President’s Message

For those of you who attended the Florida Chapter Annual Meeting and Trade in Jacksonville last April, I hope you enjoyed yourselves, learned something new and made some new friends. For those of you who were unable to attend, we missed you.

I would like to thank APWA National President Elizabeth Treadway and APWA Region IV Director Tommy Brown for participating in the week with us. A big thank you goes out to both Team Jacksonville and Corporate Events for their hard work in putting on a great show. And we cannot forget our vendors and sponsors. Without their financial support and participation, we could not put on these shows.

Planning is well underway for the 2014 show scheduled for July 8th – 11th in Ft. Lauderdale. So, please mark your calendars and plan to attend.

On August 26th, APWA National presented the 2013 Presidential Award for Chapter Excellence (PACE) to the Florida Chapter at the APWA International Public Works Congress & Exposition in Chicago. This Chapter has received this award many times in the past. Receiving this award again shows the continuing dedication to this Chapter for the goals and standards of APWA.

The Florida Local Government Coalition will celebrated “Local Works Day” on September 6th to bring attention to the hard work that local government employees do for millions of Floridians each day. The Florida Chapter of APWA has issued a proclamation in support of this effort. “Local Works Day” is about the public works that are easy to take for granted, but which knit our communities together.

I will close this message by sending a big thank you and best wishes to Tracy Quintana our website and event insurance committee chairperson. She has accepted a job with AWPA National in Kansas City as the Accreditation Manager. We will miss you, Tracy. Stay warm.

Best Wishes,
Dale Haas
Florida Chapter President
All You Need to know About APWA Membership

As of October 28, 2013, the Florida Chapter of APWA has 1372 members.
APWA is offering a Never Been a Member special for only $85 for the first year of membership.

APWA has enhanced its member benefits. How you ask?
APWA is offering its new live public works webcasts (CLLs), a collection of archived APWA public works webcasts (CLLs), select e-books and podcasts at no charge to its members.
All Members now have access to the library.

Please contact Membership Chair, Amy Blaida, amy.blaida@rsandh.com or (813) 468-4576 for membership questions.

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Teresa Scott Reappointed to FEMA National Advisory Council

The American Public Works Association (APWA) member and City of Gainesville Public Works Director, Teresa Scott, P.E., PWLF, has recently been reappointed to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) National Advisory Council (NAC). Scott was selected for reappointment to the NAC by FEMA Administrator W. Craig Fugate. Five reappointed members and ten newly appointed members make up a total of fifteen members of the Committee that provides the best possible input in the development and revision of the national preparedness goal, the national preparedness system, the National Incident Management System, and the National Response Plan, and other emergency related plans and strategies for FEMA.

“Teresa Scott’s reappointment to FEMA’s National Advisory Council reinforces her extensive public works expertise and experience in emergency management planning and preparedness,” said APWA Executive Director Peter B. King. “She is one of the most highly qualified emergency management experts in the public works profession. With her strong credentials and professional experience, her participation in the NAC will again enhance greatly the FEMA and public works emergency management efforts and initiatives,” King said.

On a national level, Scott served on APWA’s Emergency Management Technical Committee for six years, serving as Chair for two years, and is also currently a member of the APWA Emergency Management Mitigation Subcommittee. She was also a member of the APWA/FEMA Partnership Task Force for five years, and has written numerous articles on emergency management issues. “Public works plays a crucial role in preparing, protecting and restoring local communities in an emergency, and I’m honored to have been selected again by Administrator Fugate to serve in this important role on FEMA’s NAC and to again serve as the Vice Chair,” Scott said. “As we saw in the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy, it’s vitally important to work together with state, local and federal partners as we make stronger our emergency management planning and response to disasters, both natural and man-made,” she said.

As the Public Works Director for the City of Gainesville, FL., Scott serves on the Alachua County Unified Command Team, and the Emergency Management Executive Team. She was lead writer for the Public Works Department Emergency Management Operations Plan and Continuity of Operations Plan. She has served as Incident Commander for Public Works for three declared disaster events during the 2004 hurricane season. She also oversees Gainesville’s Public Works Department’s University of Florida’s stadium game day operations planning.

For more information on FEMA’s National Advisory Council, visit http://www.fema.gov/about/nac.

Our Community Support
Video is up on our YouTube Channel!
Check it and other video’s out here…
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tAhUZGG2VYw
The City of Haines City Public Works Department is proud to announce that on June 14, 2013, at the Florida Stormwater Association (FSA) Annual Conference held in Fort Myers, the Stormwater Division received the 2013 FSA Outstanding Achievement Award for Haines City Stormwater Educational Unit. Gail Myhand, David Barnes and Ed Trail, our Stormwater Team, came up with the idea to build a mobile model that would serve to educate the public about the importance of stormwater management and the harmful effects that untreated stormwater run-off can have on our lakes.

With a $5,000 grant from Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP), and $3,200 from both the Water Utilities division and the Stormwater division, the trailer was designed and constructed. This award gives our Stormwater Team statewide recognition for their hard work and dedication. The Haines City Stormwater Educational Unit, or Water Wagon as we call it, will allow our Stormwater division to further comply with the educational requirements of our MS4 permit.

PORT ST. LUCIE — Members of the Treasure Coast American Public Works Association (APWA) visited the IHOP Restaurant in St. Lucie West to participate in the Sneakers for Students program. The donation provided more than 20 pairs of sneakers that will be given to students in need of them. The local APWA typically provides funds to community charities for scholarships and food banks in the area and was happy to join the IHOP partnership with the Boys & Girls Club to provide once again for the community.

Pictured (from left) are Rick Branker, store manager; Bill Griffin; Milton Leggett; Rick Perkins; Dan Giesey; Sam Amerson; Richard Parks; and Carmen Capezzuto.
Congratulations to the Florida Chapter on winning its 10th Consecutive Presidential Award for Chapter Excellence! (Pictured Left to Right  APWA President Ed Gottko, Dale Haas, Chas Jordan, Chris Evers, Amanda Millirons, Rachel Gerena, and Don Jacobovitz)

Congratulations APWA National Young Leader of the Year Award Chas Jordan!
The Santa Fe Branch held their meeting on July 23, 2013, Gail Mowry, Clean Water Engineer, gave a very thorough presentation on Silver and Rainbow Springs project with follow along handout. The next meeting was held October 17, 2013 at Alachua County Public Works.

It was a productive meeting with the main agenda of looking for and discussing actions that will increase activity and membership in the Branch.

The Emerald Coast Branch held its Quarterly meeting on June 6, 2013. The guest speaker was Lee J. Smith, P.E.. Mr. Smith gave an informative and outstanding presentation on the I-10 Intelligent Transportation System Deployment. Meetings are held quarterly at Ryan’s Steakhouse, 3000 South Ferdon Blvd., Crestview, FL 32435

APWA Florida Branch

On February 20th the Northeast Branch Partnered with SMPS to hosted the Annual E-Week Transportation Summit with Moderator: Jeff Sheffield, Executive Director, North Florida TPO, & Speakers/Panelists: Joe Milazzo, Executive Director, Raleigh Durham Regional Transportation Alliance, Doug Callaway, Assistant Secretary for Intermodal Systems Development (ISD), FDOT and Former Executive Director, Georgia Transportation Alliance, Matt Ubben, President, Floridans for Better Transportation, Jerry Mallot, President, JAXUSA Partnership, Moody Chisolm, CEO, St. Vincent’s Hospital and Northeast Florida Regional Transportation Business Alliance Chair.

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APWA Florida Reporter

What’s Happening in the Districts

The Florida Chapter of APWA is comprised of 11 Districts. Each District is unique and has its own set of events and meetings held for their members. Read below to find out what’s happening in your area.

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Nicole Monahan
Hole Montes
The Southwest Florida Branch will hold its annual Ben C. Pratt Golf Tournament on Friday, November 8th at Eagle Ridge Golf Club. Shotgun start at 12:30 pm with catered BBQ dinner to follow. If you are interested in sponsoring or golfing, please contact Nicole Monahan at nicolemonahan@hmeng.com. While we are sad to say goodbye, we wish Tracy Quintana a ton of good luck in her new job at APWA National! Tracy will be working with Ann Daniels in the Accreditation Program in Kansas City. Best wishes on your new endeavor Tracy and we miss you already!

Thomas Wilcox
Retired (HDR)
The Suncoast Branch held monthly breakfast meetings during the past quarter. At each meeting an interesting program on a timely topic to the public works community was featured. Meetings are typically held on the fourth Wednesday of the month at the Dutch Heritage Restaurant, 3713 Bahia Vista Street, Sarasota, starting at 7:30 AM. Attendance this quarter ranged around 30 members and guests. As always we extend an invitation to any member outside our district to join us!!! Plans are proceeding with the annual Golf Scholarship Tournament which will be held again this year at the Stoneybrook Golf Club at Heritage Harbor on November 2nd.

Jamie Brown
City of Lake Worth
The Gold Coast Branch (Joseph Kroll – President, Simon Coleman – Vice President, Ramana Kari – Treasurer, Jason Lee – Secretary) had our most recent meeting on Wednesday, January 23rd in Royal Palm Beach and our last board meeting on Monday, February 4th. The main discussion points of the meeting involved finding ways to continue increasing membership and focusing on the Public Works departments in many of our Palm Beach County neighboring municipalities which are currently not active in the Association. We also discussed the revisions in our rate structure for the 2013 sponsorship program. The change was made to a corporate form of sponsorship in lieu of the host city finding sponsors for meetings.

Robert Nowak
City of Largo
On May 8, 2013, the West Coast Branch meeting was held at the City of Belleair. Guest speakers were Wade Wood and Robbie Gonzales with CPH, Inc. The topic was reverse osmosis (RO) process. On July 10, 2013, the West Coast Branch meeting was held at the City of Lakeland. The guest speaker was Tammy Sakagawa, the Community Development Agency Manager with the City of Lakeland. On August 3, 2013, the West Coast Branch had its family cookout and Rays Game. We had a great turnout for the tailgate party before the game. There was a total of 58 attendees for the game where the Rays won in 11 innings. The following vendors sponsored the event: Alamo Industrial, PaveWay Systems, Ergon, Menzi USA and DRMP. On October 15, 2013 we had our annual Equipment Rodeo with over 90 participants and 170 spectators! Upcoming events include Edward Burkett Scholarship Golf Tournament - December 7, 2013. The Happy Holiday Happy Hour TBA in December. The West Coast also held a Tech Session in Largo on June 19 regarding Strategic Planning for Public Works. The presentation was given by Chas Jordan from the City of Largo.

Cheech DeCelles
City of Plantation
The South Florida Branch held our quarterly meeting at Cran- don Park, in the City of Key Biscayne, on July 18th. A Board of Directors meeting was held prior to the luncheon to discuss the up-coming Florida Works Expo in July of 2014. Sam May, Chairman of the Branch, discuss the many responsibilities that we will encounter during the annual event. Chairpersons were selected for each responsibility and a lengthy discussion followed. The Branch is prepared to present a very educational and fun event for our Florida Chapter members. Our Branch luncheon will be attended with approximately 90 members enjoying a wonderful lunch along with a presentation by Mr. Tony Harvey, Agricultural Engineer for NRCS. His power point program was extremely informative and well received by our members. He provided examples of his agency’s successful projects throughout Florida and also directions as to how apply for financial assistance. The very best to all our members, Be Well All!

The Treasure Coast Branch always there to help out people in the community. At a recent executive board meeting it was the consensus of the group after Carmen Capezzuto saw and had an idea that the IHOP was offering that if you donated a pair of shoes you get a free order of pancakes. More importantly you enable a child to go to school with a brand new pair, no brainer for these fine gentlemen (see photo on page 4). The Treasure Coast APWA took a $100.00 that was donated from the branch and purchased shoes for children that did not have any to wear in preparation for the upcoming school year. Additionally, they each purchased a pair of shoes at their own expense. (WE CARE)!!!
MILLIONS OF FLORIDIANS DEPEND ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES EVERY DAY.

Local WORKS DAY September 6, 2013

...is a day to bring attention to the hard work that local government employees do for millions of Floridians each day. It's about the public works that are easy to take for granted, but which knit our communities together.

It can be easy to take things for granted. Flip the switch, and the lights come on. Take the trash to the curb, and its gone the next day. Call 911, and someone answers. We're fortunate to live in a place where things just...work. It's not like that everywhere in the world. But in Florida, we enjoy a quality of life like no other.

FLORIDA LOCAL GOVERNMENT COALITION

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Law enforcement, first responders, public parks, running water, electricity, roads and bridges... they're part of ordinary life... and that's extraordinary.
What is the Florida Local Government Coalition?

The FLGC was developed to advocate for local governments by educating residents and sharing resources among its members. The Florida League of Cities manages the coalition, which now has more than 25 local government association partners. APWA FL Chapter is a member of the FLGC Steering Committee with Jim Myers serving as one of the Committee Chairs.

For 2013, the Coalition’s primary initiative is “to help Florida citizens understand, appreciate and support local government and the services and values these governments bring to millions of lives each day.” To do this, the coalition is launching a public awareness campaign with the theme Local Government - Quality Services You Can Trust.

To help promote this theme, the official name of the public awareness campaign is “Local Works.” The Coalition chose "Local Works" for its simplicity, and because the term "works" tends to have a public services connotation. On July 25, representatives of the 25+ associations attended a workshop and press conference to kick off the initiative, coming together for the first time since the group was formed.

Local Works Day (September 6, 2013) was be a major component of the public awareness campaign. This is an opportunity for members of the Coalition to engage, educate and interact with their communities by celebrating the trusted services that local governments provide. Although this initiative is year-long, Coalition members see it as an ongoing effort. The hope is that all local government associations will continue to promote this important initiative throughout the year and beyond. Local governments provide trusted services that millions of Floridians depend on. It's time to share our stories.

"We are celebrating what is extraordinary about the ordinary!!"

How does APWA FL Chapter participate?

APWA FL Chapter prepared a Local Works Day Proclamation. Some APWA Branches sent in letters to the editors of the local newspapers. A social Media Plan was developed and carried out by the FL Chapter as well as the Central FL Branch. Greg Kern, Membership Chairperson for Central FL Branch/ and Recruitment and Retention Membership Chair for FL Chapter, participated in Teacher for A Day.
"Public Works and Mad Math Skills"

I recently had the opportunity to explain to 2nd and 4th grade students what public works is, how it’s all around us, and how you need “mad” math skills to do it. It was relatively easy to explain what public works is, and how we all use “it” every day – roads, parks, water, etc. What was really challenging were the questions. It’s always enlightening when we look at something through the eyes of a 7 to 10 year old. What seemed so simple and blasé suddenly becomes confusing and complicated. Even a bit scary.

Case in point – Question: “What are those caves; the ones where you can only see half of the cave”? It took me a minute, but then I asked the inquisitor if these are next to roads. When he said yes, I explained what a drainage culvert is and what it does. Half of the fun of these sessions was interpreting their questions and coming up with age-appropriate answers. Here are a few more examples:

- Q: “What are those blue lights on the road?” A: Reflectors to locate fire hydrants.
- Q: “My dad’s an architect and he is going after that I-4 job.” A: Well goody for him.
- Q: “What’s the longest slope of a drainage pipe you’ve ever seen?” A: (A somewhat long explanation of minimum required slopes, increasing pipe diameters along the run, and lift stations. No one asked another pipe question again.)
- Q: (in discussing how our taxes pay for public works and how much the projects can cost) “How much money do you have?” A: Not enough to pay for these projects.

In the end, I had a great time in these two presentations to Seminole County students. My feedback was that they now understand how the public works facilities and services that are all around them actually get there. Even the teachers admitted that they had no idea what public works really meant. They referred to a space on a Monopoly board game as their only clue. The students also understood that the math skills they are learning today are actually used in professional practice.

It was definitely a fun experience. And it’s always good practice to reduce what you do into simple language that anyone can understand. Comes in handy for some public involvement and agency presentations!

Gregory Kern, MBA, AICP.  Gregory.kern@stvinc.com  407-952-1211
QUARTERLY INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP COMPETITION

• Individuals who sign up a NEW member are entered into a quarterly drawing to receive an exclusive prize (the more members you sign up, the greater your chance is to WIN). See prize below.

• RULES

  • **YOU must send** membership info to prospective member & copy (or BCC) Amy Blaida: amy.blaida@rsandh.com.

  • **YOU must follow up** with Amy when this member has joined APWA.

• Timeline

  • You will receive one name in the drawing for each member that joins because of YOU (as of April 26, 2013). Name will be selected at NOV 2, 2013 EC meeting as long as we have at least 20 entries!

  • Last day to sign up new member: October 28, 2013.

**NOVEMBER 2013 PRIZE:**

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FloridaWORKS EXPO
APWA FLORIDA CHAPTER CONFERENCE AND EXPOSITION
Fort Lauderdale 2014
July 8th—11th, 2014

The APWA Florida Chapter Conference & Exposition is the premier conference in Florida for public works professionals to attend. The Expo, considered the “One Stop Shop” for information, training, technology, and networking in Public Works, attracts hundreds of professionals from around the state to one location to help to improve all of Florida’s communities.

What you get at the Florida WORKS EXPO:
• Outstanding education sessions that address current public works issues—as well as ongoing challenges. Choose from three days worth of technical and professional development sessions that will be presented by your colleagues—who will impart their vital knowledge and experience to you.
• The chance to see the most comprehensive gathering of exhibitors in Florida that will showcase the latest products, services and technologies specific to public works.
• Opportunities to network with your peers, hone your leadership abilities and learn new job skills. The Expo includes networking sessions, receptions, dinners and a banquet to meet and get to know your fellow colleagues in a professional environment.

Educational Sessions
The 2014 APWA Florida Chapter Conference and Exposition is your opportunity to provide important educational programming for public works professionals around the state of Florida. Speakers selected to present during the 2014 Florida WORKS Expo will enjoy:
• The reputation as an industry expert in their respective specialty areas
• Exposure to a prospective audience of 150+ Public Works Professionals
• The opportunity to build new business relationships for their municipalities and/or organizations
• A full one day conference registration
Attendees who come to the Expo will enjoy:
• Sessions that provide Continuing Educational Units (CEUs) or Professional Development Hours (PDHs) to continue to support their certifications and credentials
• The latest information and training in public works issues, technology, and projects
• The ability to discuss with industry experts current methodology on performing services
• Training in the best management practices in public works disciplines from around the state of Florida.

The Exposition and Trade Show
The Exposition is the most comprehensive trade show in Florida that provides the best selection of consultants, contractors, vendors, service providers, equipment suppliers, educational institutions, technology providers, and so much more for the Public Works Professional. This trade show is also the only one in Florida where you get one full day of noncompete time during the heart of the Conference to meet with professionals and/or vendors. No other expo will provide professionals with as many vendors in one location to work with, and provide vendors as much ability to network with professionals as the Florida WORKS EXPO.

The Equipment Rodeo
The Florida WORKS EXPO provides even public works frontline personnel with opportunities to learn and grow. The best way is through the annual APWA Florida Equipment Rodeo where the best of the best of public works equipment operators compete to see who is The Best in Florida. This event brings in operators from around the state and includes multiple types of equipment in various exercises. This event is a great opportunity to provide your frontline workers a way to showcase their skills and build morale. Single or Two Day Passes are available for participation.

Who Should Attend?
• Public Works Directors
• Superintendents and Managers
• Directors and Managers of Operations and Operations Personnel
• City and County Engineers
• Consulting Engineers
• Construction Directors and Managers
• Solid Waste Managers and Coordinators
• Public Fleet Directors and Managers
• Public Facilities and Grounds Directors and Managers
• Water Services Directors and Managers
• Streets/Roads/Bridges Directors and Managers
• Transportation Directors and Managers
• Stormwater and Flood Control Directors and Managers
• Emergency Management Directors and Coordinators
• City Planners
• Sustainability Specialists
• Anyone else whose responsibilities are public works related

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2015 JOINT NACE/FACERS
CONFERENCE WITH APWA FL!
April 13-17, 2015
Hilton Daytona Beach, FL

Over the last few months APWA and NACE have been busy inking a deal to combine our respective conferences. The genesis of the effort began early in 2013 as we both began planning for Daytona. Our conferences were set to be a week apart. Rather than cannibalize off each other we decided to join forces. Both associations voted unanimously to support the effort. With the contracts waiting to be signed and lots of work to be done, the exciting part is yet to come.

NACE, FACERS and APWA have long been allies. Now the two groups will have a close working relationship as we begin the task of pulling this massive show together. Here's a brief primer on the different aspects of the show. The exhibit show will feature a combined floor. All technical sessions will also be combined in addition to joint general sessions and keynote speaker. The special event night will merge the two organizations with all of the exhibitors and sponsors. Each organization will have their own awards banquet. NACE will also hold a few of their own events. Each organization will also maintain their own registrant.

The next step in this endeavor is the "Memorandum of Understanding" signed by both associations. This document will highlight the revenue and expense sharing and the other details that need to still be worked out. After this is completed the two groups will begin in earnest to plan this landmark Conference.

An event of this magnitude is impossible to pull off without the support and hard work from the members of these great organizations. We encourage you to step up to the plate and ask how you can be involved in 2015. Thank you! Chris Evers, APWA FL Immediate Past President
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- Gold Coast .............. 78
- Northeast ................ 101
- Santa Fe .........66
- South Florida .......... 201
- Southwest ..........118
- Sun Coast ............ 132
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