UPCOMING EVENTS

North American Snow Conference April 6th – 9th, 2025 Grand Rapids, MI

<u>National Public Works Week</u> May 18th – 24th

Equipment Roadeo 2025 May 22nd, 2025 Montgomery, AL

Summer Conference July 17th – 19th, 2025 Orange Beach, AL

<u>PWX -Public Works Expo</u> August 17th – 20th, 2025 Chicago, IL

Scholarship Fundraiser Golf <u>Tournament</u> September 18th, 2025 Calera, AL

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A NOTE FROM JEFF...

Greetings Public Works Professionals!

This year has flown by! As a recap for the year, we have had several opportunities to congregate with Public Works professionals throughout the year. Our annual Roadeo was well represented, and winners were sent to the national Roadeo at PWX in Atlanta to compete on the national stage. Our chapter won its first ever PACE award. Also, our annual conference with ASCE was incredible and we finished the year off with a successful golf tournament that funds our scholarship program!

I want to thank you all for your continued support and participation in our events. As this year comes to a close, I want to thank you all for the opportunity to serve as president of the Alabama chapter. The team making up the Board of Directors are all dedicated to continually bringing opportunities to enrich the lives of those in the Public Works profession. Without those on the board and the many volunteers that support our organization, the events that we all enjoy would not be possible.

Last quarter, I included an introduction to our incoming president, Ronnie Huskey. Ronnie has been in the Public Works sector for many years and brings a wealth of knowledge, experience and energy to the organization. I truly appreciate Ronnie and have learned a lot from him over the past year. He will take over as president in January 2025 and I look forward to serving as past-president.

Lastly, I want you all to know that there are still many opportunities to serve in any capacity, big or small. There are some board vacancies that are open to those interested and subcommittee opportunities of all kinds available. Please visit our website or reach out to any of our board members if you are interested in learning more about how you can plug in to our organization.

I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Respectfully,

Jeff Wilcox, Alabama Chapter President

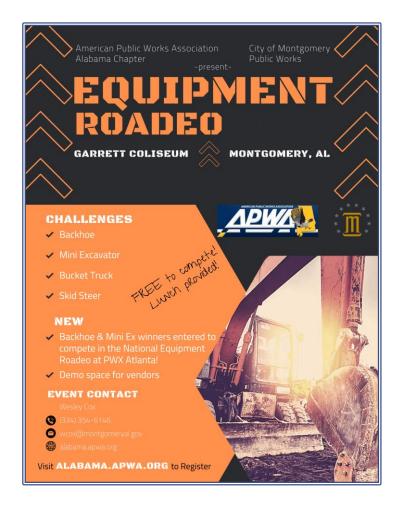
North American Snow Conference

April 6th – 9th, 2025 Grand Rapids, MI

The North American Snow Conference has it all, from expert-led snow and ice education sessions to an exhibit floor full of vendors excited to show you the latest winter maintenance solutions for your community. Make plans now to join your peers and take advantage of everything the Snow Conference has to offer. See you in Grand Rapids!

For registration and additional information please visit <u>APWA North American Snow</u>
<u>Conference</u>





Equipment Roadeo

May 22nd, 2025 Montgomery, AL

The 2025 Equipment Roadeo will take place on May 22nd, 2025 at Garrett Coliseum in Montgomery, AL.

Challenges will include

- Backhoe
- Skid Steer
- Mini Excavator
- Bucket Truck

It is free to compete and lunch is provided!

To register, please visit Alabama

<u>Equipment Roadeo 2024</u>. You can also
contact Wesley Cox at
wcox@montgomeryal.gov



PWX Chicago

August 17th - 20th, 2025

Chicago, IL

PWX provides a first-class multi-modal learning experience designed for professionals at all levels and across the entire spectrum of public works. Come prepared to see, hear, touch, and discuss in a variety of traditional and interactive sessions, seminars, workshops, and networking opportunities.

Attendees can also spend time on North America's largest exhibit floor for public works equipment and services—we've carved out generous portions of non-compete time, so you don't miss any sessions. Kick tires, talk about technology, or get the scoop on new products.

For more info, visit PWX Conference

Delegate Update

Please see the following updates from the APWA Alabama Chapter.

As we start the new year, it becomes a time to reflect on the year that has passed and think about the year to come. Our Chapter has made great progress this year, and the future looks bright. This past year has seen our Chapter step onto the national stage by winning our first ever PACE (Presidential Acknowledgment for Chapter Excellence) Award. Our hope is that this will be the first of many more national awards and recognitions that our Chapter will earn, and these awards and recognitions would not be possible without the dedicated public works professionals throughout Alabama that help shape their communities.

Additionally, the Holiday Season can prove to be hectic and chaotic at the best of times. It can prove to be more chaotic for the tireless Public Works professionals who keep the world around us running.

Many of you had the opportunity to have some time off during the Holidays, but many were not able to take time off to be with their friends and families. Quite a few Public Works professionals throughout Alabama were staffing facilities such as water and wastewater treatment plants, out in the field repairing broken infrastructure of some type, running solid waste collection routes, sanding roads and bridges, and many other tasks that are required by our communities to function.

For those that were able to take some time off during this time of year, I am hopeful that you enjoyed it. You have certainly earned it. For those that were still having to come in and work, know that your efforts and time away from loved ones is appreciated.

I will end this letter by wishing every one of our Public Works professionals a belated **Happy Holidays and wishing you a prosperous New Year**, and by saying, thank you for all that you do to for our communities.

Respectfully,

Larry Ingram, PE APWA Alabama Chapter Delegate



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Want to recognize a Public Works project or employee?

Contact anyone on the Executive Committee with information regarding a project, employee or anything positive related to Public Works in Alabama and it could be featured in an upcoming newsletter. We want to shine a positive light on Public Works!

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Executive Committee Members Needed!

Our chapter currently has **two (2)** openings on its Executive Committee. Members who are interested, please contact Chapter President, Jeff Wilcox at <u>Jeff.Wilcox@SpireEnergy.com</u> or any current member of the Executive Committee.

Every year in the Spring, the Alabama Chapter of the American Public Works Association, in keeping with its objectives, will award up to three \$2000 scholarships. Scholarships are presented to deserving students striving to complete educational requirements for a career path in public works.

For more information, please visit https://alabama.apwa.org/scholarships

We welcome your feedback! Please send ideas or suggestions to any member of the Executive Committee.

APWA Mission Statement:

To be an active, unified Public Works organization, providing leadership, education, training, direction and support on Public Works issues to its members, elected officials, and the public, every day, as well as during times of natural disaster.