Focus Area Updates

1. Technical Session Submission
   - A presentation proposal was submitted regarding a diversity/young professional topic for the Florida Public Works Expo (Tampa 2016). If selected for a technical session, the topic will be provided in next report.

2. Upcoming Young Professional Events

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<td>November</td>
<td>Central Florida Branch</td>
<td>CFB is coordinating with the ASCE Younger Member’s Forum (YMF) to host a joint YP event. CFB is currently seeking sponsorships.</td>
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<td>TBD</td>
<td>Southwest Branch</td>
<td>The Branch is planning an event with a possible partnership with FES.</td>
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<td>April 20</td>
<td>YP Expo Steering Committee Members</td>
<td>Coordinating annual Chapter event for Expo attendees and local area YP’s.</td>
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3. Congress 2015, Phoenix, AZ
   - Chapter members (Chas Jordon, President – Elect and Amanda Millirons, Diversity/Young Professionals Chair) attended the YP Steering Group Meeting and exchanged updates and best practices with over 40 attendees representing chapters across the United States and Canada. A representative from the Society of American Military Engineers (SAME) was there to offer support with collaborating on future events and student chapter involvement. Listed below are examples of what other chapters doing:
     - Washington State Chapter – Working with the University of Washington to do a “green road” project on campus. This could develop into a “signature project” for student chapters, much like what ASCE has with the steel bridge and concrete canoe competition.
     - North Carolina Chapter – Includes a YP section in their newsletter.
     - Wisconsin Chapter – Hosts a “101” session for YPs and First-Timers.
     - Sacramento Chapter – Hosts a mini golf tournament with some proceeds going to a charitable organization.

   - APWA National estimates that the Congress Young Professionals Networking Reception had over 100+ in attendance. Attendees were from across the United States, Canada and Mexico.

Respectfully submitted,
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