

President's Corner



The March Board of Directors meeting was cancelled due to snow. Wow! This is the first time this has happened since I have been on the Board (and maybe in the history of the Chapter). We are seeing signs of spring in Newport News and I hope you are too. The City of Newport News hosted our first marathon on March 15 and beautiful weather was one of many factors contributing to enormous success. No surprise that the Public Works Department played a big role in the marathon's success and I am proud of being part of a department that can rise to any challenge!

Spring's arrival means that the Chapter Annual Conference is right around the corner. I am looking forward to the great technical session line-up and all of the other activities being planned by the conference committee in Baltimore.

The annual conference Roadeo is always exciting and equipment operators from around our chapter look forward to competing in this every year. In Newport News we hold our own highly competitive equipment roadeo in April. The first place winner in each category has the opportunity to represent us at the Chapter Roadeo. Does your locality host a local competition? This is not a requirement for participating at the Chapter level, but it does create a lot of excitement. It would be great to see every locality represented at this event.

There is still time for students to apply for a college scholarship for the 2015-2016 academic year. This is a great benefit for our members with dependents in college. The scholarships will be announced at our Awards Ceremony in Baltimore.

The Public Works Institute Steering Committee has been meeting regularly to develop plans for the first session which is currently planned for this fall. There will be more information available at the conference. This collaboration with Virginia Tech is a big step forward for our Chapter.

I am looking forward to seeing many of you in Baltimore in May. Thank you for your support during the last year and I look forward to the coming year as our Chapter grows and is able to offer more opportunities for members to network and achieve personal and professional growth through educational sessions.

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Chapter President