



TALKING POINTS

March 2026

MARKETING AND COMMUNICATIONS

IT'S TIME TO ORDER YOUR 2026 NATIONAL PUBLIC WORKS WEEK (NPWW) POSTER!

We're excited to reveal this year's theme "Rooted in Service, Powered by Community" for National Public Works Week, May 17–23. The roots of service run deep in public works. It's what has propelled public works innovations that have helped our communities evolve into places where people can lead lives of purpose and possibility. Some work is highly visible, while other public works contributions are sometimes hidden from view. Together, these efforts form the foundation of thriving communities, reminding us that every project, seen or unseen, powers the connection between service and the people it supports.



[Order your 2026 NPWW poster](#) (single or in bulk) by April 15 to ensure they arrive in time for NPWW celebrations! Prices include free shipping.

Member: \$21 | **Nonmember:** \$27

STAY TUNED FOR THIS MONTH'S EPISODES OF PUBLIC WORKS RADIO! #PWR



[Public Works Radio](#) is the official voice of APWA, bringing the stories behind our communities to life. Look out for this month's episodes dropping on March 11 and March 25.

PWR is available wherever you find your favorite podcasts, as well as on [APWA TV](#). Listen, subscribe, and share with a friend! Direct any inquiries to podcast@apwa.org.

MEMBERSHIP
30,037

ACCREDITATION

The next Accreditation Open Forum, "[One Size Does Fit All](#)," will be on April 21. An interactive panel discussion of representatives from agencies of all sizes will go over everything accreditation. Those unable to attend will have access to a recording of the session, which will be made available in the Resource Center.

COMMITTEES AND COUNCILS

APWA is soliciting nominations for appointments to national-level committees, councils, and external representation groups for the 2026–27 year. For more information, please visit the [nominations landing page](#) on APWA's website. The nomination deadline is March 31.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS

Members interested in reviewing a summary of February's APWA Board of Directors meeting may do so by [clicking here](#).

CERTIFICATION CORNER

The Certified Public Works Professional (CPWP) Job Task Analysis update has concluded. This update will serve as the blueprint for the new Supervision and Management microcredentials set to release in 2028.

AWARD NOMINATIONS OPEN!

Deadline to submit for the Presidential Acknowledgment for Chapter Excellence (PACE) award is June 1. Chapter nominations can be submitted [here](#).

QUICK LINKS
[Focus on Public Works](#) | [Tell Your Story](#) | [Education/Credentialing Center](#) | [Technical Committees Groups and Committees](#) | [Council of Chapters](#) | [Washington Report](#) | [Legislative Action Center](#) | [Ottawa Report](#)

EDUCATION

UPCOMING LIVE PROGRAMS

March 19. **Transforming the Future of Solid Waste through Intelligent Technologies: AI in Action.** This live virtual program will explore the expanding role of AI within the solid waste industry, highlighting current applications, innovations, and practical strategies for safe and efficient implementation.

[Register here.](#)

March 26. **In the Driver's Seat with Tyler Palmer.** Unlock the secrets to effective leadership and management in public works by joining our exclusive "In the Driver's Seat" session with industry trailblazer Tyler Palmer. Tyler brings a wealth of experience and passion to the table drawing on his experiences in consulting and working with a municipality.

[Register here.](#)

March 31, April 1, 7, and 8. **Facilities and Grounds Management Certificate Program.** The Facilities and Grounds Management Certificate program is a live, virtual program that covers the basic need-to-know topics professionals in the facilities and grounds disciplines need to understand to perform their jobs effectively and proficiently. [Register here.](#)

NEW IN THE RESOURCE CENTER

Overflow Event Toolbox

The primary goal of this toolbox is to equip individuals new to public works with essential knowledge of the causes, regulations, and best management practices for mitigating wastewater overflow events. Understanding the nuances between sanitary sewer overflows (SSOs), combined sewer overflows (CSOs), and treatment facility overflows (TFOs) is critical for maintaining public health, environmental quality, and regulatory compliance. To access it, [click here.](#)



**WORKFORCE
DEVELOPMENT**
**TIME TO EXPLORE
CAREERZONE**

We recently launched CareerZone, a robust space where you can post open positions, hire the best candidates for your team, and find everything public works job-related in one place. Whether you're just starting your job search or looking for your next opportunity, CareerZone provides curated advice and resources to help you move forward. Explore CareerZone today at careerzone.apwa.org.

CONFERENCE UPDATES

Registration is Now Open for Snow 2026!



The [2026 North American Snow Conference](#) (NASC) will be held in Cleveland, Ohio, April 26–29, 2026.

You may now register and make your hotel reservation online, as well as review the education schedule and find additional event details.

Planning is Underway for PWX 2026!



PWX will be held in Houston, Texas, August 30–September 2, 2026. The PWX Program Review Committee met in Kansas City in January to make final selections. Submitters have been notified of their submission status.

US GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

- The Engineering and Public Works Roadshow's first stop of 2026 will be 11:00 a.m., March 26, in Jacksonville, Florida, to showcase the [McCoy's Creek Restoration Project](#). APWA President-Elect Robert Garland will speak during the event with Jacksonville Mayor Donna Deegan and others.
- APWA Government and Public Affairs Director Andrea Eales will be part of the Roger Clark Leadership Conference in St. Petersburg, Florida, March 10–12. She will also join APWA Regions I, II, and V online on March 5, to provide an overview of APWA's Washington, DC office and the US Government Affairs program.
- What value does APWA Government Affairs bring to public works professionals? Watch our [new video](#) to find out!
- Need a speaker for your chapter event? Invite a member of the Government Affairs team! Send requests to Andrea Eales at aeales@apwa.org.

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NEW INITIATIVES PROGRAM ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS!

The APWA New Initiatives Program is officially accepting funding proposals. If you've been dreaming about a project that could contribute to any of APWA's strategic priorities—this is your moment. [Click here](#) to learn more and submit your application. **Deadline to submit is April 15.**