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John Ostrowski is a management consultant who established JOMC in 1999 after more than 30 years in various phases of public works administration at the state, county and city level. He spent 17 years as Public Works Director in Vancouver, Washington. He was also Acting City Manager in Vancouver and Interim Executive Director of C-TRAN, the countywide bus system in 1998 and again in 2006. He has received numerous awards including APWA Top Ten Public Works Leader of the Year and has authored and co-authored articles and speeches on public works and financing issues at conferences and seminars. He is the administrator of the Northwest Public Works Institute and has taught Public Works Institute classes in Washington, Oregon, California, Kansas City and Arizona. John also has served as a site reviewer for the APWA Public Works Accreditation Process. He was a member of the Washington State Transportation Performance Audit Board. His books, "Everything You Need To Know To Be A Public Works Director", "Survive and Thrive", "Lessons from the Life of Jack Pittis", "Axioms and Outlooks" and "More than Everything You Need To Know To Be A Public Works Director" are published by APWA. He also co-chaired the publication and wrote the Managing People chapter of the "Public Works Administration" textbook.

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Jeanne is the President of Nyquist and Associates, Inc., a management consulting firm providing services to public, private, and non-profit organizations. She has over 30 years of public works management experience and is a lifetime member of APWA. In 2017, she was recognized as national APWA Top 10 Public Works Leader of the Year. She holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business and Management from Marylhurst University. Jeanne is an accomplished speaker and trainer who uses her managerial and life experiences to illustrate leadership concepts that will enhance organizational, personal and professional development.

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Jeff currently works for Lane County Public Works as the Manager of the Waste Management Division. He also serves as a trainer for the Achieve Global leadership development program. He has 6 years of experience in public works and 15 years in nonprofit leadership, working in Detroit, Chicago, San Antonio, and Eugene. He has led large scale community-based service events and served as the principal of an alternative high school. He enjoys camping, backpacking, and snowboarding.

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Working with public agencies, Kim connects private sector technical expertise to rapidly changing bureaus. An active APWA member, Kim completed the NWPWI program in 2015, values the growth opportunities it provides, and wants to give back support to APWA. She thrives outdoors playing on the slopes, the river or the garden.

Dale Deatherage

Retired ODOT

Dale Deatherage retired from Oregon Department of Transportation where he worked for 34 years. He worked 15 years in construction project management in Portland and La Grand, Oregon, and 19 years in contract administration in Salem, Oregon. As the State Specification Engineer, he was a strong advocate for APWA/ODOT joint specifications. He was invited to Iowa Department of Transportation to present on the creation and use of joint specifications. Since retiring, hobbies include photography, genealogy, travel, and training