Last month, I had the privilege of being sworn in as the American Public Works Association Suncoast Branch chair. Over the past year, I’ve had the opportunity to meet many of you at our breakfast meetings. I’ve sat back and watched, and I’ve listened to the advice of some of the long-standing members in our amazing branch, and the people I’ve met have welcomed me with open arms and kindness from my first meeting. The people I have met in our branch, and the speakers I’ve had the privilege to introduce, care strongly about their community and its growth, and they are working hard to usher that growth toward a bright future. I look forward to getting to know the members of our branch better over the coming year and I am positive that the work we produce with our charities and events will shine a light on public works in our community. Thank you for allowing me to chair the Suncoast Branch. Arne Lash

Arne’s Bio: Arne is a Tampa native with close ties to the Sarasota Community. He is a construction project manager & senior field representative with 20 years of experience in construction engineering, and inspection (CEI). He has extensive knowledge of complex roadway & utility projects as well as highway, bridge and urban sensitive widening projects. His most recent project was the current 10 mile utility conversion project on Longboat Key.

Welcome Arne!! Please be sure and take a minute to introduce yourself to Arne if you have not had a chance to meet him.

Please remember to renew your APWA National Membership! The Suncoast Branch benefits from your renewal!
# APWA Suncoast Branch 2019-2020

## Executive Committee & Board of Directors

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## APWA Suncoast Branch 2019-2020 Committees

### Golf Committee:
- Alex Boudreau, Nancy Brooking, Lisa Cece, Mike Elfers, Bill Nichols, Chris Pecor, Dorian Popescu, Susan Raines & Bill Vest

### Clay Shoot Committee:
- Alex Boudreau
- Nancy Brooking
- Lisa Cece & Susan Raines
- Mike Elfers
- Bill Vest

### Awards Committee:
- Norm Robertson
- Alex Boudreau (Not Currently Active)

### Membership Committee:
- Lisa Cece

### 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 Breakfast Meeting

**When:**
Wednesday, May 22, 2019 at 7:30 AM

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

Cost: $15

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

About the Speaker

Matt Osterhoudt is the Director of Planning and Development Services for Sarasota County. Core Divisions within the department include Property Management, Planning and Zoning, Environmental Protection, Building and Code Enforcement and Permitting. Matt started with Sarasota County in 1999 and has served in a variety of positions prior to his current role as director. Past positions at the County include: Interim Director Planning and Development Services, Senior Manager in the Development Services Division, Manager of the Environmental Protection Division, Acting Director, Natural Resources Department, Interim Manager of the Mosquito Management Division, Manager of the Conservation and Environmental Permitting Division, Project Scientist in the Natural Resources Dept., Environmental Supervisor in the Development Services Business Center and Environmental Specialist in the Development Services Business Center.

Prior to working for Sarasota County, Matt worked at the Sarasota Bay National Estuary Program. There he worked to implement the Comprehensive Management Plan for the restoration of Sarasota Bay and develop the Gulf Coast Heritage Trail, which is an ecotourism strategy linking natural, cultural and historical resources across the region. He is a graduate of North Carolina State University, where he received a BS in Natural Resources with a concentration in Marine and Coastal Resources. He is also a graduate of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill’s School of Government where he earned an MPA (Master of Public Administration). Matt and his wife have lived in Sarasota since 1997 and have two children.

Thank you Matt for agreeing to be our speaker this month!!

We look forward to hearing from you.
May 22, 2019—Matt Osterhoudt—Sarasota County—**Der Dutchman**

June 26, 2019—Kevin Bagnall, Flex N Flow

July 24, 2019—Greg Strickland, Titan America, PaveDrain

August 28, 2019—Commissioner Shelli Freeland Eddie (City of Sarasota)

September 25, 2019—Commissioner Willie Charles Shaw (City of Sarasota)

October 23, 2019—Open

**October 26, 2019—2019 APWA Golf Tournament**

November 20, 2019—Open—(one week earlier than normal due to Thanksgiving)

December, 2019—**No Meeting**

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

**Local Events of Interest**

- **APWA Suncoast Branch is looking for someone interested in heading up a Young Professional Group for the Branch. Contact Seton Katz**
A Big Thank You to all our sponsors and shooters at our 3rd Annual Sporting Clay Shooting Event held on Saturday, April 27th at Sarasota Trap, Skeet & Clays located in Nokomis in the Knights Trail Park.

Due to your generosity we were able to raise $5000.00 for our scholarship fund!!

It was a perfect day for the shoot and we believe a good time was had by all.

Here are the top four teams at this year’s event and some photos of the day!!

Please Save the Date for next year which will be Saturday, April 18th !!

First Place Team with 180 Points was Angry Billy Goats
Second Place Team with 177 Points was the Myakka Dusters and our
Third Place Team with 171 Points was Team Hyatt

First Place Team-Angry Billy Goats-180 Pts!!
Third Place Team-Team Hyatt-171 Pts!!
We also want to congratulate this year's Scholarship and Public Works Recipients:

Michael Cece—UCF Engineering Student  
Zach Sharek—UCF Engineering Student  
Alex Boudreau—PW Continuing Ed Recipient

Current Job Openings  In and around the Suncoast Branch

City of Arcadia — 6 current job openings:  
http://arcadia-fl.gov/job_listings.php

City of Bradenton — 31 current job openings:  
https://www.cityofbradenton.com/?SEC=DD306069-33DE-4FE7-A3DF-8B05BFDF465E

City of Longboat Key — 3 current job openings:  
http://www.longboatkey.org/employment.aspx

City of North Port — 7 current job openings:  
http://agency.governmentjobs.com/northportfl/default.cfm

City of Sarasota — 13 current job openings  
https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/sarasotagov

City of Venice — 6 current job openings:  
https://www.venicegov.com/government/human-resources/apply-online

Charlotte County — 23 current job openings:  
https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/charlottecountyfl

Desoto County — 3 current job openings:  
http://desotobocc.com/department/human_resources/employment-opportunities

Manatee County — 24 current job openings:  
https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/manateecounty

Sarasota County — 50 current job openings:  
https://www.scgov.net/HR/Pages/CareerOpportunities.aspx
LATEST NEWS from our National Branch regarding the latest Public Works items in the news:

Infrastructure Investment Conversation Continues

- Last Tuesday, President Trump held a meeting with Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi (D-CA), Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer (D-NY), and other Congressional leaders to discuss a bipartisan effort for broad infrastructure investment;
- After the meeting it was revealed (and made huge news), that agreement was found on a topline investment number of $2 trillion, however, a specific plan for how and where to find that money was not agreed upon;
- In addition to roads, bridges, and water investment, there was discussion around supporting broadband deployment, clean energy, and updating the Nation’s power grid;
- The meeting ended with a commitment to come together again in a few weeks to discuss specifics on how to pay for such a large infrastructure investment;
- Also, on May 1 the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure held a ‘Member Day’ hearing where House members sat before the Committee to share their priorities for the Committee’s agenda including a long-term surface transportation reauthorization bill to succeed the FAST Act which expires in September 2020;
- Related to infrastructure, and in addition to the above-mentioned events, last Thursday the Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (SHGAC) Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations held a hearing focused on the Federal Permitting Improvement Steering Council (FPISC) and overall streamlining efforts since the FAST Act became law in December 2015;

Of note, last month during a joint spring meeting in D.C., the APWA Government Affairs Committee, the Emergency Management Technical Committee, and the Water Resources Technical Committee met with staff from FPISC to learn how the Steering Council works, and received a demonstration of the FPISC dashboard which tracks infrastructure projects;

- Infrastructure investment and a surface transportation reauthorization measure are often companion topics in D.C. these days, as both involve finding appropriate levels of funding and policy tweaking to best support our country’s roads and bridges, and broader infrastructure needs;
- APWA’s Government Affairs team will continue tracking these types of events in order to keep our members updated on any progress regarding an infrastructure package and surface transportation reauthorization.

Next Week is National Public Works Week, May 19-25

Next week, all across the U.S. and Canada, public works professionals will be hosting hundreds of events to promote National Public Works Week (NPWW);

- Established in 1960, NPWW is celebrated annually to bring awareness to the important work of public works professionals, and the essential services public works provide that are foundational to a high quality of life;
- Included in this year’s activities will be two events taking place on Capitol Hill in Washington, D.C., and hosted by the APWA Government Affairs team in conjunction with the House Public Works and Infrastructure Caucus and the D.C. Department of Public Works;

On May 21, a breakfast roundtable discussion titled, “Public Works and the Workforce” will be moderated by APWA President Elect Bill Spearman from Saluda, SC, and the speakers will be APWA members Tyler Palmer from Moscow, ID, Justin Miller from Durham, NC, Chris Geldart from Washington, D.C., and a representative from the U.S. Department of Labor’s (DOL) Employment and Training Administration;

This week (May 13-20), is Infrastructure Week and APWA is a coalition member;

Having two consecutive weeks of focus on infrastructure investment through NPWW and Infrastructure Week offers a wonderful opportunity to contact your elected officials and inform them about the importance of their support for the various public works and infrastructure needs in communities across North America.