



## Notes from Meeting Regarding the APWA Education Initiative

APWA Fall Conference  
 Davenport Hotel, Spokane  
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### Proposal

Determine what role should APWA have in developing an inclusive and comprehensive education and outreach strategy to expose our young people to careers in Public Works.

### Discussions

1. Consensus that the education committee should be renamed the Education Initiative to more accurately reflect our mission in educating our young people in the value of Public Works as a career choice.
2. Consensus that Joy Monjure is the chairperson of the Education Initiative.
3. Discussion on the need for an Education Initiative:
  - I. Our perception is that there is a national trend that young people are not choosing Engineering and Public Works as a career. This is occurring at the same time that the nation is experiencing critical challenges caused by global climate change, deteriorating public works and transportation infrastructure, and the aging of the "baby boomers" in America's work force. The result would be a shortage of qualified engineers and public works professionals to meet and resolve these challenges over the next 50 years.
  - II. Our perception is that there are many professional organizations that are impacted by this shortage of young people choosing Public Works as a career. Some professional organizations that are considered stakeholders in this Education Initiative:
    - i. American Public Works Association (APWA)
    - ii. American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE)
    - iii. American Council of Engineering Companies (ACEC)
    - iv. Associated General Contractors (AGC)
    - v. Associated Builders and Contractors (ABC)



## **APWA Education Initiative**

APWA Board Meeting

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January 11, 2008

### **Background**

Determine what role should APWA have in developing an inclusive and comprehensive education and outreach strategy to expose our young people to careers in Public Works.

### **Status**

1. Joy Monjure, City of Bellingham, is completing the educational video for high school and middle school children about the role of public works in our society. It should be complete by the end of January.
2. The City of Bellingham is sponsoring a Public Works Careers Day at the local high school in mid-April.
3. Art Louie joined the Puget Sound Engineering Council, as a representative of APWA. The PSEC is primarily sponsored by the Boeing Company, but includes 17 member organizations including American Society of Civil Engineers, Society of American Military Engineers, and Institute of Industrial Engineers.
4. Art serves on the Board of the TEC (Technology, Engineering, and Communications) School at Evergreen High School in the Highline School District.

### **Opportunities**

Several upcoming recruitment events:

1. PSEC Mentor Night with the University of Washington, January 29
2. Seattle University Networking Event, January 30
3. 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Women in Science and Engineering Conference, University of Washington, February 2
4. PSEC Career Days Speakers List, for Career Days in local high schools and middle schools
5. WSDOT engineers in the classroom
6. Project Lead The Way, mentoring opportunities
7. Technology Educators conference

### **Possible Strategies to go forward**

1. APWA develop our own outreach strategies for college and high school students
2. APWA develop outreach strategies in cooperation with other organizations
3. APWA take no further action, and allow individual members to do their thing