Hello fellow APWA members and friends,

I’m in good spirits writing this message as we welcome in the new year. I hope you all had a great holiday break and are ready to get 2020 off and running with the APWA Suncoast Branch. We will start the new year on the right foot with our first branch meeting set for January 22nd at the Der Dutchman Restaurant. I look forward to seeing everyone there and catching up.

2020 looks to be a busy, productive year for our APWA branch. Public works projects are springing up all over the place with rapid community growth, and there is a plethora of new opportunities for us to learn and grow in our industry. We are in an exciting time of advancement in engineering and experiencing major growth in our field and local areas.

Along with new project opportunities and current productive work loads, our local APWA branch has a busy year ahead of us starting with the 3rd Annual E-Week Awards Banquet on February 21, 2020 at Mote Marine. We will be voting on projects and nominees for E-Week awards at the January 22nd meeting, so we hope to see you all there. Then we have our Clay Shoot fundraiser on April 25th at the Sarasota Trap, Skeet & Clays course located at Knights Trail Range.

The start of a new year is always exciting and busy, and I look forward to moving ahead with you all, staying productive and creative in this industry we love. Arne
APWA Suncoast Branch 2019-2020

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• Bill Vest
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• Norm Robertson

Education Committee:
• Mike Elfers
• Harry Farrar (Not Currently Active)

If you have an interest in helping your Branch in any capacity, please contact any of the executive board members listed above.
APWA Suncoast Branch

When:
Wednesday, January 22, 2020 at 7:30 AM

Cost: $15

Where:
Der Dutchman Restaurant
3713 Bahia Vista St.
Sarasota, FL 34232

RSVP to Lisa Cece and Susan Raines at apwa.fl.suncoast.branch@gmail.com or (941) 861-0949

About the Speaker—Mr. Jason Bird

Jason is the head of the U.S. south water resources solutions segment and Florida resilience practice at Jacobs Engineering Group and has been named U.S. network chair of the U.N. Office for Disaster Risk Reduction’s ARISE network.

He is responsible for promoting public and private sector partnerships for infrastructure resiliency and risk reduction initiatives.

Risk reduction efforts involve a range of subject matters such as climate change, resource demands, social values, extreme events and other environmental issues.

“With climate change approaching more quickly than ever, it is critical that we use our risk and resiliency experience to create a strong framework to evaluate, plan, adapt and mitigate to the growing threat so that we can sustain our infrastructure and communities today and into the future,” Bird said.

Mr. Bird utilizes his 20 years of experience in land development engineering, sustainable infrastructure and water resources, to help communities reduce risk and improve their resilience to severe weather and climate threats. His experience evaluating current and future vulnerabilities and developing adaptation strategies to harden at risk infrastructure for coastal communities, utilities, and transportation systems along with evaluations of critical infrastructure at U.S. military bases around the globe, has allowed him to apply global industry best practices to advance mitigation for severe weather events and adaptation to future climate threats, ultimately enhancing system and community short, mid and longer-term performance.
February, 2020— Anne Ross, Executive Director, Lakewood Ranch CDD
March, 2020— Tony Centurione, City of Sarasota
April, 2020— TBD

If you know of a speaker with a topic that our members want to hear, please contact Mike Elfers (see Pg. 2) to coordinate.

Upcoming Events of Interest

- Engineer’s Week, or E-Week, is a week long celebration of how engineers make a difference in our world as well as raise awareness of the engineering profession. Please join us as we celebrate the culmination of the week’s activities with our 3rd Annual E-Week Awards Banquet and recognize those that make a difference in our community! The Joint Award Ceremony is set for February 21, 2020 at Mote Marine.

Here’s a photo from our December Social Event with other local engineering groups!!
SAVE THE DATE

3RD ANNUAL E-WEEK AWARDS BANQUET

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2020
5:30 PM DRINKS | 6:30 PM DINNER
Mote Marine Aquarium
1600 Ken Thompson Parkway
Sarasota, FL

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This is a FES and ASCE Sponsored event recognizing local individuals, organizations and industry advocates that have had a positive impact on infrastructure needs in the Region.

Sponsorships will be available

For additional information please e-mail FLSuncoastengineers@gmail.com or call Norman Robertson at 941.451.6676.
Current Job Openings  In and around the Suncoast

City of Arcadia — Current job openings
http://arcadia-fl.gov/job_listings.php

City of Bradenton — Current job openings
https://cityofbradenton.com/employment

City of Longboat Key — Current job openings
http://www.longboatkey.org/employment.aspx

City of North Port — Current job openings
http://agency.governmentjobs.com/northportfl/default.cfm

City of Sarasota — Current job openings
https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/sarasotagov

City of Venice — Current job openings