

The Young Professionals Committee developed nine action plans and initiatives for 2020-21; these plans and initiatives, many of which are phased for short- and long-term milestones, are described below.

101 Topics

The 101 Topics initiative is an effort to enhance available programs and resources for basic-level knowledge for the various aspects of the Public Works profession and to help APWA to develop and distribute those programs and resources to Young Professionals.

Peer-to-Peer Collaboration

We recognize our committee responsibilities and initiatives often overlap with other committees, knowledge teams, and peer organizations. We strive to coordinate and collaborate with peer committees and connect with peer organizations to harness best practices and optimize involvement of all our members.

PWX Presentation

The Young Professionals committee has the opportunity to present each year at PWX. The committee strives to choose an appropriate topic each year that engages young professionals across the country and showcases their contributions to our profession.

PWX YP Experience

This action plan is to organize more social and networking experiences for Young Professionals (YP) during PWX to increase YP engagement and provide a more interactive experience during the conference.

Regional Outreach

A key role of the YP committee is to serve as a resource to local chapters and young professionals. The young professionals committee intends to have regular communications with regional contacts to ensure needs are met and resources are made available. This will also help guide the committee as our various initiatives are advanced.

Reporter Articles

The Young Professionals Committee aims to showcase at least one article, authored by any young professional member, in the monthly Reporter publication. The goal is to highlight the contributions of young professional at all levels and all aspects of the public works profession.

Student Chapters

The Student Chapter action plan includes the enhancement of student memberships and the value these memberships bring to the students, the chapters, and APWA as a whole.

Website Content

The Website Content Subcommittee aims to develop and support clear, consistent, and engaging YP communication between members, YPs, and/or prospective members.

YP Summit

The Young Professionals (YP) summit would be a national event in conjunction with the Chapters' Leadership Training event held on a biennium cycle. The summit would be an event with programming and in-person networking for information sharing of best practices and means to develop, maintain, and expand young professional membership and activities within chapters, branches, and national committees.