

New York Metropolitan Chapter American Public Works Association

Chapter Happenings

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Governor Mario M. Cuomo Bridge viewed from the Westchester County shoreline. Winner of the 2020 Project of the Year Award, over \$75 million.

2024
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City of Yonkers

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***Michal Nowak – APWA New York Metro Chapter
President***

My Fellow Chapter Members:

First, I wish to congratulate the incoming 2024 officers for stepping up so that our chapter can continue to advance and support the ideals and principals on which our profession is built.

This year the New York Metropolitan Chapter celebrates 33 years of service to our profession after splitting with the New Jersey Chapter. We continue to communicate with the other Region 1 and II Chapters and look forward to building a long - lasting relationship with them. This year we have looked at some restructuring of our organization to better serve the members and to be more efficient.

PWX this year was held in San Diego, California with several members and a record number of vendors in attendance. Watch for information on next year's PWX, scheduled for Atlanta, Georgia. Our annual Equipment and Products Exposition was held in the Town of Orangetown and I thank the Highway Department for their continued support in holding this event. Our Newsletter continues to grow and keep up with the variety of events held in the Chapter area. Keep sending us what's happening in your community for publication.

Our 3rd ROADEO was held on September 19th in the City of Yonkers. Participation is growing as a result of more municipalities showing interest and we look forward to a larger event in 2024.

Membership increased this year and currently stands at 221.

As I close my year as your Chapter President, I wish to thank all those who have made my job as your President both successful and rewarding. A Special Thank you to my wife Agnieszka, daughter Stefanis and Daniela for all their love and support.

Sincerely

Michal J Nowak

New/Returning Members Since January 1, 2023

Name	Agency/Company
Steven Carioto	Suffolk County Department of Public Works
John Flick	Village of Southampton
Corey Swezey	Village of Southampton
John Barreto	Town of Mamaroneck
Charles Buxton	Town of Ramapo
Robert Gamble	Town of Ramapo
Michael Lepori	Town of Ramapo
Brian Spillman	Town of Ramapo
James Meehan	City of Norwalk

As of 6/30/23. 221 Chapter Members

Consider Joining the American Public Works Association

If you are receiving this Newsletter complimentary, we ask that you consider joining the American Public Works Association.

The Long Island Branch which includes Nassau and Suffolk Counties meets 9 times a year for lunch and the Southeast New York Branch which includes Westchester, Putnam, Dutchess, Rockland, Sullivan, Orange and Ulster Counties meets 4 times per year for lunch. These lunch meetings, in addition to the Association's routine business, provides an opportunity to network with other public works managers as well as private sector vendors and consultants. Training and education opportunities are provided at the annual Equipment and Products Exposition in May as well as standalone training sessions sponsored in cooperation with other public works organizations. Check out the American Public Works Association website at www.apwa.net/membership

GET CONNECTED

One of the great benefits of joining APWA is connecting with your colleagues. APWA offers numerous opportunities and various ways for you to connect and network. Connect by interest or responsibility, through our social networks, through your local chapter, or through one of our national special interest groups.

Connect by interest or responsibility

- Center for Sustainability
- Standing Committees, Program Committees, or Technical Committees
- Partnerships and Task Forces

Social networks

- *InfoNOW* Communities and APWA Connect
- Facebook
- Twitter
- Instagram
- YouTube Channel

Local chapter

- Chapters
- Council of Chapters

EV Demo Draws a Good Crowd in New Rochelle

New Rochelle Fleet Manager Dominick Acocella, a member of the Westchester County Association of Municipal Public Works Administrators, arranged for a demonstration of two battery powered Public Works vehicles in late June.



A 10-wheel refuse collection vehicle and a snow plow vehicle were brought to the City of New Rochelle's new Public Works Operations Facility for demonstration. Fleet and Sales representatives provided a detailed walk around of each vehicle as well as a talk on battery charging and maintenance requirements.

30 Municipal Fleet Managers and equipment operators attended the demonstration which included time for question- and answer-sessions for each vehicle. Taking time for a photo were left to right New York Metro Chapter Members Secretary/Administrator Jim Maxwell, Delegate Peter Sciliano, New Rochelle Fleet Manager Dominick Acocella and New York Metro Chapter Vice President Thomas Meier.



Public Works Organizations Continue Local Training Efforts

Local Public Works and Highway Department professional organizations continue to build on their mission of providing training and education to their membership and membership staffs. Gearing up following the problems created by the Covid Pandemic, the Westchester County Association of Municipal Public Works Administrators held their second annual educational seminar on September 11, 2023 focusing on Sanitary Sewer Operations and Maintenance. The half day program was comprised of 3 sessions including: Sanitary Sewer Regulations presented by the Westchester County Department of Environmental Facilities, General Equipment Selection and Equipment Safety for Sewer Cleaning Operations presented by Jet Vac and Capacity, Management, Operations and Maintenance, (CMOM), presented by H2M Architects and Engineers. Lunch and the presentation of Certificates of Attendance followed the 3 hour program. Staff from 8 New York Metro Chapter Municipalities were in attendance.



New York Metro Chapter Has a Good Showing at PWX In San Diego

Six New York Metro Chapter members attended the APWA Annual Meeting and Equipment Show in San Diego from August 26th through August 30th. Held at the Convention Center in downtown San Diego, the meeting was well attended with a large gathering of equipment suppliers, manufacturers consultants and training organizations. Educational sessions consisted of 1 and 2-hour sessions with a number of shorter sessions given on the equipment show floor. Those Chapter members attending, made it a point to stop and visit with Chapter member vendors on the floor from our area including: GEOTAB, ej Global and Transpo Industries. The Annual Chapter Dinner was held in Old Town on Tuesday evening with representatives of all the Chapters comprising the Region II area. Region II Director Dominick Longobardi provided a brief summary of APWA's focus for the upcoming year before raising a toast to APWA and our profession.



Opening Session



Visiting the ej booth, a chapter vendor



Dom Longobardi, Region II Director makes a point at Tuesday night's chapters dinner



Aboard the Aircraft Carrier Midway for the Get Acquainted Party

City of Yonkers Holds Third APWA Public Works ROADEO

On September 19, 2023 the City of Yonkers hosted the 3rd Equipment ROADEO in the New York Metro Chapter area. A huge thank you to all those who helped make the ROADEO a super success especially the sponsors.

International Brotherhood of Teamsters Local Union 456 - Platinum Sponsor

Diehl & Sons, Inc. / Freightliner - Plow Truck & Lunch Sponsor

Thalle Industries – Backhoe Sponsor

A-1 Hydro / Safewash Technologies – D.J. Bandstand Sponsor

2023 ROADEO Winners

Large Plow

- 1st Place – Kyle Laug, Mike Millbury – Town of Cortlandt
2nd Place – Andrew Perzel, Richard Marques – Village of Scarsdale
3rd Place – Gary Riley, Justin Curry, City of Yonkers Water Department

Small Plow

- 1st Place – Richard Leston, Eric Rouch – Westchester County DPW
2nd Place – Mike DeCresenzo, Pete Devito – Village of Rye Brook
3rd Place – Nick Nolan, Mike Pehit – City of Yonkers General Services

Backhoe

- 1st Place – Nick Vezzuto – City of Yonkers Water Department
2nd Place – Carlo Severo – City of Yonkers Water Department
3rd Place – James Delo – Orangetown Highway Department

Skid Steer

- 1st Place – Juan Rodriguez – Village of Scarsdale
2nd Place – Erik Rauch – Westchester County DPW
3rd Place – Rob Messier – Westchester County DPW

Special Thank you to the City of Yonkers – Mayor Mike Spano
Department of Parks Recreation and Conservation
Department of Public Works

Thanks to all of our participating agencies
Thanks to all of our judges and organizers

To all of our departments and agencies who could not attend – we ask that you make an extra effort to be represented at the next ROADEO event, this is a confidence building competition, it is a fun day of demonstrating the equipment operating skills that our professional men and women already have, these are the skills they use on the streets of our villages, towns, cities and counties!

There is no cost for your men and women to come and participate – you've got to be in it to win it!!!



Large Snow Plow Navigates the Course



Backhoe being readied for the materials accuracy event



Adding some levity to the day's events, small excavator operators tested their putting skills



Remote control skid steer demo by Trius

New York Metro Chapter Annual Membership Meeting and Awards Night Held in Yonkers

The Chapter's 33rd Annual Meeting and Awards Night was held November 16th at the Castle Royale in Yonkers. The membership voted on and swore in the following Chapter and Branch Officers present for 2024:

New York Metropolitan Chapter

President Thomas Meier, City of Yonkers
Vice President Tyler Seifert, Village of Scarsdale
Secretary James Maxwell, City of New Rochelle, Retired
Treasurer Dominick Longobardi, Town of Hempstead

SENY Branch Directors:
Jeffrey Coleman, P.E. Village of Scarsdale
Stephen Munno, Town of Orangetown

Long Island Branch Directors:
Thomas Rini, Village of Mineola
Harry Weed, Village of Rockville Centre, Retired

Southeastern New York Branch

President: James (Pat) Patterson, Town of Monroe
Vice President: Katie Broughal, Reed Systems, LTD
Secretary: Steven Ferreira, P.E., Town of Cortlandt
Treasurer: Jason Baker, City of Yonkers
Director: Nick LaPoma, Hudson Machinery
Director: Jonathan Reed, Reed Systems, LTD



Region II Director and Past Chapter President Dominick Longobardi makes a point during his opening remarks for the evening



Judge Nilda Morales Horowitz swears in the SENY Branch Officers for 2024



Judge Nilda Morales Horowitz swears in President-Elect Thomas Meier, Commissioner of Public Works, City of Yonkers



Eight Past Presidents were in attendance



Juan Rodriguez, Village of Scarsdale receives the 1st Place Award for the Skid Steer Competition



Chapter President Michal Nowak gives the State of the Chapter Report



Past President Lou Martirano, Village of Tarrytown received The David Caplan Award for his years of service to our profession.



James (Pat) Patterson gives his acceptance remarks as incoming SENY Branch President

Thomas Meier, Vice President and Chair of the ROADEO Committee presented the awards to the winners of the Large and Small Plow, Backhoe and Skid Steer events. The winner of the Backhoe event will represent the New York Metro Chapter at the APWA National ROADEO in Atlanta in September 2024.

The Long Island Branch elected the following 2024 Officers and Executive Board Members:

- President Thomas Rini, Village of Mineola
- Vice President Michael Cairo, Town of Hempstead
- Secretary Thomas Rini, Village of Mineola/Rita Ebert – GLICCC
- Treasurer David O’Brien, Retired
- Director Harry Weed – Village of Rockville Centre, Retired
- Director Steven Shelly – Village of Williston Park
- Director Michael Petrocelli – Town of Hempstead

Christmas with the Yonkers Department of Public Works

Christmas in the City of Yonkers would never be complete without a visit from the Main Man himself checking to see that the Department of Public Works is ready to keep the streets clear of snow for the holidays.



Yonkers Commissioner of Public Works Thomas Meier and Mayor Michael Spano warn the grinch to behave himself while at the Public Works Operations Facility

Neighbors of the Public Works Operations Facility had a chance to stop by and visit with Santa before he left to finish preparing for the big night ahead.



The Show for Snow



NORTH AMERICAN
SNOW 2024
CONFERENCE
KANSAS CITY, MO

April 28-May 1, 2024
Kansas City, MO

The 2024 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 Kansas City!

[North American Snow Conference - American Public Works Association \(apwa.org\)](https://www.apwa.org)

A graphic for the Public Works Expo Atlanta 2024. The background is a blue sky with white clouds. At the top, the letters 'PWX' are displayed in a large, stylized font. The 'P' is dark blue, the 'W' is a gradient from dark blue to light blue, and the 'X' is a gradient from orange to red. Below this, the words 'PUBLIC WORKS EXPO' are written in a bold, sans-serif font. 'PUBLIC WORKS' is dark blue, and 'EXPO' is a gradient from orange to red. Below that, the word 'ATLANTA' is written in a very large, bold, dark blue font. At the bottom, the dates 'SEPTEMBER 8-11, 2024' are written in a bold, dark blue font.

<https://www.apwa.org/events/pwx-conference/>