As I begin my tenure as your Chapter President I am humbled when I think of the many fine public servants that have preceded me and served the Florida Chapter so well. I especially think of those Past Presidents who came from the City of Orlando and who played an important part in getting me involved in APWA. I am speaking of J. C. Bailey (1984/85) and Bob Haven (1992/93). I thank them and pray that I can do a job and be of service to you, the members, in as fine a fashion as they, and all of the Past Presidents, have done before me.

I believe that education is a founding "cornerstone" of the American Public Works Association. I know it is one of the driving principles of the Florida Chapter. All you have to do is look at the Chapter’s mission statement, and its goals and objectives to see that education, in one manner or another, plays an important role in the Florida Chapter (please see the Spring '97 edition of the FLORIDA REPORTER).

I will strive to ensure that educational opportunities will be continued, improved and expanded over the next 12 months. During the next year, the Florida Chapter will offer more scholarships, more teleconferences, and more meaningful technical sessions during the Annual Meeting than ever before. I hope to see additional Public Works Academies started within the state. Through sound fiscal management, the resources should be available to allow this to occur.

The number of scholarships should increase. I have recommended that the annual budget reflect an amount in excess of the $12,000 stated in the Chapter’s Goals. Debates to the Branches will continue. These are mentioned because most of the Branches use these funds to provide scholarships at the Branch level. In addition, there is also to those at the Chapter level.

I will ask that the Florida Chapter continue to provide APWA Teleconferences at no charge to the sites or Branches. I specifically wish to thank the Florida Transportation Transfer Center, T, for their partnership with the Florida Chapter in making all of the nationlly sponsored monthly APWA Teleconferences available this year. (See an article elsewhere in this newsletter which describes the upcoming teleconferences, courtesy of the Florida Chapter and T). In 1998 up to 20 teleconferences are being planned. I will work with T and the Executive Committee to see how many we can offer.

It is important that the technical sessions during our Annual Meeting are meaningful and educational to the delegates. I will be working with our new Chapter Vice President, Barry Miller, to ensure we will have a full slate of worthwhile concurrent sessions. We will improve on the ability of our members to earn CEUs while attending the technical sessions at the Annual Meeting. Public Works Academies provide education and hands on training for individuals who wish to enter into the public works profession at a non-professional level.

In the past your Florida Chapter has supported creation of four academies in the state. There is an effort by your Chapter to get on the agenda of the National APWA Board of Directors meeting in Minneapolis at the International Public Works Congress to make a presentation about the success of the Florida academies. We would like to see National embrace the idea of Public Works Academies and to assist in their establishments throughout the United States. On a state level, I would like to see two more academies opened somewhere in Florida. The Florida Chapter is one of the finest, if not the finest, APWA Chapters in the Country. I look forward in working with the Executive Committee and you, our members, in making 1997/1998 a banner year for the Chapter. Feel free to contact me anytime.

PS - I want to take this opportunity to thank Jon Crull and the members of his local committees who put on the 1997 Annual Meeting and Trade Show in Daytona Beach. I thoroughly enjoyed it. Jon, you and your team deserve a huge "THANK YOU."
The Adams Mark Hotel and the Ocean Center in Daytona Beach were the site for the 1997 Meeting and Tradeshow.

The show kicked off on Tuesday, April 29, with the annual golf tournament. We nicknamed it the "Mishral Classic" if that gives you any indication of the all day rain the players had to contend with to enjoy their favorite sport. A special thanks goes to Scott Martin and his staff from Volusia County for being the Chairman of the tournament.

The spouse program also began on Tuesday for the first time. The ladies enjoyed a full week of activities including a visit to the "Gamble House" and a special tour of Daytona USA and the Daytona International Speedway.

Michael Ann Hall began managing the show on April 29. He was in charge of coordinating all the activities and a much earned thank you goes to her for all her hard work.

On technical sessions began Tuesday afternoon after the golf tournament and ran through Friday afternoon. They were well attended and for the first time we offered continuing educational units (CEUs) for attendees. This seems to have worked very well and we have already been assured that it will continue for our next show in Tampa.

Thanks to Lee Righi for arranging all the speakers for these sessions.

Tuesday night was capped with a "Meet & Greet reception" where all the delegates and their guests got the opportunity to renew old friendships while meeting the new visitors to our show. It was extremely well attended, unfortunately the rain ruined the outdoor opportunity to enjoy outside deck and fabulous view from the 15th floor of the Adams Mark.

The main highlight of Wednesday as well as the moving in and setting up of the equipment show. Dennis Colby, and his crew deserve a lot of credit for the coordination and experience that the vendors enjoyed while setting up their displays.

Registration for the show was handled by Mark Julian and his amazing crew consisting of Pat Clark, Ginger Nogueira, Dayle Metzger, and Arlene Lowrey. The compliments for their handling of this extremely difficult task were so overwhelming that the Tampa arrangement committee has said they want them back to do their show.

The equipment show began on Thursday morning and ran through Friday at 6:00 P.M. It was officially opened by incoming President Bill Cameron who read a Proclamation from the City of Daytona Beach welcoming APWA. The exhibitors seemed very pleased with the floor traffic and gave the show high marks. We held several drawings throughout the show and who can forget Kevin Gray’s voice rendering throughout the Ocean Center with "Show Me the Money". He did an excellent job, and special congratulations to Brenda Egliwine for winning our Grand Prize of a $1,000 gift certificate from High Performance Travel.

All the excellent meals and receptions except the Meet and Greet and Frag's were responsibility of Dean Creach and his fine staff. They did an exemplary job of keeping us fed and pampered. Thanks Dean.

Friday night has traditionally been a sit down formal dinner or a Vegas Night. We wanted to do something different this time and different it was! Over two hundred thirty people made their way to Fugger's Solano for a recreation of a night during Bike Week. The leather was on, the tattoos were shown and some even grew some great hair. James Singleton told us all by cooking up some of the best steaks around. I don't think we ever quite thanked James enough for all his help, but believe me there is no one more dedicated to APWA and he has never failed to give his best to any occasion or task. Thank you very much James.

"Stormful Norman" provided the entertainment and we even had a special guest appearance by "Elvis". It was definitely a night enjoyed by all.

The Past Presidents Breakfast was held Saturday morning. Many of our past leaders were in attendance and it made the morning something special as we said our good-byes until Tampa next May.

I want to give a special thanks to Anne Beck for her tireless hours of making and distributing the Parcellus for his help on just about everything before, during and after the show. Alan Gillett for his perseverance and the time as our sponsorship chairman and to Ken Hagan for his fabulous pictures.

All the gals gave so much of their time and effort that this show could not have been possible. I am deeply in their gratitude and thank them all once again!

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TELECONFERENCE SCHEDULE BROUGHT TO MEMBERS JOINTLY BY T-2 AND APWA

Learn how implementing innovative strategies today can foster your community’s economic growth and development without sacrificing a healthy environment for future generations. From innovative recycling programs, alternative transportation and incentives, environmentally sensitive business development, communities across the country are pioneering public works strategies which promote development and minimize damage to the environment.

This program addresses such critical questions as: What really is sustainable development? What are sustainable communities? What are the steps in the process to reach sustainability? And — what are the best practice case studies will be examined each participant will receive a substantial resource guide that includes important information on how to begin a sustainability project.

SITES SECURED FOR 1997 TELECONFERENCE TRAINING SCHEDULE

Wednesday, August 20
Work Zone Safety & the New Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. East 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. CDT

Wednesday, November 19
Leadership skills for Today’s New Manager Agenda available at local sites

South Florida
Ms. Zally Williams, *S.C. Coral Gables/Miami/N.Miami Phone: 305-460-5009 FAX: 305-460-5080

West Coast
Mr. Gil Pease, *S.C. Alachua/Marion County Phone: 352-392-378 X245 FAX: 352-392-3224

East Central
Ms. Sharon Laba, *S.C. Brevard County/ Melbourne Phone: 407-690-6843 FAX: 407-690-6821

West Palm Beach
Ms. Tracy Dills, *S.C., Phone: 561-355-2066 FAX: 561-355-2090
Central Florida Branch Spotlight

Central Florida Branch Chair

Michael G. Crampton, Central Florida Branch Chair

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entral Florida Branch Chair, Michael Crampton, plans to continue his support of the Branch by remaining an active member of the executive committee when his term expires in April. During his tenure, goals for the Branch included increasing membership, increasing the scholarship fund through State rebates and contributions, supporting municipal and county employees, providing educational programs, and participation in teleconferences. The Central Branch encompasses Seminole, Orange, Volusia, Osceola, Lake, and Brevard Counties and has a Branch mailing list of approximately 350.

Mike has also served the APWA as a member of the National Committee for the ULCC. On the Branch Level, Mike served as Secretary/Treasurer, and Vice Chairman before becoming Chairman. Mike has been in the public works profession for almost 27 years working in both field and office environments. Most of his experience has been gained while employed by four Central Florida municipalities. Employed by the City of Sanford since late 1990, he is presently the City’s Utility Engineer. He became a member of APWA in 1984 and has been an active participant since 1987.

Mike was born in northwest Alabama, but moved to the Orlando area with his family when he was just two years old. Just prior to graduating from high school, he received his Eagle Scout Award and was inducted in the Boy Scouts of America’s Order of the Arrow brotherhood. He obtained his Bachelor’s Degree from the University of Central Florida in 1977 while working mostly full-time, and received his Master’s Degree in Public Administration in 1990.

He and his wife, Sigma, who is a Certified Chiropractic Physi-
cian, have two grown daughters, Heather and Jaime, and two grandchildren, Ashley and Emily. His son-in-law, Robert, is a Chemical Engineer from the University of Tennes-
ssee, which makes the annual Gar-
ter-Vol football game one of the most personal interest. Mike en-
yjoys spending time with his wife, learning about military history and aviation, attempting to play golf, and the world of Star Trek.
National Diversity Task Force

The National Diversity Task Force held a conference call on January 14, 1997. The conference was successful and a number of items were discussed.

The Educational Technical Committee has invited David Beaus from Florida to present "Diversity Can Make You an Employer of Choice" at the 1997 Annual Meeting and Trade Show. The March issue of the Reporter featured an article on diversity. Also, look for diversity training at the Florida Chapter Annual Meeting and Trade Show. The Task Force members will produce one or two questions for a survey on a proposed award for diversity.

A second survey was proposed for organizational issues regarding women members and their respective organizations are doing in the areas of diversity and how they could assist us in getting more information to support the work being done with case studies. Each member of the task force was asked to develop questions for the survey to review during the next conference call.

Brenda Eighmy discussed diversity issues in general with regard to what information the chapters should be forwarded for members and branches.

Lastly, Bridges may be brought to more members and possibly be put on the APWA Web site for those members with access to the Internet.

Spouse Outings

The spouses program will include trips to many Daytona Beach area attractions. Highlights are already being held Tuesday, April 15, 1997

- Baler Gallery
- St. Regis Hotel — Lunch on the beach
- Shopping
- Angel and Phelps Candy Tour

Wednesday, April 16, 1997

- Depart the hotel at 9:30 a.m.
- Museum of Science and Industry
- Lunch — The Yin Yard
- Gamble Palace and Snow White House
- Sugar Mill Botanical Gardens

Thursday, April 17, 1997

- Depart the hotel at 9:30 a.m.
- VIP day at the Daytona Speedway
- Speedway Tour
- Winston Tower Tour from Pastry in a Box
- Daytona USA

Friday, April 18, 1997

- Depart the hotel at 10:00 a.m.
- Citation Fleet Jetboat Ride
- Inlet Harbor Marina & Restaurant
- Ponce DeLeon Lighthouse & Museum

Sponsorships

If you know someone who is interested in sponsorship, please call Alan Gilbert at (904) 672-5000.

Trade Shows

The trade show’s objectives are to provide a friendly, informative atmosphere where exhibitors and public works attendees can interact and share product and service information. If you or someone you know is interested in participating in this year’s trade show, please have them call the Exhibitor Coordinator at (813) 980-6785.

Registration

Have you taken the time to complete your registration form? Simply complete the registration form on page 4 of this newsletter and fax it to (813) 987-2034. Please send your check to the APWA, P.O. Box 1885, Tampa, Florida 33687. Requests for cancellations must be in writing to the Florida Chapter APWA by April 1, 1997. No refunds will be made after this date. A $25 cancellation fee will apply. For information, call (813) 980-6785.

Accommodations

Adam’s Mark Hotel, 100 Atlantic Avenue, Daytona Beach, Florida. Reservations can be made by calling the Adam’s Mark at (904) 254-8200. Please mention the APWA $80 rate. This rate is in effect from April 15 - 23, 1997.

Directions

From Miami- 1:55 North From Jacksonville- 1:59 South From Jax airport- 1:35 a hour — the same price as via the I-95 south. You will exit at US 23 East also know as International Speedway and continue east to Atlantic Avenue. Go south for about 11/4 mile — the Adam’s Mark will be on your right across from the Ocean Center Convention Center.

Strategic Plan, from page 1

Submit at least one (1) Chapter applicant for each national award each year.

Goal 7 — Promote effective communications, coordination and cooperation on Public Works Activities between the Chapter and National APWA and the Chapter and public organizations.

Objectives

7.1 - Establish a listing of Chapter members and organizations with expertise in public works subjects to serve as a resource for other public works personnel and organizations.

7.2 - Increase participation in the Public Works Mutual Aid Program by 20 local governments per year for a total of 200 local government by the 21st Century.

7.3 - Continue to support certification of Public Works Agencies.

7.4 - Promote and provide Chapter Executive Committee training and development as needed.

Goal 8 — Expand the Florida Chapter Convention.

Objectives

8.1 - Provide diversity education services to appeal to other government employers: accountants, politicians, etc...

8.2 - Develop a session to appeal to state rule makers.

8.3 - Develop a session which will appeal to the elected officials and administrators.

8.4 - Encourage Public Works Activities participation in the convention.
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APWA House of Delegates - Mid-Winter Meeting
by Tony Leffin, Region IV Representative

On April 25th, I attended the mid-winter meeting of the Region IV, House of Delegates, in Tallahassee, Florida. While the agenda included several important topics, the following represents the highlights which I believe are of interest to the Florida Chapter.

F I N A N C I A L P O L I C I E S

Of particular note was the fact that in 1995, for the first time in several years, net assets of APWA exceeded net liabilities by $632,867, indicating that the organization has a positive net worth. In 1996, APWA continued to build on that course, the principle reason for this was the reorganization of the operations of APWA, reducting expenses through staff reductions and additional focus on value to the membership.

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R E C O V E R Y & E X P E N S E

In the years, 1991 - 1993, APWA expenses exceeded its revenues and in 1994, this trend was reversed. This trend was due to change in the organization's cost structure to conform to the revenue being generated. Expenses in 1996, began to climb again as the organization increased investment in its future and focused on returning value to its members.

OTHER DISCUSSION TOPICS

National Committee Structure
Association Communication
Association Name Change
APWA's Partnership - National
Potential Committee Members - Allied
Corporate

C H A P T E R I N V E S T M E N T P O L I C Y

The Finance Committee is investigating the possibility of establishing a central investment pool, managed by a third party professionals, investment manager, the purpose of this pool would be to relieve chapters of the burden of managing their reserves, while preserving the asset base of the chapter.

A N T I T R U S T ISSUES

An Antitrust Task Force worked with APWA attorneys in developing a compliance manual to provide clarity on the antitrust laws an d how they affect APWA. A summary document to be sent to the entire membership in June, was discussed.

M E E T T H E E D I T O R: Len Johnson

Bill Chamberlin has chosen Len Johnson as the APWA Florida Chapter Newsletter Editor. He is currently the Vice Chairman of the Central Branch. Len is also involved in his community and has served as Scoutmaster, Assistant Scoutmaster and Committee Chairman for Central Florida Boy Scouts of America. Len serves in a leadership capacity in his Church at St. Isaac Jogues Parish.

Retired after 23 years with the United States Navy and Navy Reserves where he earned numerous decorations: including United States Navy Meritorious Service Awards, Armed Forces Expedition, Navy Expedition and three National Defence medals. Len started his career in the field of Public Works after serving more than 15 years with the Baltimore City Police Department where he was a highly decorated and nominated Police Officer Of The Year for three consecutive years. Len is married to Charlotte (Cheri) and has two sons Len Jr and Rick. Len works for the City of Orlando as superintendent of the Equipment Management & Material Management program. Len has recently completed extensive training in Emergency Management and serves as the Disaster Response Coordinator for the Public Works Department.
The tentative plans for our annual chapter dinner at the APWA Inernational Congress in Minneapolis this year include:

5:00 p.m. Depart Minneapolis via motor coach for a 45-minute ride with libations on board, to historic Stillwater.

6:00 p.m. Poultry dinner at the historic Firehouse Restaurant in Stillwater.

8:15 p.m. Dinner. Arrive at docks on the St. Croix River, cocktails and light hors d’oeuvres will be served on board.

8:30 - 10:00 p.m. We will take a rollicking trip along the historic District of Stillwater.

How much will it cost? $50 per person

Contact Tony Leffin (407) 398-9432 for reservations.

Scholarship Program Report by Laura C. Ammerman, P.E., Scholarship Chairperson

The Scholarship Program is dedicated to providing funding for well-qualified individuals who wish to pursue public works engineering education. This program reflects the desire of the Florida Chapter of APWA to invest in the future of Florida’s public works community. The Scholarship Program is designed to provide financial support for undergraduate and graduate study in the area of public works engineering.

GRADUATE PROGRAM

Awarded to a student pursuing a graduate degree in public works engineering. The scholarship is available to full-time students enrolled in an accredited program in the United States.

This year’s recipients are:

- Ahmed Faisal, Florida State University
- Angela Price, University of Central Florida
- Benjamin Smith, University of Florida
- Donald Lee, Florida Atlantic University
- Taylor Williams, University of Miami

COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Awarded to students pursuing a degree in a field related to public works engineering. The scholarship is available to full-time students enrolled in an accredited program in the United States.

This year’s recipients are:

- Alex Anderson, Florida State University
- David Brown, University of Central Florida
- Elizabeth Chen, University of Miami
- John Doe, Florida Atlantic University
- Sarah Smith, University of South Florida

Congratulations to all of the 1997 winners of the Scholarship Program.

Public Works Agency

Annual Meeting, April 18, 1997, Coral Gables, Florida