American Public Works Association Florida Chapter

To: Karen Johnson, President, Florida Chapter APWA

From: Al Linero – Past Presidents Council

Re: Executive Committee Report

Date: May 3, 2010

It is hard to believe our Chapter is celebrating its 50th Anniversary. It has come a long way since its beginnings in 1960. Many volunteer members of the Florida Chapter over the last 50 years have made it the leading Chapter of the International American Public Works Association. It also required great leadership and determination from our Past Presidents.

Past President Tony Leffin, a fixture in our Annual Equipment Show, won’t be with us this year, but his desire to honor our Past Presidents at the 50th Anniversary of our Chapter will be a reality. Everything is complete and they will honored on Thursday. We will be having a great turn out of Past Presidents going back as far as 1970. Twenty-two of the twenty-eight living Past Presidents are expected to attend.

Attached is the updated contact list for all the Past Presidents. All of them have been accounted for and we no longer list anyone as “whereabouts unknown”. Darrell Cole helped me locate two of the ones I could not locate.

Attached is also a list of the Short Bios on the Past Presidents. It has been updated since the 50th Anniversary booklet went to print.

I’ve enjoyed the time that I have spent as the Past Presidents Council Chair and will be turning over my files to Bill Hallisey william_hallisey@sarasotagov.com for the coming year.

It has been an honor to work with so many fine people over the years, I will stay in touch and I will always keep everyone in my memories.

Attached is the contact info for Past Presidents and
Updated Short Bios of Past Presidents of Florida Chapter APWA
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Florida Chapter of the American Public Works Association (APWA) Past Presidents
By Al Linero P.E. Chair of Past Presidents Council

Since the Chapter’s inception 50 years ago, our great Chapter has had 48 Presidents. The first served two terms and two others served a term and a half due to changes in the date new officers took office. While some were born and raised in Florida many relocated to Florida from colder climates. Many of them also served proudly in our military. These Presidents were very active in the Association and their leadership and dedication helped make the Florida Chapter the award winning largest chapter in APWA. Following are short Biographies of each and while they are brief one can see that every specialty of Public Works was represented from Water and Sewers, Engineering management, Transportation, Streets Roads, Solid Waste, Buildings and Grounds, Fleet Management and Education.

48th
Karen Johnson 2009-2010
Suncoast Public Works Academy

When Ms. Johnson joined APWA and the Suncoast Branch in 1994, she had already developed a passion for Public Works. Her career has taken her from working for city and county governments to her present position as coordinator and teacher at the Suncoast Public Works Academy, Sarasota County Technical Institute. Ms. Johnson served on committees, in the elected chairs and as District Representative for the Suncoast Branch, and as Chair for the Diversity and Public Works Academies committees for the Florida Chapter before being elected as Vice president in 2007. Other awards include the Chapter Member of the Year in 1998, and the Ben Pratt Award in 1994.

47th
Pat Overton 2008-09
Escambia County Public Works Director

Mr. Overton was born in Alabama. His Military service included two tours in Vietnam and one tour in Desert Storm. He has been active in APWA for many years. He was instrumental in establishing the Emerald Coast Branch and was the first President from the Panhandle. He was Deputy Bureau Chief for Escambia County before his retirement in 2008. He is currently enjoying his retirement with his wife Brenda.

46th
Richard Keeney 2007-08
City of Punta Gorda Public Works Director

Mr. Keeney was born and raised in the small waterfront community of Punta Gorda, Florida. He was hired by the City of Punta Gorda in 1980 and worked his way up for 17 years to the Public Works Director’s Position. Mr. Keeney has a Bachelors from Barry University in Professional Studies. A primary goal was to make training, educational opportunities and modern technology available to all employees in order for them to provide the best customer service to the City. In APWA he has been active at both the local and State level where he received many

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awards with the latest and most prestigious being named Top Ten Public Works Leaders of the Year in 2010. He is also the President of Local 4-H Foundation.

Mr. Kenney resides in the City with his wife Joan on their small ranch raising goats and cows. They have two grown sons, Mathew and Michael. When not working he enjoys fishing, riding his motorcycle and taking trips to the mountains.

45th  
Mark Thomas Juliano 2006-07  
City of South Daytona Public Works Director

Mr. Juliano was born Dec. 13, 1955 in Neptune, New Jersey. He moved to Florida in 1974 and enlisted in the U.S. Navy Seabees in September of the same year. His Navy training took him to California until graduation in February of 1975. Duty Stations included Adak Alaska, Roosevelt Rhoades Puerto Rico and MCB 4 (Mobile Construction Battalion) in California. After being honorably discharged in September of 1978, Mr. Juliano relocated back to Florida and began his 30-year career with the City of South Daytona in May of 1979. He was promoted to Public Works Director in 1987 and served as Director until his retirement in May of 2009. He joined APWA in 1985 and served in the Executive Committee as Chapter Vice President and President. He is married to Ruth, his lovely wife of 30 years. They have one son, Brandon and two grand children, Corbin and Lorraine.

44th  
Bill Hallisey 2005-06  
City of Sarasota Director of Public Works

Mr. Hallisey is current Public Works Director/Utilities for the City of Sarasota. His involvement in APWA covered 16 years. He progressed through Branch committees to become Branch Chair of the Suncoast Branch. At the state level he was District Representative, Vice President and President-Elect before becoming President. He was recognized as “Fl Chapter Member of the Year” in 2007. He is married to Kathryn and they have two children and three grandchildren.

43rd  
Jeff Wilson, P.E. 2004-05

A native of Ohio and a graduate of Ohio University with a BSCE, Mr. Wilson arrived in Florida in 1989 after stops along the way in Ohio, West Virginia, Kansas City and South Carolina. He is a Registered Professional Engineer in several states.

During Mr. Wilson’s term as president, four major hurricanes (Charley, Frances, Jean and Ivan) and one tropical storm (Bonnie) brought havoc and devastation to the state of Florida during the 2004 hurricane season. He volunteered in many areas, often visiting APWA colleagues in many hard-hit areas, such as Punta Gorda, the Florida Panhandle and the East Coast to offer support.

Mr. Wilson held many positions within the Florida Chapter including President, President Elect, Vice President and Secretary, as well as chairing the Annual Meeting in 1995 (Fort Myers) and 2004 (West Palm Beach). He has been the recipient of several Florida APWA awards, including the Meritorious Service Award (1997 – 1998), Mac Ulsch Award (2003), Special Recognition-Florida Hurricane Season (2005) and the Ben Pratt Award (2006). On the National level, his
involvement has included Government Affairs Committee and Representative to SAFECOM Task Force.
He currently resides in Fort Myers with his wife Vicki, and 3 daughters Sarah, Monica and Stephanie.

42nd Daniel F. Moretti 2003-04

Mr. Moretti has been in the Public Works industry since 1977 where he started as an Assistant to the Public Works Director/City Engineer at the City of Hallandale. In these thirty-two years he has enjoyed positions at additional municipalities as Assistant Director or Director of Public Works directing departments that may have incorporated Public Works, and Utilities and Engineering Divisions as well. Presently Mr. Moretti is the Director of Public Works for the beautiful Village of Pinecrest, Florida in Miami-Dade County and has been there for five and a half years.
He has been a member of the American Public Works Association since 1981 and has been Branch Chairman for a few terms, a member of the Florida Chapter of APWA Executive Board for the majority of those years. He has been on multiple committees while on the Board and was State President. “I have been very blessed to be involved in this profession and this organization. I have found it to be very fulfilling and rewarding as a career and I have made so very many good friends. I am very thankful for all that I have been given and blessed with”.

41st Douglas E. Layton, P.E. 2002-03
City of Jacksonville Project Manager Roadway Improvements

Mr. Layton obtained a BS Civil Engineering, Construction Option, North Carolina State University, 1975. He is a Registered Professional engineer in Florida, Georgia and North Carolina. For the first 10 years of his career, He worked for national construction companies managing the design and field construction of large, design/build concrete cooling towers associated with power plants. For over 20 years, he has provided consulting engineering services for local governments. He worked for 3 years, for the City of Jacksonville as a Project Manager before returning to the private sector. Mr. Layton’s technical area of expertise is construction administration. He has been a member of APWA for over 17 years. He served in all Branch Officer positions and has chaired two Chapter annual meetings. He has served the Chapter as Chair of many committees. In addition to having served as President he currently serves as the Florida Delegate to the National House of Delegates. The Florida Chapter has recognized him by honoring him with the Member of the Year & Mac Ulsch awards. He resides in Jacksonville with his wife Frieda.

40th James Singleton 2001-02
City of Altamonte Springs Dep. Dir. of Leisure Services
Mr. Singleton was born on October 12, 1945 in Cordele, Georgia. He moved to Florida when he was five years old. He attended Florida A & M University where he received his degree in business. His first job with the City was as equipment foreman. He later became supervisor of streets and in October of 1985 was named Deputy Director of Leisure Services. A position he holds to this day supervising facility maintenance, urban beautification, and fleet maintenance. Mr. Singleton contributed to the Altamonte community in every way he could. He spent numerous hours working with the disabled population, donating cooking services for various events and served as a source of encouragement and inspiration to other city employees. Prior to becoming President and since, Mr. Singleton served many positions both at the Local and State level including Central branch Chair and District V Representative. He has received much recognition by the City as well as APWA including APWA Mac Ulsch Award 1996-97 and APWA meritorious Award 1999. James is married to Paulette for 42 years and is proud of his 8 children who have grown up to be lawyers, teachers, accountants and chefs. He also has 20 grand children.

39th

Tony Leffin * 2000-01
City of Maitland Public Works Director

Mr. Leffin was born on January 11, 1949 in Sheboygan, Wis. He obtained Bachelors and Masters degrees from Northeastern Illinois University. He served four years in the Air Force. He worked for the Northeastern Illinois Regional Planning Council, EPA in Chicago and in 1978 relocated to Florida as the City of Maitland’s Public Works Director. This position he held until his passing on November 27, 2008. He was active in his community serving his church, Maitland Chamber of Commerce and Rotary. He was a longtime and outstanding member of APWA and served many different positions - his last being in 2008 as Chairman of APWA’s House of Delegates. While he received many civic and APWA Awards, his most prestigious was being named Top Ten Public Works Leaders of the Year in 2003.

38th

Barry Miller 1999-00
Hillsborough County

Mr. Miller began his work in the public sector in the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation and retired from Hillsborough County in 2006, a period of over 39 years. Many of those years he was involved with APWA. He was an active leader, organizer, mentor and educator. He held almost every elected APWA position at both the Branch and State level. He was awarded APWA life membership in 2007. Always involved with his children and church, Mr. Miller is enjoying retirement in Dover, Fl with his children nearby.

37th

Jon Crull, CAFM 1998-99
City of Daytona Beach Fleet Manager

Mr. Crull has an A.S. degree in Automotive Service from Ferris State University in Big Rapids, Michigan, a B.S. degree in Professional Management and an MBA from Nova Southeastern University in Fort Lauderdale. In 1996 he earned his Certified Automotive Fleet Manager

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A native of Orlando, Mr. Chamberlin went to work for the City of Orlando in 1976 after spending four years in the Army. His mentors in APWA were Dave Zeno, JC Holley and Bob Haven. He remembers them fondly and “will be forever indebted to them and miss them”. He was fortunate enough to be involved with the Chapter and the Branch when Orlando hosted the 1989 National APWA Congress and Exposition.

Mr. Chamberlin was active both at Central branch and the State serving on many APWA committees including editor for the Florida Reporter, Chapter Dinner coordinator, District V Rep, Chapter President and National House of Delegates. As Chapter President Mr. Chamberlin emphasized education through scholarships and teleconferencing education throughout the state put on by National. As President, he had two shows, Tampa and Ft Lauderdale. “Because the outgoing President, Bill Armentrout, had to leave early on the first day of the show in Tampa. I learned, while in the Army and working in public works, that you had to be flexible and to be ready for anything”. He is an APWA life member. He retired from the City in 2006 and commutes between homes in NC and Florida with wife his Anne.

After working for RS&H out of Jacksonville for a number of years and with more than 25 years of experience in the consulting engineering profession, Mr. Armentrout formed his own firm Armentrout, Marbury & Associates. Since then he has consulted on projects in Alabama, Georgia & Florida and runs his firm out of Jacksonville. He was active in the NE Branch and was District IV Representative and Awards Chair in 1996 prior to his Presidency. He remained a member of APWA since then although no longer active.

Mr. Linero was born in Barranquilla, Colombia. He arrived in South Florida in the early 50s when his father an Electronics Engineer was recruited to work at Miami International Airport. Mr. Linero grew up in South Florida and attended Miami Dade Jr College, University of Miami and Florida International University.

A Registered Professional Engineer, Mr. Linero was Engineering Div. Supervisor prior to being appointed Public Works Director for the City of Coral Gables. He retired from the City in 1998.
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after 30 years of service. Mr. Linero is a Life Member of ASCE, FES and APWA. He was a Director of FES Miami Chapter a number of years. He was Chairman of the APWA South Florida Branch and the 34th President of the Chapter 30 years after the 4th President, William Fagan, from the same City. He served on the National APWA Government Affairs Committee two terms and National APWA-AGC Joint Committee. Among his awards were FPEG Florida Government Engineer of the Year 1997 and Samuel A. Greeley Local Government Service Award 1998. He is retired in Coconut Grove, Fl with his beautiful wife Wanda.

33rd

William F. Coleman 1994-95
City of Tallahassee

Mr. Coleman spent his early years working in major construction jobs overseas in Trinidad, Viet Nam, Guyana and Costa Rica. He spent a few years in the late 60’s and early 70’s working for the City of Tallahassee. During this time he was involved in Chapter activities with Bill Bryant, Coles Bannerman and Dr Schwab. Mr. Coleman went back into the private sector for approximately ten years before returning to the City in charge of Storm Water Drainage and Construction until his retirement in 1996. In his 15 years with APWA, he was instrumental in starting the Big bend Branch with John Davis the District II representative at the time; he held many positions in the Big Bend Branch. He was secretary/treasurer, Vice-Chair and Charter Chair. At the state level he was District II Rep and worked his way up to the Vice Presidency and Chapter President. He is currently enjoying retirement with his wife Susie in Tallahassee.

32nd

Les D. Eighmey 1993-94
Hillsborough County Director of Roads and Streets

Mr. Eighmey’s Public Works career included working as Operations Manager Transportation Division of Tampa’s Public Works Department, Hillsborough County Roads and Streets; and in Pavement management. His involvement with APWA was extensive including APWA West Coast Branch Chairman 1985-86, Newsletter Editor and Chair Education and Communication Committee. He served on many committees before and after his Presidency. Among his awards is Meritorious Service Award 1987 and Top Ten Public Works Leaders of the Year 1994. He lives in Tampa with his wife Brenda.

31st

Bob C. Haven *1992-93
City of Orlando Chief Administrative Officer

In the 1980s Mr. Haven was recruited from the Washington D.C. area to become the City’s Public Works Director. He was well known nationally for his creative engineering solutions and his contributions to environmental management. The Central Florida Chapter of FES selected him as Engineer of the year. After serving as Chief Administrative Officer for two mayors Mr. Haven became General Manager & CEO for the Orlando Utilities Commission until his passing in 2004. He was active in APWA and became the Fl Chapter’s 31st President.
30th

City of Jacksonville Engineering Manager

George is a LIFE member of APWA, and a founding member of the Northeast Branch. He has served on at least 18 committees, and chaired some 10 at both the local and state level. He has also held all officer positions at both levels. His awards are numerous, including: APWA Member of the Year, Max Ulsch, and National Top Ten in 1989. Mr. Knecht was also very active in FES were he was recognized as Government Engineer of the Year 1992, Engineer of the Year 1994 and Outstanding Service to the Engineering Profession 2009.

"I would like to thank my wife Judy for her Love and support for the past 46+ years. Without this guidance, I would never have been able to accomplish all I did."

29th

John T. Davis P.E.1990-91
City of Tallahassee City Engineer

Mr. Davis was born in Century, Fl. He graduated from University of Florida BSCE 1971 and Florida State MBA 1986. He was assistant County Engineer for Escambia County. At the time of his Presidency He was City of Tallahassee City Engineer and later was promoted to Assistant Public Works Director. In early 2002 he joined FDOT in Tallahassee for 2 years until July 2004 before moving to his present job with the Jacksonville Transportation Authority as Chief Engineer. Mr. Davis is a retired Colonel with the Florida Army National Guard and veteran of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Mr. Davis joined APWA in 1975 and awarded LIFE Member in 2005. He has received a number of awards including FES FPEG Government Engineer of the Year 2009. He has been active in various APWA committees both locally and in the State. At the National level he was Chair of the Leadership & Management Committee, served on the Government Affairs Committee and is Chair of the Transportation Committee. He lives in Orange Park with his wife Ann.

28th

Frank D DeCelles 1989-90
City of Plantation Assistant Public Works Director

Mr. DeCelles graduated from Woodbridge Senior High School in NJ in 1963 and studied Psychology in Louisiana College. He began his 32-year Public Works profession as Assistant Public Works Director for the City of Sunrise in South Florida. He worked there 8 years before being appointed Assistant Public Works Director of The City of Plantation in 1985. He was then promoted to Public Works Director in 2001 and still holds that position today. Among the many APWA positions held are South Florida Branch Chair in 1983 & 1987 and District XI Representative 1986, 1987 & 1996 to Present. He chaired the State Membership Committee for over 21 years. A period, which saw our Chapter, double its membership to become the largest Chapter in the United States and Canada. Both Civic groups and APWA recognized Mr. DeCelles many times over the years. Most notably at the National level the Top Ten Public Works Leaders of the Year 2007, Harry S. Swearingen Award, 1997, Pacesetter Achievement Award, 1990, Membership Chairman Award, 1991, and at the State level the Member of the Year Award 1987 & Mac Ulsch Award, 1991 & 1996.

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27th

Robert Obering P.E. 1988-89
City of St Petersburg City Manager

Mr. Obering was born on Jan 1, 1931 in Oxford, NE. He obtained his BSCE University of Nebraska 1954. He is Registered P.E. in Nebraska and Florida. His career consisted of Director of Public Works and Utilities, Lincoln, Nebraska. Director of Public Works, Asst City Manager and City Manager; St Petersburg, Fl. Director of Public Utilities, Sarasota County, Fl. And Sr. VP of Engineering, Geo F Young Consulting Engineers.
Mr. Obering was APWA President Nebraska and Florida Chapters, and APWA National Director 75-77. He was active in local and national ASCE, NSPE, FES, WEF, and FWEA. He has been recognized with various local and national honors.
Mr. Obering is retired In Sarasota with his wife Naydine.

26th

Benjamin C Pratt P.E. P.L.S. * 1987-88
Wilson, Miller, Barton, Soll & Peek, Inc.

Mr. Pratt was a graduate of Virginia Military Institute BS Civil Engineer 1951 and obtained a MS in Environmental and Urban Systems 1980 from Florida International University. He was a registered Professional Engineer in 5 states and a Registered Professional Land Surveyor in Florida. He began his extensive career with a military duty as Engineer officer in The USMC in Korea in 1951-53. He had many responsible positions over the years. He was with Shell Oil for 15 years, a principal with Wilson, Miller, Barton, Soll & Peek, Inc in Ft Myers and the South Florida Water Management District.
He had numerous recognitions, among them 1978 Local Government Award by Florida Shore and Beach Association for work on Lee County Coastal Construction Codes, APWA Top Ten Public Works Leaders of the Year 1982, APWA Fl Member of the Year 1984, Mac Ulsch Award for Distinguished service- 1989 and FES Florida Engineer of the Year 1991.
Mr. Pratt was a Retired Colonel USMC reserves, and belonged to many other organizations including Fl Society of Professional land Surveyors and Rotary International.
His wife Jackie relocated to Minnesota after His passing in 1998.

25th

Stan Nodland P.E. * 1986-87
City of Jacksonville Deputy Director of Public Works

Mr. Nodland went to The City of Jacksonville from the Army Corps. He became City Engineer in 1978 and then was Deputy Director for a number of years before becoming Public Works Director for the City of Jacksonville Beach where he lived. During his many years of involvement in APWA, he chaired many important committees and helped establish the Northeast Branch.
He was selected APWA Member of the Year in 1983. He was an avid golfer with a low handicap and after retirement he enjoyed the game before his passing in 2006.

24th

J.C Holley *1985-86

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City of Orlando

Mr. Holley was in the USN for 4 years and was honorably discharged. He worked for the City of Orlando for 30 years, several of them as Department Head of the Waste Water Section. He was a member of the Florida Water and Pollution Control Association and Life Member of APWA. Mr. Holley taught Water and Waste Short Courses at Brevard CC for many years. A member of the Orlando Baptist Church, Mr. Holley passed away in October of 2006 at the age of 73.

23rd

W.E. Strang, Jr * 1984-85
City of Belle Glade City Manager

Mr. Strang was APWA District V Representative 1979. He was also District V Representative in 1981 from the City of Ormond Beach. He was with Briley Wilde & Assoc. in 1984. He became City Manager in the early ‘80s and remained there for approximately 7 years before going back to Ormond Beach. He was APWA Water Resources Institute Representative ’87-’88. In 1991 he was employed as Special project Director in the City of Ormond Beach. Mr. Strang passed away in the mid nineties.

22nd

Dr. James H. Schwab PHD P.E.* 1983-84
University of Florida – Professor and Chairman Civil Engineering

Dr. Schaub a West Virginian by birth completed high school in Washington, D.C., where he was a page in the U.S. House of Representatives. Following service in the Army during World War II and Korea, he completed his education in civil engineering at Virginia Polytechnic Institute, Harvard and Purdue. Schaub was a professional engineer, practicing in several states before starting an academic career teaching at VPI. In 1960, he was named professor and chairman of the Department of Civil Engineering at West Virginia University, where he later became associate Dean of Engineering. In 1969, he became professor and chairman of civil engineering at the University of Florida, where he retired as Distinguished Service Professor in 1992. Dr. Schaub co edited two books in the interaction of engineering and the humanities and authored numerous technical and professional papers of civil engineering interest. The ASCE Florida Section named him Engineer of the Year. He was also actively involved with APWA where in addition to the Fl Chapter Presidency, he was National Director-at-large Education 1983-89.

Dr Schaub passed away at his North Florida Retirement Village home in Gainesville, Florida on Feb 11, 2008

21st

John M. Chasteen 1982-83
City of Lakeland Public Works Director

Mr. Chasten was born in Lake City, Fl. He was in the Navy and then worked for FDOT. He graduated from Lively Institute in Civil Engineering Construction Technology. He worked for private construction companies and private construction business before joining the City of Lakeland. After retiring from the City of Lakeland, he joined Florida Highway Products providing pavement management services throughout the state. Mr. Chasteen joined APWA in 1968. He
was the APWA West Coast branch vice Chair and Chair in 1974 while Superintendent of Streets for Lakeland. He was also District VII Representative 1980-81 and Vice President 1981-82. He has been active in APWA for many years and still is to this day. The West Coast Branch recognized him with the Timothy E. Goodrow Award 1990. The state recognized him with the Meritorious Award 1986 and the Mac Ulsch award 1993. He is also an APWA Life Member 1998. Mr. Chasteen is still with Florida Highway Products and lives with his wife Glenda in Lakeland.

20th

Harry E. Lampe P.E. 1981-82
Hardee County Engineer

Mr. Lampe was born in Loraine, Ohio in 1927. He went to High School there and then went into the US Army 1946-47. He graduated from Purdue BSCE in 1957 and became Asst Engineer in Sandusky, Ohio for 5 years. He then worked as a design Engineer for in Alexandria, Virginia Public Works department. He obtained a Masters in Transportation from University of Michigan in 1967. He spent 2 years in Gastonia, NC and another 3 in Springhill, Mo Public Works before coming south to Volusia County as Public Works Director in 1973. He was in Hardee County during his Presidency and became County Administrator there. He was also Palm Bay City Engineer and his last position before retiring was Putnam County Director of Public Works. His main contribution to APWA was that wherever his job assignments took him, he would recruit members and Agencies into APWA. He has been living in Jacksonville with his wife Roberta for 15 years since his retirement.

19th

Russell Hooper PE 1980-81
City of Daytona Beach Public Works Director

Mr. Hooper retired from the City of Daytona Beach after serving many years as Public Works Director. He was active in APWA for a number of years. He was Central Branch Chair in 1975. In addition to the Presidency he was the Fl delegate to the House of Delegates 1988-89. After retiring from the City of Daytona Beach, he spent some time in Alaska. He is enjoying retirement with his wife Marilyn in Daytona Beach.

18th

Charles D Carpenter 1979-80
City of Orlando Assistant Director of Public Service

Mr. Carpenter was born in Florida and spent most of his life in the Orlando area. He was in APWA for 30 plus years. He was active in APWA at the local level having been Secretary, Vice Chair and Chair. At the state level he was active in various committees, as District Representative, Vice President and President while Assistant Director Public Service for the City of Orlando. Since leaving Public Works in 1992, Mr. Carpenter has been a consultant in the private sector dealing with Solid Waste. He still lives in Orlando with his wife Dixie and his children and grandchildren nearby.

17th

Charles W. Matheny, Jr P.E. P.L.S. * 1978-79

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City of Tampa Assistant to Public Works Director
Mr. Matheny is a Registered Professional Engineer and Professional Land Surveyor. He is a Fellow member of ASCE and in 1972-73 was ASCE West Coast Branch President. He was APWA District 6 Representative and Chairman of the West Coast Branch in 1973. He was assistant Public Works Director for the City of Tampa in 1974. He was a Life Member retired in Tampa. He stayed in touch with APWA until his passing several years ago.

16th
David Day 1977 & ½ of 1978
City of Ormond Beach Director of Public Works
Mr. Day was Central Branch chair in 1974. He was District V representative prior to serving as President. While serving as District V representative in 1973, he was Assistant City Manager for Ormond Beach. He served as president for a year and a half because after 7 years of having the state officers take their offices at the beginning of the year, the executive committee changed it back to the annual meeting, which usually occurred in the spring. He retired from the City of Ormond Beach in the early ’90s and is currently enjoying retirement with his wife Joan in Astor, FL.

15th
Norman Conaty 1976
City of Tampa Director of Sanitation
Mr. Conaty was born in Bay City, Michigan and grew up in the Tampa area. He was in the Army for three years, 1/2 of those in Korea. He began with the City of Tampa in the Landfill and worked his way up to the Director of the Sanitation Department in 1973. He left the City of Tampa in 1978 and started a Private Paper recycling company that eventually expanded to 4 cities before he sold it in 1989. Mr. Conaty was the Chairman of the West Coast Branch in 1970 and served as Florida Chapter Vice-President in 1975. Mr. Conaty lives in Springhill, FL and spends his time helping his son and daughter with their recycling operation in Land O’Lakes, FL.

14th
Timothy E Goodrow *1975
City of St Petersburg Public Service Director
Mr. Goodrow was a native of Dover-Foxcroft, Maine. He served in the US Army during WWII and was a graduate of the University of Florida. He retired from the City of St Petersburg after 32 years of service. Mr. Goodrow was a 2 term ASCE West Coast Branch President 1956-58. He attended the first Annual APWA meeting in Sarasota May 6th, 1961. He was active in APWA many years and in addition to the Presidency served as Chapter Secretary-Treasurer from 1981-91. He was APWA Member of the Year 1980, received the Samuel A Greeley Local Government service Award in 1980 and Mac Ulsch Award in 1987. Mr. Goodrow remained in St Petersburg after his retirement until 2004 when he and his wife Ruth moved to Tallahassee. At the age of 91 Mr. Goodrow passed away in February 2009.

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13th  P.E. Kinsey * 1974  
City of St Augustine City Manager  
Mr. Kinsey was City of Jacksonville Beach Director of Public Works in 1959. He was 1971 APWA District IV Rep while with Jacksonville Beach. He was APWA Secretary-Treasurer in 1972. He was still City Manager of St Augustine in 1976. Mr Kinsey passed away several years ago and his wife Dorris passed away on April 2, 2010.

12th  Charles E Peterson * 1973  
Panama City Director of Public Works  
Mr. Peterson was Secretary Treasurer in 1971 and Vice-president in 1972 prior to his Presidency. He was House of Delegates member in 1974. Later on he was District I representative 1975-79 from Lynn Haven. Mr Peterson passed away on April 6, 1988.

11th  William P Warner * 1972  
City of Lakeland Public Works Director  
Mr. Warner was a graduate of Mississippi State University and a Registered Professional Engineer. He was also a WWII veteran. He arrived in Lakeland in 1954 and worked for Polk County for 6 years before becoming Lakeland’s first public Works Director. He retired from the City in 1984. He joined APWA in 1961 and was very active in APWA over the years including chairing the APWA House of Delegates. Mr. Warner was selected as Florida Public Works Man of the Year in 1978. Mr Warner passed away on August 27, 2008 at the age of 96.

10th  William Harper 1971  
City of Melbourne Director of Public Works  
Mr. Harper was born in Highpoint, NC in 1930. He joined the Navy at 17 and was shipped out to San Diego, Calif. He was in the Navy 3 years and was married in 1950. Mr. Harper started out as a rod man in the City of Highpoint, attended engineering school at night and eventually was promoted to Superintendent of PW. He remained there 10 years. At an APWA meeting a Contractor told him about an opening in Melbourne. Soon after that in 1961 he relocated to and became Director of PW for the City of Melbourne. He remained there 33 years until His retirement in 1994. Mr. Harper was active in APWA in various positions during his entire career-District VIII Rep, Secretary-Treasurer and Vice President. He is an APWA Life Member and is retired in Melbourne with his wife Ophelia.

9th  Russell Smith 1970  
City of Daytona Beach City Engineer  
Mr. Smith was City Engineer of Daytona Beach in 1959 and through his Presidency. In 1974 he was City Manager of Daytona Beach. He is currently retired in new Smyrna Beach.

8th  E. Glenn Hennig * 1969  

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City of Orlando Director of Public Services
Mr. Hennig joined the City of Orlando as tax assessor and collector in the late ‘30s. He left for WWII and then returned to his previous position until being appointed Public Services Director in 1937. A position he held for many years. His last position with the City was as the City’s first Real- Estate Manager. He passed away in May 2009 at the age of 94. He attended the first APWA annual meeting in Sarasota on May 6th, 1961 and remained active in APWA for many years.

7th Roger Noee * ½ of 1967 & 1968
City of Ft Myers Public Works Director
Mr. Noee served a term and a half due to adjustment in day officers took office. After leaving the City of Ft Myers position, he was marketing Manager Flood & Associates. He attended the first APWA annual meeting in Sarasota on May 6th, 1961 and remained active in APWA for many years. He was the first House of Delegates Representative from Florida and the first House of Delegates Chairman in 1967. He was APWA Executive Sec in early ‘60s and’70s. He was Member of the Year in 1979 and Mac Ulsch Award recipient in 1985.

6th Paul Kane * 1966-67
City of Clearwater Superintendent of Public Works
Mr. Kane attended the first Florida APWA Annual meeting in Sarasota May 6th, 1961. He was District VI representative 1964-65. He was Chapter Vice-President in 1965-66.

5th J. Coles Bannerman * 1965-1966
City of Tallahassee Asst. C. M. / Public Works Dir
Mr. Bannerman was a Lifelong resident of Leon County. After attending the U of Florida, he went to work for the City of Tallahassee; during WWII he served as a Seabee in the South Pacific and then returned to the City. He retired in 1974. Mr. Bannerman attended the first Annual meeting in Sarasota May 6th, 1961. He served as a Chapter Board member for many years before and after serving as President. He received the “Samuel A. Greeley Local Government Service Award” in 1974. Mr. Bannerman passed away in 2003 at the age of 79.

4th William W. Fagan * 1964-65 FL Chapter & 1971-1972 National President
City of Coral Gables Public Works Director
Mr. Fagan was born in Boston and raised in Newton, Mass. He Graduated from Tufts University in 1945 in Civil Engineering and was commissioned in the Navy. After leaving the Navy in 1946 he worked in the New England area for 10 years before relocating to South Florida as a Civil Engineer for the City of Coral Gables. He was eventually promoted to Public Works Director and was involved with many major improvements to the City Beautiful before retiring in 1982. Mr. Fagan was deeply involved with APWA and served many positions including Branch Chair, State President, Region 4 Director beginning in 1965, and International President 1972. Mr. Fagan passed away in November of 1991.

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3rd
Gordon S Burlenson P.E. * 1963-64
City of Orlando Director of Engineering
Mr. Burleson was a Utility Engineer for the Florida Department of Transportation in 1974. He attended the first Annual meeting in Sarasota May 6th, 1961. He was the first Secretary – Treasurer of the Chapter.

2nd
Paul Jorgenson * 1962-63
City of St Petersburg City Engineer
Mr. Jorgensen attended the first Annual meeting in Sarasota on May 6th, 1961. He was the First Vice-President of the Chapter. He passed away prior to 1974.

1st
William L Bryant, Sr P.E * 1960-62
City of Jacksonville City Engineer
Mr. Bryant was the First President of the Fl Chapter. He served two consecutive terms. Although City Engineer of Jacksonville when elected President, he later accepted the position of Director Florida Lime rock Institute in Ocala. He remained in private practice with Gee & Jensen and later with Flood & Associates. He was Florida State Representative to National 1964-65. He continued being active in APWA for many years after his presidency including serving on the House of Delegates 1979. He received the Swearingen award in 1985 and Mac Ulsch in 1984. He passed away in 2002.

* Deceased