April 29, 2009

Mr. Brian Van Norman  
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American Public Works Association  
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Dear Mr. Van Norman:

The Louisiana Chapter and its branches submit the following report on Chapter Activities for the fourth quarter of 2008 and the first quarter of 2009:

The Louisiana Chapter held its installation of officers in January in conjunction with the installation of officers for the New Orleans branch at a banquet in Metairie, LA. The featured speaker was APWA President Noel Thompson, who performed the installation honors.

Although we all took time for a breath after the congress, our branches have been very active.

The first meeting of the New Orleans branch was held in February. The meeting featured a behind the scenes look into the involvement of Public Works Professionals in all aspects of the Annual Mardi Gras Celebration.

The New Orleans branch held its second meeting of the year at New Orleans City Park. The membership heard from Bob Becker and Beau Bassich, the driving forces behind restoring the largest park in any metropolitan area.

Additionally, the branch decided to hold forums or panel discussions on subjects that could help to resolve problems in our industry. The first forum "Annual Maintenance Contracts" was a success with a very large attendance and a well qualified and diverse panel.

The newest ideas for the New Orleans Branch is a newsletter. The first publication was April 15, 2009, and a copy is enclosed with this report.

The Baton Rouge branch is busy assisting the local public works with training and employee development. They recently hosted a fundraiser golf tournament in St. Francisville, which was a big success and raised money for the branch. Presently they are selecting the recipients (local high school seniors) of college scholarships for an education in Public Works Curriculum.
Additionally, they are sponsoring on May 15th the first annual Public works Week Educational and Professional Development Forum. The focus will be Public Bid Laws, Rights of Way, Local Storm Water Management and managing to eat a plethora of Louisiana Crawfish.

Our Northlake Chapter has installed its officers and is moving into its public works agenda.

Respectfully Submitted,

[Signature]

H.E. Mickey Landry, Delegate
Robert Lambert, Alternate Delegate
APRIL 28, 2009

The Fall Conference last October 22-24, 2009 was a great success. Several 4-man teams competed in a Golf Tournament on Wednesday afternoon. A day-long meeting with several speakers and topics followed on Thursday at the Town Centre, Fayetteville, Arkansas. The conference ended Friday morning with a round-table breakfast discussion.

Christmastime was celebrated with a dinner and Board meeting on Monday, December 8, 2008 at Doe’s Eat Place in Little Rock, Arkansas. The President’s gavel was handed to Mr. Denny McPhate, Public Works Director for Hot Springs, Arkansas.

The Arkansas Chapter Board of Directors are conducting regular monthly meetings for planning Spring and Fall Conferences. The State membership list is divided among Board members who are emailing or calling each member to advise them of the conferences.

The Spring Conference 2009 will be held at the Hot Springs Convention Center, Hot Springs, Arkansas and at the host hotel, Embassy Suites. A golf tournament will be hosted at Belvedere, followed by a Meet and Greet at the Embassy Suites. An all-day conference consisting of technical presentations, lunch, “Public Works Jeopardy”, table-top exhibits, and a lot of networking among professionals will fill Thursday’s schedule. Friday morning, there will be a round-table breakfast. Attendance is expected to number between 100 and 120 persons.

The Fall Conference agenda will be planned following the Spring Conference. Fayetteville’s Town Center will again be the location for the Thursday, October 8, 2009 conference and Friday breakfast.

Submitted by,

Richard T. Penn, P.E.
Director of Community Development and Public Works, Bryant, Arkansas
Arkansas Chapter Delegate
Ms. Wilhite:

The Alabama Chapter presents the following report of our activities for this year:

We are continuing to update our Chapter website to provide “user friendly” access to upcoming events, activities, and educational opportunities.

We have organized educational seminars, click and learn, and lunch and learn, in the four regions of Alabama.

We jointly sponsored a Vendor Show and Equipment Rodeo with BAMAA, the Birmingham Area Municipal Administrators Association, and distributed membership information.

We sent the President and President-Elect to the Chapter Leaders Training Workshop in Kansas City in late February. They reported it was very beneficial.

We have established a committee to evaluate alternative chapter structures, i.e., branches, divisions, etc., in an effort to promote greater communication and involvement of our membership throughout the state.

We are hosting/sponsoring Appreciation Lunches for municipal Public Works employees in several locations in the state to correspond with Public Works week.

Several board members will be meeting with the Governor on May 8th when he signs the proclamation for National Public Works Week. Additionally, board members are working with local mayors in making the same proclamation on the local government level.

We are completing plans for our state wide conference to be held in late June in Orange Beach, AL. The conference will include technical sessions, recognition of member longevity, scholarship awards, golf tournament, vendor show, equipment rodeo, and general membership meeting. More info is available on our web site.

We are contacting our state universities to offer our assistance and guidance in establishing student chapters of APWA.

We appreciate the opportunity to host the Spring Delegates Meeting for Regions 3 and 4 in Huntsville on May 1 and 2.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tom Cunningham
President, Alabama Chapter of APWA
Dear

In today’s economic times, every decision comes down to benefits or “return” to the citizens we all serve. What can your ____ (city/county/agency) do today that will have a lasting impact? Please allow me to take a moment of your time to share with you the benefits and values offered to your public works employees through membership in the American Public Works Association.

We understand the many demands being made on your ____ (city/county/agency) budget during this period of economic downturn. In deciding how best to spend scarce dollars, we believe membership in APWA is critical for the following reasons:

- **APWA is the only source for all aspects of public works** – services, resources, practices and functions. As the “umbrella” organization for all of these related areas, your staff members are able to access information and assistance in each of these specific areas. If it is no longer feasible to support membership in multiple organizations that represent a special segment of public works, opportunities to best serve your employees’ needs are found in one organization – APWA.

- **Education and training are available for all areas of public works** and all levels of responsibility. APWA provides access to critical training in easily accessible formats, many of which do not require leaving the office or training room, and are offered at a reasonable fee.

- **Networking with over 29,000 public works peers** – obtain the latest information essential to carry out the public works functions in your ____ (city/county/agency). APWA offers networking 24/7 through use of online communities.

- **APWA is everywhere** – through our 64 chapters and 85 branches located throughout North America, training and professional development opportunities unique to your area are close by. With travel restrictions commonly in place, members unable to travel have after-the-fact access to much of the educational materials. The annual APWA Congress and Exposition provides over 150 educational and technical sessions devoted to all aspects of public works.

- **Maintaining high quality services to the citizens we serve** is crucial in these times of retirements, lay-offs and reduction in the workforce. High quality, low cost training and education for your remaining employees are key to ensure continuity and leadership when better economic times return.
As a leading association composed of governmental entities, APWA is especially cognizant of your needs and stands ready to continue providing opportunities for your ______ (city/county/agency) employees to continue offering the highest level of services to your residents.

APWA and its structure of local and national resources is a valuable asset to your ______ (city/county/agency) and your employees. Please contact me at __________ if I may be of any assistance. More information on APWA can be found at www.apwa.net.

Sincerely,
Delegate Report for Region IV
May 2, 2009

The MS Chapter has not done well this past year. The spring meeting was cancelled due to poor planning, resulting in a lack of registration. There is much need of revitalization of the members of the chapter. An Executive Board meeting is scheduled for May 6th to discuss plans for the future.

A positive point is that the membership numbers are staying about the same. There is a desire to make the chapter grow but we have not made that happen yet. A booth was set up at the MS Municipal League State meeting to make contacts with the elected officials. The Chapter also hosted several round table discussions for the attendees to learn about Public Works. This was very well received and there are plans to do the same this summer.

Respectfully submitted,

D. Monty Jackson, P. E.
Mississippi Chapter Delegate
REGION IV – HOUSE OF DELEGATES
SPRING MEETING – HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA
MAY 2, 2009

Executive Committee met October 4, 2008 in Amelia Island. Key discussions:
- Total Net Chapter assets reported as approximately $478,000
- HOD Delegate report
- Investment strategy for Chapter funds
- Authorized Finance Committee to issue an RFP for financial planner
- Renewed Contract with annual meeting planner
- Reports from District Reps, Branch Chairs & Standing committees
- Completion and review of Chapter newsletter
- Approval of Chapter annual budget
- Discussion of difficulties with new version of Chapter websites

Executive Committee met January 17, 2008 in Amelia Island. Key discussions:
- Total Net Chapter assets reported as approximately $378,000
- Discussion of Chapter’s West Coast Branch potentially forming a separate Chapter. Established a committee to meet with the West Coast Branch leaders to explore their concerns.
- Viewed a tribute video about Tony Leffin. Donations were made to establish an APWA annual award in Tony’s honor.
- Discussion on 50 anniversary celebration planned in Orlando in 2010.
- Discussions of annual meeting in West Palm Beach April 27, 2009- May 1, 2009
- Reports from District Reps, Branch Chairs & Standing committees
- Discussion of continued difficulties with new version of Chapter websites
- Discussions on Chapter scholarships
- Discussions on Chapter funds investment strategy

Details of Chapter Annual meeting 4/27-5/1/09 in West Palm Beach
- Exhibit Show:
  - 99,330 square feet
  - 124 10’ x 10’ booths available (112 sold to-date)
  - 11 bulk spaces sold
  - Exhibit income (to-date) $130,250.00

- Sponsorship:
  - 36 sponsors
• Sponsorship income (to-date) $55,000.00

• Technical Sessions:
  o 42 technical sessions
  o 40 CEU/PDA accredited (only 1st timers & branch training do not include CEUs)

• Rodeo:
  o 5 dealers
  o 25 anticipated participants

• Attendance:
  o 126 full delegates registered to-date
  o 155 daily delegates registered to-date
  o 600 anticipated total attendance (including exhibitors, spouses, guests, volunteers)

• Scholarships:
  o (14) $1,000.00 scholarships will be awarded