Dear fellow members of APWA,

Well, here it is. My last message to you as the Chairman of the West Coast Branch. It’s hard to believe it has already been a full year. I have to say it has gone by fast because it is my firm belief that our Branch has had a VERY productive and great year. Since the Florida Chapter Annual Meeting in Daytona we have: increase membership, substantially fundraised for scholarships, implemented new and exciting programs, and strengthened the commitment of our Branch leaders for years to come. These accomplishments are not because of any one person, but because of an amazing group of people that YOU have selected to steer this Branch this year. These individuals are the 15 members of the Branch Executive Committee. They have served the profession, our organization, and most importantly, you the members with conviction, honor, and an energy that has renewed the spirit of the West Coast Branch. Please join me in extending them your appreciation.

In a few months, our Branch has the honor and pleasure of welcoming our fellow professionals from around the state to our Annual Florida Chapter conference. This event is by far the best of the annual meetings put on by the Chapter in a few years. We have an outstanding speaker, Ian Hill, who has been presenting the national “Leadership in Changing Times” training series, who will talk about the “New Normal” in Public Works. We also have the best educational and networking programs planned in many years. We will also have the best trade show in the state as usual. We want a strong showing from our members here in the Tampa Bay area and we are holding it here for YOU! I definitely hope you all come out and find the value that we have put into this show. Go to http://florida.apwa.net and register now!

I want to thank all of you for your trust in me in electing me to serve as your Branch Chairman for 2011-2012. It has been a lot of fun and one of my favorite experiences in life so far. The support I have felt from my fellow Public Works professionals this year has been nothing short of amazing and humbling. This organization has taught me that everyone in our profession no matter who they are, where they work, or why they got into Public Works in the first place, cares about the people around them. This includes our customers, our citizens, and our friends and colleagues. If for no other reason I am honored to have served this organization for that reason.

I hope you all continue to support this Branch’s leadership in the direction we are going, because there is nothing but GREAT things on the horizon for the West Coast Branch. I hope to see each of you at an upcoming meeting!

Thanks again,

Chas Jordan
West Coast Branch Chairman
2011 APWA Golf Scramble

1st Place Winners
McCain, Slocum, Witmyer and MacGregor

2nd Place Winners
Hall, DeNicola, Besley and Harger

Closest to Pin #3: Gary Noel
Closest to Pin #7: Mike Schackne
Closest to Pin #14: Bob Cotter
Closest to Pin #16: Bob Hall
Long Drive #10: Rocky McDole
Closest to the Line #9: Lee Dowden
Young Professionals Event
January 19, 2012

APWA has gone Social! Social Networking that is...you need to join the newest service from the American Public Works Association, WeArePublicWorks.org, a networking site for you the Public Works Professional. You can communicate with colleagues, share ideas on service provisions, and get to know your fellow professionals from around the country. The West Coast Branch has a group on the site that you can join that shows pictures from events, news, and other information. Click HERE for more information: WeArePublicWorks.org

Not getting our E-Newsletter? Want to hear about the Branch’s upcoming Educational Programs? Want to be more involved and informed of what your APWA Branch is doing?

Then please visit apwa.net and login to the “Members Only” section to verify your e-mail address is correct. In the meantime, e-mail apwa.wcb.florida@gmail.com and let us know what e-mail address you would like us to contact you at.

Information for Retired APWA Members

Did you know that as a Retired Professional in APWA, you are afforded a discounted membership? Did you know that there are ways for Retired Professionals to stay involved in the Association at a National, Chapter, or Branch level? The West Coast Branch wants you (the Retired or soon-to-be Retired Professional) to know that these opportunities are out there and want you to stay involved! If you are a retired professional and would like more information on the discounted membership fee and how to become involved locally, please email us at apwa.wcb.florida@gmail.com.
Florida West Coast Branch
2012 Equipment Rodeo

Thursday, February 16, 2012

Time: 8:00 am - 2:00 pm
Place: 5010 81st Avenue North
Pinellas Park, FL
England Bros. Park

Fee: $20 Rodeo Contestant
(includes lunch and a T-Shirt)
$5 Guest Ticket
* Add $5 if you sign up after February 3, 2012

Send your Payments c/o Sala Garbaj
APWA WCB Treasurer at:
Hillsborough County Public Works
22nd Floor
P.O. Box 1110
Tampa, FL 33602

Make checks payable to: APWA West Coast Branch

Sponsorships Available!

Scan barcode or go to the link below for more information and to get the Entry Form.
Executive Director - Colin Baenziger & Associates (Clearwater, Fl) - $124,024 - $193,356

Job Description:
Executive Director, Environment and Infrastructure, Pinellas County, FL, population 916,500. This position is equivalent to an Assistant County Administrator and oversees Utilities, Public Works and Natural Resource Protection among other things. The County is seeking an experienced, inspirational, achievement-oriented, proven leader who is comfortable managing large, complex, multi-million dollar departments while interacting with multiple internal and external actors. More details at www.cb-asso.com under Executive Recruiting / Active Recruitments. E-mail your resume to RecruitSeven@cb-asso.com by February 3, 2012. Questions should be directed to Colin Baenziger at (561) 707-3537.

Municipal Services Director - City of Boca Raton, Florida - $100,000 - $120,000

The City of Boca Raton is seeking an experienced, planning, engineering, construction and public works professional for the position of MUNICIPAL SERVICES DIRECTOR. The position of Municipal Services Director is a highly responsible Department Head level position reporting directly to the City Manager. This executive-level position is responsible for the administration and management of all Departmental activities related to the Municipal Services Department including facility maintenance, engineering, solid waste collection, construction, fleet maintenance, coastal/beach renourishment management, streets, stormwater, transportation, traffic control and related functions. The ideal candidate will have extensive knowledge of the planning, engineering, construction, and maintenance of municipal facilities and infrastructure. The candidate will have the ability to respond to community needs for public infrastructure and facility improvements and serve as an advisor to the City on all public improvement programs. The candidate will be able to work effectively with outside consultants, vendors and contractors as well as elected officials and the public.

A Bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university in engineering (Civil Engineering preferred), business or public administration is required. A Master's degree is preferred. Licensure as a Professional Engineer (PE) in accordance with Florida Statute 471 is required along with extensive progressively responsible experience in municipal public works management, including five (5) years of supervisory experience.

To view the complete job description and salary range and to apply online, please visit our website at http://www.myboca.us. An updated and detailed resume and cover letter should be sent via email to mbuckingham@myboca.us.

Community Services Director - City of Coral Gables - $102,356.80 - $140,545.60

The City Manager appoints the Community Services Director to serve as the chief strategic advisor for the department’s three divisions: Parks & Recreation, Parking (including trolley services), and Public Service (solid waste collection and landscaping services). The candidate must possess the ability to navigate through complex issues and direct and manage a total departmental staff of over 140 employees and an annual budget of over 27 million dollars. Qualifications: Candidates interested in applying must have a bachelor's degree in business administration, public administration, or a related field, from an accredited school and a minimum of eight years responsible experience in local government with considerable senior management level experience. Advanced degree strongly preferred. Salary and benefits package includes: The annual salary range is $102,356.80 to $140,545.60. Salary is negotiable depending on qualifications. Benefits include: vehicle allowance of $450 per month, medical, dental and life insurance, leave allowances, retirement plan and more. The City of Coral Gables is an Equal Opportunity Employer/Drug Free Workplace.

To ensure consideration for this position, interested candidates should forward resume, cover letter, current salary, and five references immediately, via e-mail, to HRD@coralgables.com or fax to 305-460-5518.

Maintenance Operation Manager - City of New Smyrna Beach - $47,778

Position responsible for administrative and technical work for Streets, Building, and Parks Maintenance Department. Achievement through the planning, organizing, scheduling, and controlling of aspects of maintenance and operational efforts performed in the City's right-of-way, buildings, and parks. Position provides positive direction for the Public Works Department and Management. http://www2.apwa.net/Workzone/jobDetails.asp?TABLE_ID=9520

Capital Projects Manager - Town of Lauderdale by the Sea - $73,000 - $73,000

At least 5 yrs civil capital projects exp; a combination of gov’t and private sector exp pref’d. Bachelor's Degree req’d. Exp administering construction grants preferred. Salary $73,000 DOQ + benefits. Open until filled. EOE/M/F/D/V, DFWP. Application and add’l info at www.lbts-fl.gov. Previous applicants need not apply. Florida residents only.

Water Distribution Supervisor #11-028 - City of Pompano Beach, FL - $51,494 - $72,457

Responsible work allocating and scheduling work assignments and in supervising and inspecting repair work or new installations of water distribution equipment. Extensive experience in water distribution maintenance and construction work including supervisory experience required. Visit http://www.mypompanobeach.org/directory/hr/index.html for full details. Apply: HR-Dept., 100 W. Atlantic Blvd., Pompano Beach, FL33060. E/O/E

Fleet Manager - City of North Port

Responsible professional work managing the Fleet Division; providing for the maintenance, repair, replacement and inventory control program. This position administers and maintains quality standards of service.

Please visit www.cityofnorthport.com or call 941-429-7200 for application, job posting (qualifications, duties required) and deadline information. A City employment application is required.
Tour the Area’s First Compressed Natural Gas Vehicle Fueling Station

Thursday, February 23, 2012
10:00 am to 11:00 am

1020 N. Hercules Ave.
Clearwater, FL

* Free Event *

“Clearwater Gas System provides clean and green natural gas energy that is efficient, reliable and sustainable, thus stimulating economic growth in the community,” said Chuck Warrington, managing director. “Every gallon equivalent of natural gas used in vehicles reduces the amount of oil that has to be imported.”

The new filling station is currently being used by a natural gas garbage truck purchased by the city’s Solid Waste/General Services department. The plan is to have 70 natural gas garbage trucks in service, saving approximately $18,000 per truck, per year in fuel costs. When economically beneficial, the city will convert light duty vehicles to use natural gas.

Please RSVP at apwa.wcb.florida@gmail.com
It is that time of year again! Time to start considering nominating your project, organization, or individual for an APWA Award! All of the awards programs are online this year and can be found through the links below. If you nominate something for one of these awards and get chosen, the nomination will automatically be submitted to the Chapter for consideration by the Branch, and again to National by the Chapter. Please review the 2012 Tableau of Awards and consider nominating someone early so the Committee has plenty of time to review your nomination!

West Coast Branch Awards (Due February 17, 2012, Feb 1 if you want consideration by Chapter): http://bit.ly/WCBAwards2012
Florida Chapter Awards (Due February 3, 2012): http://florida.apwa.net/news/3487/
APWA National Awards (Due March 1, 2012): http://www.apwa.net/awards
The 2012 Florida Chapter Annual Meeting and Trade Show will be held at the Tampa Convention Center on April 2-5, 2011. This is a great opportunity to show the Public Works Professionals in our state what is great about Tampa Bay! We have some of the best and most supportive vendors in the state, one of the greatest concentrations of membership, and a wealth of Public Works Projects to use as case studies for interesting educational opportunities. The 2012 Trade Show will hopefully be the biggest and the best but we need YOUR support to make it happen.

What we need from you:
Vendor Contacts for Exhibiting and Sponsorships
Equipment Rodeo Judges and Participants
Technical Session Usher Volunteers
Technical Session Instructors
Registration Volunteers
Registration of YOUR employees

This event can only be a success with the assistance of our outstanding members. Please contact Chris Evers at cevers@ejbreneman.com or Chas Jordan at cjordan@largo.com if you are interested in helping! Either way see you at the Show in April!


Click, Listen & Learn

Feb 14, 2012 -
Small Projects - Big Results: Facilities and Grounds Sustainability Projects - http://www2.apwa.net/events/eventdetail.asp?ID=5350
Feb 16, 2012 -
Feb 21, 2012 -
Pavement Preservation (Rebroadcast) - http://www2.apwa.net/events/eventdetail.asp?ID=5351
Feb 23, 2012 -
Understanding the Required EVT for Fleets - http://www2.apwa.net/events/eventdetail.asp?ID=5336
March 6, 2012 -
Self Assessment: A Checklist for Improvement (Rebroadcast) - http://www2.apwa.net/events/eventdetail.asp?ID=5352
March 15, 2012 -
Using Performance Measurements to Cope with Layoffs - http://www2.apwa.net/events/eventdetail.asp?ID=5325
March 20, 2012 -
The New AASHTO Transportation Green Book (Rebroadcast) - http://www2.apwa.net/events/eventdetail.asp?ID=5330
March 27, 2012 -
Liquid Use in Winter Maintenance - http://www2.apwa.net/events/eventdetail.asp?ID=5333

To see a list of all upcoming Click, Listen & Learn Programs go to:
http://www.apwa.net/Education/CLL/
Thank You for Your Willingness to Serve!

We welcome your input and articles on noteworthy improvements in every discipline of the Public Works profession. To advertise in the newsletter, contact Sala Garbaj at 813.635.5496 or via email garbajs@hillsboroughcounty.org.

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Call for Presentations

APWA offers education and training for public works professionals via conferences, online web programs, and live workshops. Click on the buttons above for a description of the selection criteria, submission guidelines, and deadlines for each program.

- Tell your public works story – give us “how we did it” case studies and workable strategies for addressing regulatory mandates, aging infrastructure, tight budgets, security issues, new technologies and systems, leadership dilemmas and solutions.
- Get the recognition you deserve! Take advantage of this opportunity to share your expertise and the insights you’ve gained from your real-world experience.
- Encourage your employees to speak at APWA professional development events – challenge them to step forward and share their successes, ideas, and vision for the public works profession of tomorrow.

Submitting to speak at APWA conferences and web programs is easy! Click here for the APWA Online Call for Presentations Form.

APWA also offers live workshop training in these areas: Stormwater Management; Public Fleet Management, & Construction Inspection. If you have expertise in any of these areas and would like to put your name into consideration as an instructor, please send an email to education@apwa.net. Please include a bio that highlights your technical expertise and your experience as an instructor/speaker.
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