Notice of APWA Breakfast Meeting

When: Thursday, January 5, 2017
Time: 7:30 a.m.
Cost: $12 per member/ $15 per non-member
Where: 3 Fisherman Seafood Restaurant
13021 N Cleveland Ave, North Fort Myers, FL 33903
(239) 599-8568

1 PDH credit will be available to workshop participants

Presenter: Ralph Verrasto

Ralph Verrastro, PE, is a Principal at Bridging Solutions, LLC and serves as a Project Manager on bridge design projects for FDOT, local municipalities, and private land developers. Ralph graduated from Cornell University with a BS in Civil Engineering in 1976 and is a licensed professional engineer in 37 states. He is a technical expert related to the design of small and medium span bridges, rehabilitation of historic bridges and the design of prefabricated bridge structures. Ralph has served on the Editorial Board for STRUCTURE magazine and as an Adjunct Professor for engineering courses at Broome Community College in Binghamton, NY. He is a Past President and the current State Director for the Calusa Chapter of FES.

Bridge Structure Flood Emergency Training

This seminar provides training for public works personnel that will be assigned to perform emergency inspections during flood events for bridges and large culverts. The employees of municipal public works departments are typically the first responders in the event of a flood to determine the safety of the bridges that are owned and maintained by the municipality. They need to be trained to understand how to recognize a hazardous condition and be able to recommend/implement an immediate bridge closure, if conditions warrant it, to protect the safety of the travelling public.

This seminar provides a recommended approach to preparing an emergency action plan for the municipality that includes identifying the risk associated with the various bridge types in the municipality’s inventory and preparing a priority list for the performance of the inspections. It provides a basic understanding of the components of typical bridges and a working knowledge of the common failure modes caused by scour. This seminar also provides a sample inspection form to be used during an emergency flood inspection and a checklist of specific inspection activities that should be performed and documented.

Please RSVP by 5 p.m., Tuesday, January 3 to Brianna Wagner by email at bwagner@cella.cc.