Hot topics

- We are looking forward to hosting the 2017 Expo in Tallahassee! Hotel, Exhibit Show, and Technical Session locations have been booked; and shortlisting is under way for social event locations.
- We are working with National to develop a clause for use with vendors loaning equipment for use in Road-E-O events that will indemnify APWA at all levels from any liability for damage to loaned equipment. This language will provided for use by the Chapter and all branches as soon as it is complete.
- The City of Tallahassee is undergoing a substantial reorganization and the “Public Works Department” has been dissolved. Public Works efforts will be accomplished through several newly formed departments and more information can be provided to interested persons as the new organizational charts become available.

October 2015 Branch Meeting
Dr. Ming Ye, Associate Professor in the Department of Scientific Computing and an Associate of the Geophysical Fluid Dynamics Institute at the Florida State University (FSU), spoke to us about his research on groundwater flow and reactive transport modeling, computational uncertainty analysis, applied geostatistics, and sinkhole study. He has developed an ArcGIS-based software for estimating nitrogen load from septic tanks to surface water bodies, and the software is free to the public. His laboratory research on sinkhole development and collapse has been recently reported in the PBS/NOVA program entitled “Sinkholes: Buried Alive”.

November 2015 Branch Meeting
Mason Fascona and Cary Hannon, of Mason Grady Foundations, presented on Helical Pulldown Micropile (HPM) system applications. They propose that HPM can achieve high capacities than other deep foundations, even in marginal soil conditions. They do not require helical bearing plates and can work with shorter pile lengths, creating cost savings for owners. They also presented the applications of anchors, tiebacks, soil nails, and other systems that are beneficial to the challenges of Public Works organizations.

December 2015 Branch Meeting
We had a special holiday gathering with holiday themed raffle prizes and games. We did not choose to bring in a speaker this day so we could focus on enjoying the camaraderie of our group members in celebration of the holiday spirit. The holiday games became very spirited and it was wonderful to share some laughter with our colleagues!

January 2016 Branch Meeting
We decided to have the first meeting of the 2016 year as a “state of the branch” meeting with membership to discuss programs they would like to see and other suggestions to increase interest.

Upcoming Events
Our monthly meetings are generally held the first Thursday of every month except in special cases as noted below. Our currently scheduled upcoming events include:
- February 4, 2016 – Monthly Lunch Meeting, Topic TBD
  11:30-1:00, Golden Corral Buffet, Tallahassee
- March 3, 2016 – Annual Awards Banquet
  6:00 PM, Four Points by Sheraton, 316 W. Tennessee Street, 32301
  (See attached flyer)
- April 7, 2016 – Monthly Lunch Meeting, Topic TBD
  11:30-1:00, Golden Corral Buffet, Tallahassee
8th ANNUAL PROJECT AWARDS BANQUET

MARCH 3RD, 2016
6:00PM

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