Greetings APWA Central Florida Branch (CFB) Members!

Hope everyone had a joyous holiday season and are geared up and ready for 2020! The APWA CFB had a busy fall and has great events planned for this spring. Because we serve a large geographical area (Brevard, Lake, Orange, Osceola, Seminole, and Volusia Counties) we strategically locate our events, so our membership can take advantage of our educational and social opportunities. We have had lunch and learns and social events in Brevard, Orange, Seminole, and Volusia Counties recently and will have lunch and learns in Volusia (Deland) and Osceola (Kissimmee) this spring.

We have been fortunate to have great sponsors to keep our costs down for our membership and I’d like to take a moment to recognize them:

- Cardno
- Consor
- DRMP
- Forta
- Hydro International
- Vaisala

The APWA CFB has also given back to the community through its service to Give Kids The World (GKTW) in Kissimmee. Once each quarter we meet at GKTW House of Hearts and help maintain one small area of their 84-acre property. GKTW is a nonprofit resort in Central Florida that provides weeklong, cost-free vacations to children with critical illnesses and their families (see page 3 for more information). The APWA CFB appreciates the opportunity to volunteer at this incredible nonprofit resort that provides grieving families such an awesome experience.

It has been an honor to serve as the Chairman of the APWA CFB. I am blessed to be supported by an incredible group of fellow officers who are dedicated to the success of APWA and the profession of Public Works. To them, I extend my thanks and I would like to thank the Cities and Counties of our CFB for supporting APWA.

In conclusion, I look forward to seeing everyone at our remaining events this year and hope to see you as well at the APWA Florida Chapter Expo in Tampa on April 20-24, 2020.

Sincerely,

David Wilkison
Central Florida Branch Chairman
2019 - 2020
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City of Sanford
Next Volunteer Day is

Saturday, February 8, 2020
8:00am-12:00pm

House of Hearts
210 S. Bass Road
Kissimmee, FL 32474

Please contact Justin Hetu at jhetu@kissimmee.org or 407-5618-2179

Central Florida Branch supports Give Kids the World by volunteering at Quarterly Landscape Work Days!

The CFB organizes a quarterly Landscape Work Day in which we work for half of the day (8:00am-12:00pm) planting flowers in two of the landscaping beds in the Village. These landscaping beds surround the Castle of Miracles, which includes the Star Tower, one of the most reverent places in the entire village.

The Give Kids the World Village was founded in 1986 to provide a week of paradise for families of children afflicted with terminal or life-threatening diseases when they get their wish of visiting Walt Disney World and other Central Orlando attractions.

The team has a great time planting flowers and making the village even more beautiful for the visitors. We look forward to the next work day which will be announced soon. We hope that more of our Branch members can attend to support this great organization here in Central Florida!
Central Florida Branch
Upcoming Events

Networking and Social Events

**CFB Membership Meeting**
Date: May 2020
Time: 5:00pm-8:30pm
Location: TBA

**Give Kids the World Volunteer Landscape Day**
Date: February 8, 2020
Time: 7:30am-12:00pm *Lunch Provided
Location: Kissimmee, FL

**CFB Membership Meeting**
Date: September 2020
Time: 5:00pm-8:30pm
Location: TBA

**UCF Football Tailgating Social & Membership Meeting**
Date: November 2020
Time: TBA
Location: UCF Football Arena, Orlando

**CFB Holiday Membership Meeting**
Date: December 2020
Time: 6:00pm—til...
Location: TBA

Educational Opportunities

**Lunch-n-Learn**
Subject: Improve your writing and win a Grammy
Date: February 19, 2020
Time: 11:30am-1:00pm
Location: The Historic Courthouse Training Room
125 W. Indiana Ave, Deland, FL
Admission: $5.00/per person

**Lunch-n-Learn**
Subject: APS Asphalt Paving Systems
Date: March 11, 2020
Time: 11:30am-1:00pm
Location: City of Kissimmee, FL
The Central Florida Branch held its September 2019 membership meeting at Lazy Moon Pizza near the UCF campus. Invitations went out to all the future professionals of APWA’s UCF Student Chapter. Current leaders gave an inspirational speech on the benefits of APWA membership and encouraged everyone to continue to pursue positions in the field of Public Works.
APWA Florida Chapter 2020 Public Works Expo
April 20–24, 2020
Tampa, FL

The Hilton Tampa Downtown is the host hotel for the 2020 Florida Public Works Expo. Technical Sessions & Meal Functions will be held at the host hotel. The Exhibit Show & Lunch on Thursday, April 23rd will be held at the Tampa Convention Center.

The walking distance from the host hotel to the convention center is only 0.4 miles away.

We have some VERY exciting events planned for you!
The Florida Public Works Expo attracts hundreds of Public Works professionals from the State of Florida and the Southeast. Join us in Tampa and take time to network with your peers, boost your motivation and gain powerful new tools for success!

You will also have the opportunity to attend a variety of Technical Sessions designed to sharpen your skills, maximize production and keep you on the cutting edge of emerging technologies and products. Be sure and join us for the Trade Show where you can acquire new tools, tips and techniques from the leading suppliers and manufacturers in your industry!

There are many great reasons to attend and here are just a few of them:
• Earn CEUs and PDHS at technical sessions.
• Hear our Keynote Speaker Adam White. He will speak on Leadership Communication with the 5 Layers of Personality.
• Don’t miss the Panel of the Pros Session discussing Sea Level Rise.
• Join us at Splitsville for the Special Event Night. Enjoy great food and America’s favorite games: bowling, lawn and feather bowling, ping pong, billiards, foosball, darts and shuffleboard.
• Visit the Equipment Rodeo at the State Fairgrounds. The best-of-the-best in Florida to compete!
• Don’t miss another year’s Public Works Director Roundtable. Open to Public Works Directors and City/County Engineers.
• Meet leading-edge vendors at the Exhibit Show.
• Celebrate your projects and peers at the Awards & Scholarship Banquet.
Registration Information:

**Early Bird Discounts**:  
- Full Delegate Member: $299 (regular price $349.00)  
- Full Delegate Non-Member: $499.00 (regular price $549.00)  
- Young Professional Full Delegate Member (35 and under): $299.00  
- Young Professional Full Delegate Non-Member (35 and under): $499.00  
- Full Delegate Retired Member: $129.00  
- Daily Delegate (Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday): $99 (Regular price $129.00)  
- 2-Day Pass: $199 (regular price $229.00)  

**Early Bird Discounts end March 2, 2020**

Helpful Links:

- Agenda  
- Keynote Speaker  
- Technical Sessions  
- Exhibitors and Sponsors  
- Equipment Rodeo

**Equipment Rodeo**

Are you ready for an exciting and profitable day of friendly competition, an equipment showcase and great food? If so, register now and come join us...you will be glad you did! The 2020 Rodeo will be held at the Tampa Fairgrounds.

Transporation to the Tampa Fairgrounds will be provided by the APWA Florida Chapter from the host hotel starting at 8:30 am on Wednesday, April 22nd for all attendees that are participating or just observing the Rodeo.

The centerpiece of the day’s event is the Professional Skills Competition. We are expecting at least six events which will be hosted by APWA approved equipment dealers. These challenging and innovative events are aimed to test the skills and safety of the competitor, not just the quickest time in which a task can be performed.

Any questions or appeals may be presented to the Rodeo Board, which is comprised of one member from each equipment dealer, the APWA Rodeo Chairman and the APWA Show Chairman (see contact information for the Rodeo Chairman below).

Don’t forget about the great lunch we have planned! We’ll take a break from the competitions at 11:30 am. Afterward, we’ll resume the competitions and conclude with the Rodeo Awards Presentation.

**Limited to the first 100 to register...**

**Special Events**

- Young Professionals’ Networking Reception  
- Fermented Reality Biergarden (located right outside Splitsville)  
  Wednesday, April 22  
  8:30 pm - 10:00 pm  
  (2 Drink Tickets provided for 35 & Under Only)

The Reception is held each year at the Florida Public Works Expo to engage students and young professionals interested in the vast careers of Public Works including but not limited to: engineering, public administration, business management, construction management, water, wastewater, surveying and solid waste. Attendees will also have the opportunity to network with other young professionals and veteran public works professionals alike from across the State of Florida.
National Public Works Week
May 17-23, 2020

This year’s theme is “The Rhythm of Public Works” because Public Works keeps a community’s rhythm moving by providing support to all of the communities infrastructure services. For information and resources about this year’s NPWW, go to: https://npww.apwa.net/

Download a copy of the NPWW Poster Today!! Click Here

Announce your Proclamaions and share your events on social media using #NPWW. You can post your event on the Central Florida Branch Facebook page at https://www.facebook.com/APWA.CentralFLBranch/

Submit photographs and details of your NPWW events. All submissions will be included in our next newsletter. Send information to: Angela Lawrence angela.lawrence@atkinsglobal.com
Welcome New Members!

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**Florida Membership Totals**

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- Respect for local authority.
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- Support for streamlining government oversight.
- Support for sustainability and environmental stewardship.
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The Branch is only as good as WE as a TEAM make it!

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All About APWA Membership

Never Been a Member Special Offer

Get your first year of individual membership at a special rate! Any employee or official of a governmental agency, manufacturer/supplier, contractor, or consulting firm who is actively engaged in the field of public works and has not previously been an APWA national association member is eligible for the Never Been a Member Special Offer.

Special offer price:
Individual membership $105.00
Promotion ends December 31, 2020

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