



Presidential Award for Chapter Excellence (PACE)

Purpose To recognize APWA chapters for contributions made to positively impact their membership, profession, and community. This award recognizes chapters which demonstrate this accomplishment in a given year.

Eligibility APWA chapters are eligible to submit a nomination for consideration based upon meeting the outlined criteria. There are four categories in which the chapter is evaluated. Each category has specific goals that will be used to evaluate the chapter's programs and services to the membership and community. All chapters, regardless of size, are strongly encouraged to submit for this award.

In addition to meeting the criteria listed below, a chapter that has **more than 500 members** must also nominate at least one individual to receive the Top Ten Public Works Leader of the Year and nominate at least one individual/group for any three other national APWA awards to be eligible. Any chapter with **500 members or less** submitting for this award requires only one other national award nomination from any category. Chapters will be notified by APWA National as to meeting their eligibility to submit a nomination for the award.

I. Membership

- A. Document net Membership gain/loss and retention
- B. Outline membership recruitment efforts and programs
- C. Provide evidence of innovative membership development and retention efforts regardless of whether net growth has occurred

II. Service to Chapter Members

- A. Number of members attending meetings/events.
- B. Member-to-Member Outreach – Defined as member surveys, newsletters, meeting notices, member welcome packages, annual meetings, educational opportunities, leadership training, etc.
- C. Evidences that the chapter is successfully meeting *Chapter Best Practices* (submit completed copy with nomination. [Click here to download](#)).
- D. Chapter to Chapter Outreach – Defined as ranging from combined meetings with other chapters to successful programs that can be applied to other chapters
- E. Chapter Diversity/Inclusiveness programs or activities

III. Advancement of Public Works

- A. Awards/recognition programs – Defined as chapter/national awards recognizing members/nonmembers
- B. Public Works Promotion – Defined as National Public Works Week, educational outreach, and other programs geared to promote the profession
- C. Professional Development – Defined as chapters that promoted the development of members through educational and scholarship opportunities
- D. Creative Innovation – Definition has been left open to allow consideration for any innovative programs and opportunities that call attention to public works in a positive way

IV. Service to the Community

- A. Education Outreach Programs – Outside scholarships, partnerships with schools/universities, mentoring programs, shadow-days, etc.
- B. Community Service Programs – Participation in the community as a chapter of APWA, including partnering with other service organizations such as Harvesters, Red Cross, United Way, etc.
- C. Environmental Enhancement – Adopt-a-Highway programs, environmental cleanup, participation in Earth Day, recycling education, etc.

Selection The PACE Award recipients are selected by a panel comprised of APWA's current President, President-Elect, and the three most recent Past Presidents.

Nomination Process Any APWA chapter may submit a nomination for the PACE if the eligibility requirements of award nominations have been met. The submittal should address each of the categories and the goals in the order shown above. It will be incumbent upon the chapter to provide adequate supporting information that illustrates it has met the criteria or declaring the goal was not met if that be the case. The nomination will cover the time period of January 1 through December 31, 2009. A chapter should only submit the nomination, cover letter and chapter best practices.

Deadline June 1, 2010 (Electronic submittals only)

Presentation A plaque or certificate and chapter banner patch are presented to a chapter representative at the Awards Recognition Ceremony during the APWA International Public Works Congress & Exposition, and winning chapters are featured in APWA publications.

Former Recipients 2009 Arizona, British Columbia, Chicago Metro, Florida, Georgia, Kansas City Metro, Manitoba, Minnesota, Missouri, Monterey Bay, Nevada, New York, New York Metro, North Carolina, Northern California, Oklahoma, Oregon, Sacramento, San Diego/Imperial Counties, South Carolina, Southern California, Tennessee, Texas, Ventura County, Washington State, Western Pennsylvania, Wisconsin