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APWA CEO Scott D. Grayson, CAE Receives KCSAE Distinguished Association Executive Award

Kansas City, MO – September 25, 2020 – Yesterday, the American Public Works Association’s (APWA) Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Scott D. Grayson, CAE was announced as the recipient of the Kansas City Society of Association Executives (KCSAE) Distinguished Association Executive award.

“I would like to thank KCSAE and the Awards Committee for selecting me as the 2020 recipient of the Distinguished Association Executive Award,” said APWA CEO Scott D. Grayson, CAE. “What a great honor to be nominated by one’s staff, and what a great honor to be recognized by KCSAE, which has been such a welcoming organization over the last four (4) years I’ve been in Kansas City.”

The recipient of this award exemplifies the best in executive association management, continually bringing credit to the profession and the association management community, while providing leadership within their own association, KCSAE and other voluntary membership organizations.

“Scott’s leadership exemplifies the best in executive association management with his focus on professional excellence, bringing credit to the profession and the community. KCSAE is fortunate to have benefitted from his dedication to the association management profession,” said KCSAE Executive Director Cynthia Edmunds.

APWA CEO Scott D. Grayson, CAE was recognized as a Distinguished Association Executive by KCSAE for his exceptional leadership of APWA members, chapters, and staff throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. Over recent months, Scott skillfully guided the APWA team to produce at an impressive level, not only transitioning the way in which we work, but boosting confidence to produce new products and a higher level of service to APWA members.

These products and services include: the first ever virtual APWA Public Works Expo (PWX), PWX@Home; the first ever APWA Government Affairs virtual briefings to the U.S. Congress; the APWA COVID-19 Public Works Discussion Board; multiple virtual public works peer events to encourage information sharing; numerous articles in the *APWA Reporter* detailing the ways public works can support communities during the pandemic and beyond; free access to the APWA Members’ Library; free access to Click, Listen & Learn webinars; and opening

submissions for members to share their specific pandemic experiences through APWA's "Tell Your Public Works COVID-19 Story" portal.

"On behalf of all of our staff, members, Board of Directors, and friends of APWA, we are very proud Scott is being recognized for his dedication to our association, and by extension public works," said APWA President Mary Joyce Ivers. "During these challenging months in particular, Scott's exemplary leadership has been steady and committed not only to the safety of our staff, but to making sure public works professionals are supported through access to education opportunities, resources, peer networks, and that they have a strong voice advocating on their behalf to policymakers."

APWA CEO Scott D. Grayson, CAE was honored at the KCSAE Annual Celebration on September 24, 2020. Award solicitation begins in May and the KCSAE Awards Committee selects the recipient in August.

A recording of APWA CEO Scott D. Grayson's acceptance speech will be made available on our website, www.apwa.net. Please be sure to subscribe to the *APWA Reporter*, and follow [@APWATWEETS](https://twitter.com/APWATWEETS) and [@APWAGovAffairs](https://twitter.com/APWAGovAffairs) on Twitter to watch for more APWA news.

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About APWA

The American Public Works Association (www.apwa.net) is a not-for-profit, international organization of more than 30,000 members involved in the field of public works. APWA serves its members by promoting professional excellence and public awareness through education, advocacy, and the exchange of knowledge. APWA is headquartered in Kansas City, MO, has an office in Washington, D.C., and 63 chapters and 97 branches throughout North America.