During the last quarter (April – June), the Committee has represented the Florida Chapter at the following events/initiatives:

- **Public Works Expo**
  - Young Professionals Program - The Chapter continues to add value to the Young Professionals (YP) Program and were able to expand the benefits even more this year. YP attendees had access to the full day of Expo activities on Wednesday (4/20) for a reduced rate of $10. Activities included the general session, technical sessions, 5K Fun Run/Walk and the evening YP networking reception. The networking reception was complimentary to all attendees and hosted approximately 40 public works professionals in attendance at the networking reception. Jorge Uy and Amanda Wheeler served on the Expo Steering Committee and coordinated the efforts.
  - Diversity Technical Session - One of the committee goals was to host a technical session relating to diversity. Elia Twigg, Alisha Wetherell, and Amanda Millirons Wheeler presented a technical session titled “Building a Strong Workforce Through Diversity”. The session discussed the challenges facing women in the trade professions, how to engage the community in order to generate workforce diversity and how to develop and maintain an intentionally diverse workplace culture. The audience was actively engaged in discussion and showed a genuine interest in developing a diverse workplace culture. This presentation is also selected as a technical session for the upcoming PWX 2016 in Minneapolis, Minnesota!

- **National YP Network Steering Committee, June Conference Call**
  - A representative from the Committee participates in the monthly conference calls with the APWA National YP Steering Committee. This is an opportunity to share best practices with other chapters. This past quarter, we called in to the June meeting.

A representative from the Center for Sustainability (C4S) talked to the group about the Center being a source of information for public works professionals and public agencies. There is a “Twitter Town Hall” scheduled for 2 p.m. (Eastern Daylight Time) on Monday, July 25. This event that will allow anyone in the public works domain to ask questions and receive answers via Twitter.

APWA staff joined the conference call to give an update on the APWA.net website and the Young Professionals and Student Outreach Network pages. APWA Connect will allow members to have a much more personalized experience. It should make Networking easier. The actual YP and Student Outreach pages will include content specific to the organizations and should allow easier access to the roster for the two groups and contact information, etc.
Committee Goals & Progress

The Committee met while in Tampa at the Public Works Expo and had introductory discussion about the committee interests and initiatives. There are two new members with the Chairman as a returning member. The group discussed the goals outlined by the President:

- Serve as Diversity and Young Professional Liaisons to National APWA Committees
- Develop a "Diversity Statement" for the APWA Florida Chapter
- Plan and Promote one Webinar on Diversity for the Chapter
- Plan and Promote one Expo Technical Session on Diversity for the Chapter
- Recruit Writer and Provide Article on Diversity for the Chapter Magazine
- Plan at least six YP Networking Receptions through Branches each year
- Develop a Diversity and YP Set of Strategic Goals and present to the Exec Committee

The committee will host another conference call to further plan how to meet and exceed this year’s goals and will provide a detailed update in the next report.

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Respectfully Submitted,

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