



January 23, 2017

Dear Members,

I hope everyone had a joyous and relaxing holiday season. As the incoming President of the Suburban Branch, I am excited to kick-off a busy 2017!

Over the past 50 years, the Suburban Branch has provided APWA members from Cook and DuPage Counties with a forum to exchange knowledge and work experiences. This year, our goal is to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Branch and acknowledge the volunteers that have made this organization a staple in our profession.

On November 22, 2016, the following members were elected by their peers to serve with me as Officers on the Executive Board:

- Vice President: Jeremie Lukowicz, Village of Villa Park
- Secretary: Chris Olcott, Hampton Lenzini and Renwick
- Treasurer: Mike Waldron, Strand Associates

We also appreciate the time and effort dedicated by our Past-President, Tiffany Engelhardt, in 2016. Her leadership was instrumental to the success we experienced last year.

In addition to our talented Executive Board, we have a great team of Committee Chairs and Liaisons ready to help achieve our goals and objectives. This team will plan and operate various Branch events and programs throughout the year. You can visit the Suburban Branch webpage to view a summary of each Committee's role in 2017: <http://chicago.apwa.net/PageDetails/2278>.

If you would like to participate on a Branch Committee, please notify any of our Officers or Chairs. If you are not yet a member of APWA or our Branch, please contact our Membership Chair, Matt Moffitt at mmoffitt@baxterwoodman.com, to learn more about the enrollment process.

As a student scholarship recipient less than a decade ago, I could not imagine that I would be in the position to give back to APWA so quickly! This organization and its members have had a major impact on my career and education. I appreciate the opportunity to serve as your next Branch President, and look forward to laying out the ground work for the next 50 years!

Sincerely,

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Civil Engineer, Village of Mount Prospect