

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 that demonstrate this accomplishment in a given year.

Eligibility APWA chapters are eligible to submit a nomination for consideration based upon criteria outlined below. 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, chapters must also nominate individuals by the March deadline to receive national APWA awards. Chapters with **more than 500 members** must make at least one nomination for the Top Ten Public Works Leader of the Year award and submit nominations for any three other national APWA awards (may include Project of the Year). Chapters with **500 members or less** must make a nomination for at least one national award in any category. APWA will notify chapters regarding their eligibility to apply for the PACE award prior to the June deadline.

Criteria PACE nominations will be reviewed based upon the following criteria:

I. Membership

- A. Document net membership gain/retention
- B. Outline membership recruitment events
- C. Evidences 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 – overview of educational offerings (workshops, monthly luncheons, etc.); including presentation topics and format, number of speakers, CEUs offered, etc.
- 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. Information on chapter diversity/inclusiveness programs or activities – diversity committee established, outreach programs, newsletter articles, etc.

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 its members through educational and scholarship opportunities
- D. Creative innovation – definition has been left open to allow 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 criteria outlined 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 **total submittal should not exceed 50 pages in length**. The absence of extensive supporting materials will not necessarily affect the review process for smaller chapters. Six copies of the nomination are required. The nomination will cover the time period of January 1 through December 31, 2007.

Deadline June 2, 2008

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

Former Recipients **2007** Arizona, Chicago Metro, Florida, Georgia, Kansas City Metro, Minnesota, Missouri, Nevada, New England, New Mexico, New York, New York Metro, Northern California, Oklahoma, Oregon, Sacramento, San Diego/Imperial Counties, South Bay Area, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Ventura County, Washington State, Western Pennsylvania, Wisconsin