

2019

October 28 & 29

Arvada Center



CALL FOR CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

The Colorado Chapter of the American Public Works Association (APWA) is requesting abstracts for presentation at the 6th Annual Chapter Conference to be held October 28 & 29, 2019. We are looking to change the format and session lengths and are interested in creative and innovative presentations. You are invited to speak and share your public works experiences.

The theme for the 2019 Conference is THE POWER OF CONNECTION – LOOK UP AND PLUG IN

Connection is a powerful currency in today's world. We spend much of our day "connected" by technology; email, text, internet, and social media making it easy to forget the power of connecting to each other face to face. Partnering and networking provide ways for us to work together to reach our goals. When we "plug in" to each other we can achieve amazing results. Technology provides ways to plug in that is changing the landscape of public works; electric vehicles, smart cities, smart cards. We invite you to submit your proposals that highlight "The Power of Connection – Look Up and Plug In" through your experiences, sharing new and exciting projects, processes and practices that showcase this potential.

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 6th 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 July.

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 15, 2019

Current information on the conference will be posted on the conference page at <http://colorado.apwa.net/> as it becomes available. We anticipate notifying speakers of their selection by May 1, 2019.

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.

Finally, the committee is considering some format changes to the sessions and presentations for our 2019 conference. We strongly encourage creative and innovative formats that allow for varying lengths and plans for presentations. The committee will discuss this with you upon selection.

Please direct electronic abstracts to:

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Questions about presentations may be submitted to:

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We look forward to your participation!

