Candidates for 2018 APWA-MN Executive Board

President (Vote for 1)

Amy Grothaus, Braun Intertec

Amy Grothaus has been an Associate Principal at Braun Intertec since 2011, working in Braun's Pavement Consulting Group. She is also a registered professional engineer and does much of her work in the areas of pavement management and pavement preservation.

Her involvement with the Chapter spans more than 15 years. Amy is currently the Chapter's Vice President, was Director-Vendor/Contractor on the Executive Committee (2006-2010), has served on both the Communications and Awards Committees, and chaired the Awards Committee for several years. Amy received the prestigious Hugo G. Erikson Award from the Chapter in 2014.

Amy's enjoys staying active, decorating, fishing, traveling, and watching her kids play sports. She also enjoys family time with her husband, Jim, and two kids, Olivia (age 12) and Oscar (age 11).

Vice President (Vote for 1)

Russ Matthys, City of Eagan

Russ Matthys is the Director of Public Works with the City of Eagan, and has been with the city for 21 years.

For the past 24 years, Russ has been actively involved with the APWA-MN Chapter serving as the current Secretary-Treasurer, the Director-DPW/City Engineer in 2014-2015, a member of the Public Awareness Committee since 2008, a representative of MN2050, and STEM Outreach Coordinator since 2014.

Professionally, Russ received the prestigious Engineer of the Year award in 2011 from the City Engineers Association of Minnesota; received the Extra Mile Award in 2011 from the National Society of Professional Engineers, Minnesota; and served on the Municipal Screening Board, State Aid Needs Study Subcommittee, multiple Minnesota Local Road Research Board TAPS, numerous MnDOT and Met Council task forces/steering teams, and as a presenter for several conferences.

Special interests include serving as a mentor, presenter/coordinator, or judge for numerous Success Beyond the Classroom (SBC)/Minnesota Future City Competition events; STEM/career presentations; adult leader for the American Heritage Girls organization; a basketball and soccer coach for the Eastview Athletic Association.

Secretary/Treasurer (Vote for 1)

Beth Engum, Kimley-Horn, Inc.

Beth Engum has recently joined Kimley-Horn, Inc. as a Senior Project Manager where she serves local cities and counties. Beth started her career nearly 20 years ago as a consultant in the State of Virginia, but most recently spent more than 6 years at Ramsey County Public Works where she managed several multi-agency transportation projects, including improvements supporting redevelopment of the Twin Cities Army Ammunitions Plant (TCAAP), and was heavily involved in building the County's Enterprise Asset Management program.

Her involvement with the Chapter began 13 years ago when she returned to Minnesota. Beth is serving her second four-year term as the Chapter's Volunteer Coordinator, is a member of the Membership & Special Events Committee (2012-present), a member of the 2016 PWX Planning Committee, and served as the Director-State/County/Regional Agency on the Executive Committee (2014-15).

She and her husband, Nate, have been married for 18 years and have two children, Elana (12) and Owen (10). In her free time, Beth enjoys running, reading, traveling, and watching sports.

Heidi Hamilton, Stantec

Heidi is currently employed with Stantec as a Senior Associate and has been with the company for the last 1.5 years.

She has been an active member of APWA for 16 years, including Director – Vendor/Contractor (2017-2018), Director - Manager/Engineer (2007-2008), Co-chair of the Technical Tours Committee for PWX16, Audit Committee member (2017 to present) and newly appointed committee chair, and a member of the Awards Committee in the early 2000s.

Heidi spent more than 20 years working for cities prior to joining Stantec, including Deputy Director of Public Works for the City of Minneapolis and Director of Public Works/City Engineer in Northfield. Heidi currently serves as an at-large appointee to the Hennepin County Capital Budget Task Force. She has also served as a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers Committee on Peer Review for Public Agencies, including chairing the committee; and a judge for the American Council of Engineering Companies Regional and National awards, including Chief Judge of the National Awards in 2009.

In her spare time, Heidi enjoys spending time with her husband and two dogs, staying active outdoors, cooking, reading and gardening. She also volunteers for a variety of non-profits around the Twin Cities, such as Can-Do Canines, People Serving People, Tree Trust, and others.

Director – Manager/Engineer (Vote for 1)

Jupe Hale, City of Maple Grove

Jupe Hale is the City of Maple Grove's Assistant City Engineer and has worked with the city for the past 4.5 years.

He has been actively involved in the Chapter for over 16 years. Jupe's involvement includes serving as the Standing Co-Chair of the Conference Planning Committee for the last 6 years, a 15-year member of the Conference Committee, an annual attendee at APWA Congress/PWX for 14 consecutive years, and has been an active participant in several of the Chapter's Strategic Planning sessions.

In addition, Jupe served as the President, ASCE Phoenix Branch (2000-2001); an adjunct lecturer, University of Minnesota Construction Management Program (2006-2018); and Principal/Part Owner of WSB & Associates (2010-2014).

In his free time, Jupe is raising three children, participating/viewing/coaching sports of all kinds, and enjoys traveling.

Chad Millner, City of Edina

Chad Millner has been with the City of Edina for over 6 years. He is currently the Director of Engineering. Prior to joining the City of Edina, he worked for a local consulting firm in its municipal engineering group. He holds a Bachelor's Degree from the University of Minnesota, a Master of Business Administration from St. Cloud State University, and is a licensed professional engineer.

Chad's Chapter involvement includes a Fall Conference presenter, a member of the 2016 PWX Fun Run Committee, a 2016 PWX lecture volunteer, and an active member of the Awards Committee.

Other professional involvement includes volunteering with Mathcounts; active with the University of Minnesota's Senior Capstone Program; MnDOT Variance Committee Volunteer; various policy committees with MnDOT and Met Council; presentations at CEAM, Collection System Conference, MnDOT, Sweet Waters Conference, and Edina High School.

In addition, Chad is an endurance athlete and volunteers on a high school mountain bike team.

Director – Vendor/Contractor (Vote for 1)

Dave Meslow, 3M

David Meslow is employed by 3M in the Transportation Safety Division as a Safety Account Executive. He has been with 3M for over 35 years.

Although David is a new member to the Chapter, he has indirectly been involved for several years. His role as Safety Account Executive with 3M has availed him opportunities for advancement of transportation technology and safety by serving on the Board of Directors for the Minnesota Transportation Alliance, on the Board of Directors for ITS of MN, and a committee member on the Minnesota Guidestar and the Northland Chapter of ATSSA.

David has held a variety of positions in his 35-year career with the 3M Transportation Safety Division. He was the State of Texas and Florida representative, Pavement Marking and Construction Work Zone Product Marketer, Key Account Manager and currently State of Minnesota Government Transportation Safety Account Executive. He also served on the Florida Road Builders Association Board of Directors and Secretary Treasurer of Florida and Texas ATSSA, recipient of the 2017 MnDOT Work Zone Safety Award and an active member of TZD and MN County Engineers Association.

David is also an official for the National Football League for the 8th season, volunteers for Camp Odayin (children with heart disease), enjoys golfing and spending time with family and friends.

Mark Rehder, S&S Tree and Horticultural Specialists

Mark has been employed with S&S Tree and Horticultural Specialists for nine years.

He is an active member of the Minnesota Chapter and is currently a member of the Environmental & Sustainability Committee, a participant in the Chapter's Adopt-a Highway cleanup events, a vendor at multiple APWA-MN Chapter events, and an APWA PWX attendee.

Mark's professional accomplishments include a member of the International Society of Arboriculture (ISA) Board Certified Master Arborist MN-0256B, (ISA) Tree Risk Assessor Qualified (TRAQ), ISA Certified Arborist since 2001, and contracted City Forester for North Oaks, Minnesota.

In Mark's free time, he enjoys coaching hockey, hiking, biking, and volunteering for tree planting projects.

Director – Superintendent (Vote for 1)

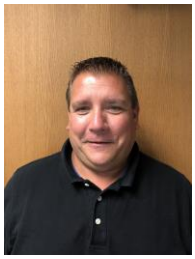
Tim Kieffer, City of Golden Valley

Tim Kieffer is the Public Works Maintenance Manager for the City of Golden Valley. He possesses over 20 years progressive experience. Tim has attained Class C Water, Class S-C Wastewater, Class D Wastewater, Tree Inspector and Public Works certificates over the course of his career. Starting as a seasonal worker and working his way into management, he has a true appreciation for the staff that works for him. Tim's philosophy is to serve and support the people that work with him while providing great customer service to the residents of the community.

For the last five years, Tim has been a regular APWA-MN Chapter conference attendee, and volunteered at the 2016 PWX in Minneapolis.

Tim is a graduate of the APWA-MN Chapter Public Works Certificate Program and currently enrolled in the Hamline Leadership Academy. He is also the Minnesota Street Superintendent Association (MSSA) Treasurer.

In his free time, Tim enjoys camping with his family and golfing.



Joe Wiita, Scott County

Joe Wiita works with Scott County and currently is the Infrastructure Operations Manager. He has been with the county for 7 years. Prior to working at Scott County, Joe worked at the City of Prior Lake for 16 years starting as a maintenance worker, then Public Works Tech, Foreman, Streets and Utilities Supervisor, and Maintenance Superintendent.

He has been an active member of the Chapter for 13 years and serves on the Education and Training Committee, is a Fall Workshop presenter and moderator, and presented at the 2010 APWA Snow Conference.

Professionally, Joe is a recipient of the 2006 Environmental Leadership award, a 2008 LTAP road scholar graduate, a 2009 graduate of the APWA-MN Chapter Public Works Certificate Program, a 2010 Excellence in Snow and Ice Control award winner, a 2010 graduate of the Minnesota Public Works Leadership Academy, a 2014 Excellence in Performance recognized by the Scott County Board of Commissioners for the 2014 floods, and Past President of the Minnesota Street Superintendents Association.

Joe has several hobbies which include hunting, fishing and all of the sports his three daughters are involved in (hockey, fast pitch softball, volleyball, gymnastics and archery). He also enjoys being a mechanic on the side. In addition, Joe served as a volunteer firefighter for the City of Savage for 8 years. Joe's true Public Works passion is snow and ice control.