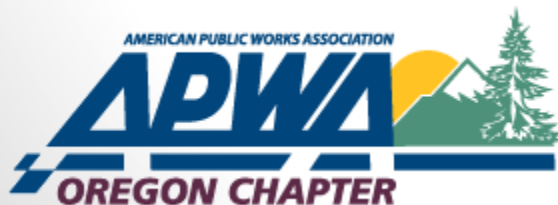


# Top Ten Public Works Leader Recipient -

How, What, When, Where, & Why!

2019 PNWS-AWWA: Utility Management Track



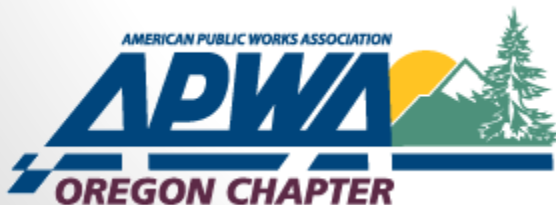


# PENDLETON

*Working every day to be the premier city in Eastern Oregon*

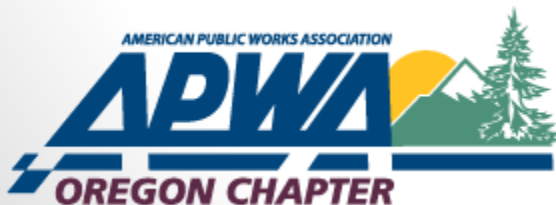
Bob Patterson, P.E.  
City of Pendleton  
Public Works Director

2016 Top Ten Public Works  
Leader of the Year Recipient



# Purpose of Award

- Inspire excellence and dedication
- Recognize outstanding career service achievements
- Focus on multiple accomplishments instead of individual projects
- APWA National has a 29,000 plus membership
- Ten candidates selected annually
- Top Ten Leaders have been acknowledged since 1960
- Minimum 10-years qualifying experience
- Public or Private Sector
- Member of APWA



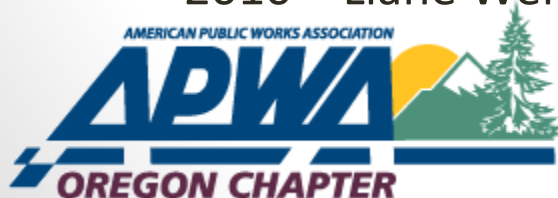
# Oregon Chapter APWA

- Recipients

- 2017 – Jeanne Nyquist – Nyquist & Associates
- 2016 – Bob Patterson – City of Pendleton
- 2014 – Stephanie Reid – City of Lincoln City
- 2012 – Peggy Keppler – City of Eugene
- 2006 – Kurt Corey – City of Eugene
- 2004 – Dan Boss – City of Tualatin

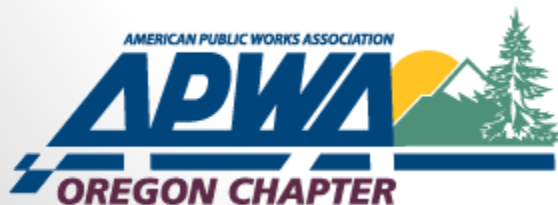
- Nominees

- **2019 – Russ Thomas – City of Newberg**
- 2015 – Eric Jones – City of Eugene
- 2013 / 2018 – Gregg Weston – DEA / 3J Consulting
- 2010 – Liane Welch – Tillamook County



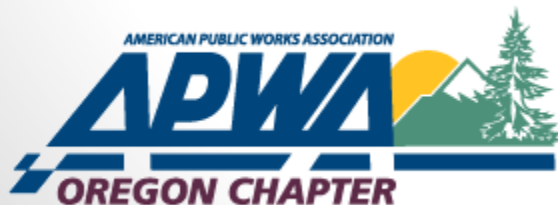
# 2016 Submittal

- Adam Crafts – Top Ten Leader / PACE awards lead
- Allan Hall Public Relations
  - Student run public relations
  - University Of Oregon
  - <http://allenhallpr.com/>
  - Serena Motelewski, student project lead
- Bob Patterson
- All submittals can be viewed on the Chapter's Top Ten Public Works Leader page:
  - <http://oregon.apwa.net/PageDetails/3639>



# 2016 Submittal

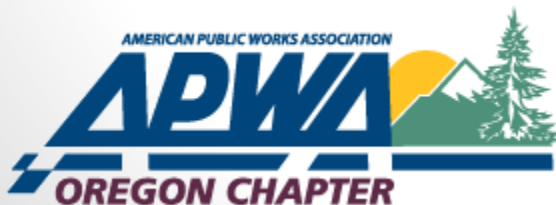
- Letter of Recommendations
- Career in Public Works
- Project Accomplishments
- Management Accomplishments
- Publications and Presentations
- Professional Organizations
- Community Service
- Awards



# Recommendations

“Bob epitomizes the best traits that we all aspire to possess.” Tim Hawkins, 2010 Pendleton Round-Up Centennial Chairman

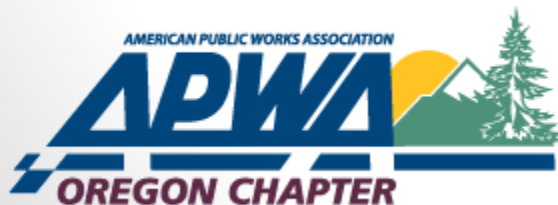
“Bob is an exemplary mentor. Early on, Bob recognized the importance of providing professional leadership training for all staff to help mold our public works team into a top notch cohesive unit. Through over two years of recurring leadership training, which enhanced morale tremendously, he positively cemented our internal staff coordination and communication.” City of Pendleton PW Management Staff



# Recommendations

“Bob was able and willing to show his human side, to take ownership for unresolved conflicts, and to truly listen to what others had to say.” Susan L. Bower, Eastern Oregon Business Source

“I had the great fortune to attend the Oregon APWA Chapter’s 2014 Fall Conference in Pendleton, which Bob hosted and planned. And, what a tremendous, entertaining, and educational conference it was!” Larry J. Stevens P.E., PWLF, Past –President, APWA Board of Directors

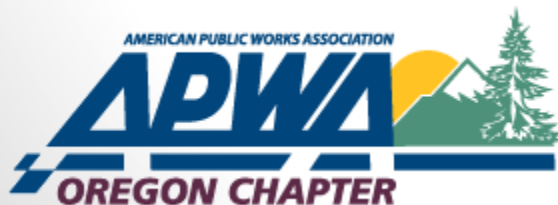




# Recommendations

“Bob Patterson is a seasoned, visionary leader with a unique combination of technical expertise, foresight, exemplary communication skills, tenacity, and common sense.” David Stangel, P.E., Managing Principal, Murraysmith

“As a council member with 26 years as a professional engineer in investor owned private utilities, I was responsible for planning and managing the design, operation and maintenance of electric, water and wastewater systems in three states. Through Bob’s vision and leadership, Pendleton’s Public Works Department is among the finest small city public works departments I have seen.” Chuck Wood, City Council Member



# Primary Project Accomplishment

## Aquifer Storage and Recovery (ASR) Program

“The biggest thing I can say about Bob is that he is not afraid to try new things. Because of his leadership, we began one of the most successful ASR programs in the nation.” Jeff Brown, City of Pendleton Public Works Superintendent.



# Additional Project Accomplishments

ASR Hydro Energy Program

Water Filtration Plant Siphon

Membrane Retirement Program

Waste-to-Energy Project

Public Works Solar Arrays

Master Planning

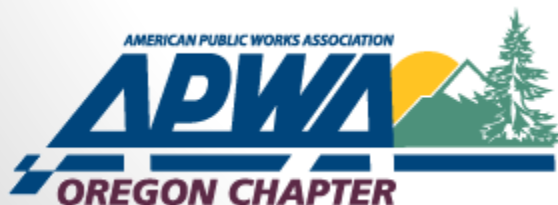
Solarize Pendleton

- Loans to match tax credits / incentives
- Over 1.1 Megawatts DC to date

Solar Energy Production Project

- 6 Megawatts on leased airport property

“When problems have come up within the projects, he has always been willing to listen to ideas and think outside the box to come up with the best solution to solve the problem and keep things moving in the right direction.” Tim Smith, Water Superintendent



# Community Involvement

The “Chapel Project”  
First Presbyterian Church



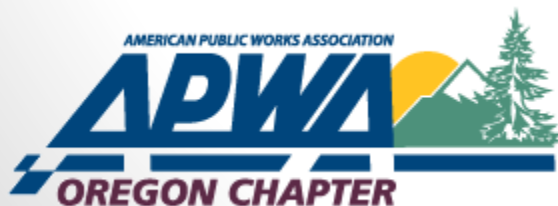
“I heavily leaned on Bob throughout the chapel project, and cannot fathom having gotten through it without Bob’s patient, focused and open-minded jocular manner.” Rev. Roger A. Harwerth, First Presbyterian Church

# Community Involvement Outreach

Advancing the community's  
knowledge: "Coffee Hour"



"Having Bob join me on the KUMA Coffee Hour each month is very informative. His passion for his work is evident, and his ability to explain in-depth the current projects is invaluable to our listeners." Butch Thurman, Host KUMA Coffee Hour, News/Talk 1290 KUMA



# Training and Mentoring

“I believe I am where I am now, because I learned from Bob’s example and his values. Bob is someone who believes in those of us who are just starting out, and he has been an excellent teacher. In large part because of what I have observed of his work in Pendleton, I have been inspired to pursue not just public service, but also *public education*. Bob has shown me the value of supporting the *next generation* of public servants, and I hope that over the years I’ll be able to pass along the same lessons in dedication, innovation, brave experimentation, and integrity that he has offered me.” Aniko Drlik-Muehleck, past Resource Assistance for Rural Environments (RARE) Participant

“His dedication to public service and the improvement of public infrastructure is apparent and refreshing.” Haley Meisenholder, past RARE Participant



# Local News: East Oregonian

## **PENDLETON Man at work**

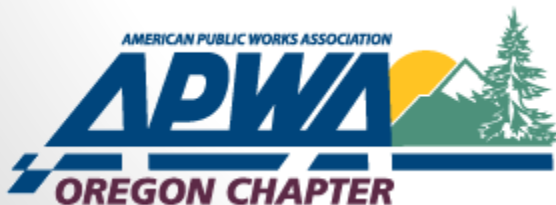
Antonio Sierra

Apr 14, 2016

“As one of the most prestigious awards presented by the association, the Top Ten Public Works Leader award is given to honor the public works professional’s career, in which he or she demonstrated excellence in public works, services and infrastructure in his or her community through advancement of public works services and technology,” the press release states.



Pendleton Public Works Director Bob Patterson was named a 2016 Top Ten Public Works Leader by the American Public Works Association in March.



# Takeaways on Leadership

- NETWORKING
- Involvement: inside your organization, in your community, and in your professional affiliations.
- Willing to change lanes.
- Try to not provide a direct answer, instead, ask questions.
- The professional question “How can I help?”
- Provide mentoring opportunities for young professionals.
- Continue pursuit of knowledge:
  - Reality-Based Rules of the Workplace, by Cy Wakeman
  - Reality-Based Leadership, by Cy Wakeman



# Questions?

Young Bob receiving the 1995 Regional Activities Award at the PNWS-AWWA Conference

Email:

[Bob.Patterson@ci.Pendleton.or.us](mailto:Bob.Patterson@ci.Pendleton.or.us)

“As City Manager of Pendleton, I find Bob to be a forward thinking leader who is ever mindful of our environment, quality of life, and sustainable management practices.”

Robb Corbett, Pendleton City Manager

