- Ride-sharing in coordination with public transportation
- Use of Drones (Part of trends)
- Emerging Trends (economic, societal, technology, demographic)
- ADA and Requirements for Public Infrastructure (new & existing)
- Media Relations
- Social Media
- Funding at State Level (i.e. transportation)

# ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

The conference will be held in the Arvada Center for the Arts and Humanities, 6901 Wadsworth Boulevard, Arvada, Colorado.

For budgetary planning, we anticipate early conference registration to be \$275. Conference registration will begin in August.

**Speakers will receive conference registration for the day of their presentation. If you wish to attend the other day of the conference, the fee is \$150.**

## ABSTRACT SUBMITTAL

If you have a topic to present, please complete an abstract in accordance with the abstract format below and return electronically in a Word document via email by:

**April 16, 2018**

Current information on the conference will be posted on the conference page at [www.colorado.apwa.net](http://www.colorado.apwa.net) as it becomes available. We anticipate notifying speakers of their selection by May 1, 2018.

Abstract format:

- TITLE, by AUTHOR, ORGANIZATION
- Times New Roman font, 12 point,
- Full-justified, single-spaced with 1-inch margins.
- Please limit to one page.
- Include address, phone number and email address for the primary point of contact.

Also include a **brief summary of the abstract** (maximum 5 sentences) and **three (3) learning objectives** for inclusion in the conference program.

Please let us know which Track you recommend for your presentation:

- Organizational
- Operational
- Project Performance
- General Interest

Finally, the committee is considering some format changes to the sessions and presentations for our 2018 conference, focusing on allowing some varying lengths for presentations. Please let us know if you feel your presentation would best fall into one of the following four categories:

### Large Presentations

Large presentations provide speakers the opportunity to present original work related to conference topics.

- Large presentations will have 50-minute time slots; and should be overarching in theme.

### Small Presentations

Small presentations provide speakers the opportunity to present original work related to conference topics.

- Small presentations for either 3 to 10-minute time slots or 15 to 20-minute time slots. The conference organizers will group oral presentations by theme into sessions that will include three individual presentations and time for questions from the audience.

### Panel Presentations

Panel presentations provide speakers the option to organize a panel comprising three related presentations themselves.

- Panel presentation sessions will typically be 50 minutes long, with 30 minutes for presentations and 20 minutes for discussion.
- A panel abstract must include a part summarizing the overall theme of the panel. Submissions should also include individual abstracts for each presentation included in the panel. Panel presentations that seek to bring together experts for interactive discussion should describe questions that will be addressed by the panel, and underlying issues to be discussed, and should provide short bios for each of the panelists.

### Lightning Round Presentations

Lightning round presentations provide speakers the opportunity to share their work in brief oral presentations.

- Each presentation is limited to 10 minutes and followed by a five-minute question and answer period.

Please direct electronic abstracts to:

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We look forward to your participation!

