CHAIRMAN’S MESSAGE

One of the primary goals of this year’s Executive committee was to qualify and apply for the Presidential Award for Branch Excellence. The Award recognized Branches for contributions that positively impact their membership, profession and community. The application was prepared by the Executive Committee on behalf of the Branch and was submitted to the Chapter’s Award Committee this month. Winners will be announced at the Chapter’s 2011 Annual Show in April.

Highlights of the application included the following Branch accomplishments:

- Membership increased by 2%;
- Meeting attendance increased by 124%;
- Completed 3 Community Outreach Programs;
- Completed 2 Educational Outreach Programs;
- Completed 2 Environmental Outreach Programs, including the on-going Adopt-A-Road program in Lee County;
- Successful fundraiser (golf tournament) and scholarship program;
- Continuing Branch-to-Branch outreach programs;
- Submitted revised Branch By-laws to National for approval.

This will be the first time our Branch has submitted for this award. I would like to thank all members and supporters of our Branch for their dedication and support to make the above activities, and this year, successful. In my mind, we are already winners!

As part of our strategic plan, the Executive Committee is committed to developing an active student club at Florida Gulf Coast University, and has (continued to pg.5)

ELECTION OF 2011/12 OFFICERS - CAST YOUR VOTE NOW!

Per the Branch By-Laws, annual elections of officers are held to coincide with the election of officers at the State level. With the acceptance of nominations submitted, the slate of officers for the Southwest Florida Branch are as follows:

Chairman: Robert Garland  Vice Chairman: Amy Davies
Secretary: Tracy Quintana  Treasurer: Mark Popp
Member-At-Large: Johnny Limbaugh  District Representative: Nicole Monahan

Voting is open only to APWA members. To cast your vote for these nominees, forward an email to Tracy Quintana at tquintana@pgorda.us no later than April 1, 2011.
Throughout the past eleven months, there have been many corporate businesses who responded to our call for sponsorship whether it was for the scholarship golf tournament, the 25th anniversary celebration, the Top Ten Public Works Leader Award celebration or a branch monthly meeting. The 2010/2011 SW Florida Branch Officers would like to extend a special thank you to these companies and their employees for their support.

Weiler Engineering  
Roadway Management, Inc.  
TYLin International  
Balfour Beatty Construction  
Hans Wilson & Associates  
Weston & Sampson  
Greeley-Hansen  
Hole Montes, Inc.  
Morris-Depew Assoc.  
Source, Inc.  
Avalon Engineering  
Steves & Layton  
Wilbur Smith Assoc.  
TR Transportation Consultants  
AIM Engineering & Surveying, Inc.  
Delisi Fitzgerald  
Johnson Engineering  
Otto Environmental Systems N. America, Inc.

Get Involved With Your Branch

The Southwest Florida Branch of APWA has opportunities for you to get involved. Election of Branch officers will take place at the April 2011 monthly branch meeting. So why not get involved in your professional association, APWA Southwest Florida Branch. For more information, contact any one of the executive committee members listed above and attend the next executive board meeting.

Upcoming Branch Meetings & Events

2010
- **JUNE**
- **JULY**
- **AUGUST**
- **SEPTEMBER**
- **OCTOBER**
- **NOVEMBER**
- **DECEMBER**

2011
- **JANUARY**
- **FEBRUARY**
- **MARCH**
- **APRIL**
- **MAY**

Get your calendars and mark these “can’t miss” dates.

- **April 7, 11** — SW FL Branch Monthly Mtg (French Connection Restaurant in Ft. Myers)  
  Speaker: Wendell Taylor, Glades County Manager
- **April 18–22, 11** — FL Ch. Annual Meeting & Trade Show at the Ocean Center in Daytona Beach
- **May 5, 11** — SW FL Branch Monthly Mtg (Charlotte County Airport Sky View Café in Punta Gorda)  
  Speaker: Gary Quill, Airport Ex. Director
- **May 15–21, 11** — National Public Works Week
- **June 2, 11** — SW FL Branch Monthly Mtg (location TBD)  
  Speaker: District 75 Rep. Trudi Williams

Watch for updates on events ... more to come!
With each passing year, the Annual Meeting & Trade Show becomes larger and more successful attracting hundreds of members and guests from the state of Florida. Join us in Daytona Beach and take time to network with your peers, boost your motivation and gain powerful new tools for success. There will be plenty of time to attend technical sessions of interest to you and the Trade Show. There are also some fun events planned, including the first ever INDOOR EQUIPMENT RODEO.

Don’t miss out...Visit http://florida.apwa.net to register online TODAY! If you are interested in being a sponsor or a vendor at the Trade Show, contact Corporate Events at 727-548-7200 or email at CorporateEvents@tampabay.rr.com.
The SW FL Branch is working on its program of guest speakers for the 2011/12 year. The Executive Committee is seeking input from all members about potential topics, speakers, and meeting locations. Let us know what you like and what you would like to see changed. Also, we are seeking input on ideas for additional community service and professional development programs that would benefit our members.

Please forward suggestions to Tracy Quintana @ tquintana@pgorda.us. The Executive Committee is committed to serving the Branch’s members, but we need your participation and input to succeed. Remember, this is YOUR AWPA.
EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Martin County School District - Capital Projects/Planning Specialist:

Knowledge of local and state codes and regulations pertaining to public school planning and growth management; methods and procedures used by DOE relating to FISH; evaluation procedures to conduct post occupancy surveys.

For more information, contact Jay Angel at 772-219-1200 ext. 43130 or by email at angelj@martin.k12.fl.us.
elected to make this one of the Branch’s priorities for 2011. We will be establishing a committee to actively work with faculty and students at FGCU to realize this goal. Please contact anyone on the Executive Committee if you are interested in serving on the Committee or if you have any suggestions. Our goal is to have a viable club in place for the incoming Class of 2011.

This year, National Public Works Week (NPWW) will be celebrated May 15-21, 2011 and the theme is “serving you and your community.” NPWW is an opportunity for you to promote the often unsung heroes of our society, the public work sprofessionals who serve the public quietly behind the scenes. I encourage you to use NPWW as an opportunity to make your stories known throughout your respective communities and to promote APWA. This can be easily be done through proclamations, news stories, or press release. Feel free to contact me if you want any ideas or need assistance.

The recruitment of new APWA members is the responsibility of everyone in the Branch. Again, use NPWW as an opportunity to promote both APWA and our Branch. Bring a prospective member to next month’s meeting or forward a copy of this newsletter to a colleague. It’s our responsibility to actively promote APWA, our mission and the benefits of membership.

Remember….YOU are APWA!

Punta Gorda’s Carmalita Street Receives Enhancements

The City of Punta Gorda is nearing completion of the Carmalita Street Drainage Improvements. Storm pipes, drainage inlets, curb and gutter and road resurfacing of 4/10 mile of collector road along with sidewalks, bike lanes, a pedestrian railroad crossing and decorator lighting were installed.

This is yet another phase of a regional plan that was forged nearly a decade ago. In 2002, the City of Punta Gorda, Charlotte County Board of County Commissioners, Charlotte County School Board and Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD) began a multi phase regional drainage project which encompassed 3 schools, 2.5 miles of collector roads and 175 acres of mixed residential, commercial and governmental property.

The cornerstone of the project is a 20-acre regional pond that was constructed to serve the area which was plagued by poor drainage. The design was completed by Weiler Engineering or Port Charlotte; construction was completed by L. Cobb Construction of Wauchula.
CDM Selected to Design Surface Water Intake & Transmission Main

The City of Naples selected CDM to design a new 10-mgd surface water intake and transmission main. The intake will withdraw water from the Golden Gate Canal upstream of its final weir and pump the water to the City’s wastewater treatment plant where it will be blended with reclaimed water and stored for distribution through the City’s reclaimed water network.

CDM designed two precast wetwell/screen chamber structures which will have approximate dimensions of 5 feet wide by16 feet long. The chambers were designed as precast structures to allow the contractor to work in the wet, addressing the high groundwater elevation at the site 17-foot-wide as well as rock formations a few feet below grade. The intakes for the structure will consist of two 36” diameter HDPE pipes, which will be suspended in the canal from docks.

The transmission main traverses a mainly open country route through an existing golf course, an undeveloped parcel, a municipal airport property and existing City road Right-of-Way. The pipeline which totals nearly 12,000’ includes approximately 8,000’ of open cut installation of 20” PVC pipeline and nearly 4,000’ of horizontal direction drill (HDD) installation of 20” FPVC pipeline. There are two HDD installations, the larger of which is approximately, 3,300’.

Environmental concerns added to project complexities as the transmission main route is in close proximity to wetlands and endangered species habitat. The CDM team designed the route to minimize environmental impacts and thereby shorten the duration for environmental resource permitting. Site clearing and drainage concerns on this project include the clearing and grubbing of nearly 9.4 acres along the transmission main route.

Design of the project was also constrained to minimize impacts on the City of Naples Airport, which was achieved by the selection of the transmission main route outside of the active operations areas and the installation method for the pipeline, which is HDD for half of the installation on the property.

The project will be put out to bid in March 2011 with an anticipated notice to proceed for construction in May 2011.
March 6, 2011

Hello:

I would like to take a moment to introduce you to the Southwest Florida Branch of the American Public Works Association and provide you with a scholarship application that I encourage you to forward to any interested students.

The American Public Works Association is an international educational and professional association of public agencies, private sector companies, and individuals dedicated to providing high quality public works goods and services.

The Southwest Florida Branch of the APWA was formed in 1985. Our focus is to provide forum in which public works professionals can exchange ideas, improve professional competency, increase the performance of their agencies and companies, and bring important public works-related topics to public attention in local, state, and federal arenas.

Each year the Southwest Florida Branch awards $500 scholarships to individuals pursuing a career in the public services field. The field of public works is a large and diverse one. Areas of responsibility within Public Works include transportation, utilities, solid waste, emergency management, water resources, snow and ice management, fleet management, parks and recreation and stormwater management. Careers within these fields are diverse as engineers to fiscal managers to heavy equipment operators to water and wastewater plant operators to scientists.

Applicants must be a public works employee, a college undergraduate student, or a high school senior whose principal residence is within Lee, Collier, Charlotte, Hendry, or Glades counties. The Southwest Florida Branch awarded scholarship funds may be used at accredited private colleges, state universities or junior colleges, community colleges, vo-techs and APWA academies.

Attached is the scholarship application along with an explanation of the program and the guidelines. Please make your students aware of this opportunity to obtain financial assistance from our organization. Please note that the deadline for applications is April 8, 2011. Award notification is May 1, 2011. If you should have any questions regarding this scholarship, please do not hesitate to give me a call at (239) 985-1211 or e-mail me at nicolemonahan@hmeng.com.

Sincerely,

SOUTHWEST FLORIDA BRANCH OF THE AMERICAN PUBLIC WORKS ASSOCIATION

Nicole Monahan, P.E.

Enclosures

To access the scholarship application, click on the APWA logo.
APWA—Your Comprehensive Public Works Resource

Get your first year of individual APWA membership at half price!

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 First-Time Member Special Offer. The special offer is also available for adding first-time members to your existing group’s roster or starting a new group membership. And for those in Canada, you have a membership in both the American Public Works Association and the Canadian Public Works Association.

Individual membership $70 US ($76 CN) for your first year (regularly $141 US/$152 CN)

Group pricing is also available.

Join today and take advantage of this first-time member special offer!

What can you do with an APWA membership?

- Tap into the knowledge and experience of more than 29,000 people in public works/infrastructure
- Get connections to hundreds of corporations that provide products or services for public works
- Receive top-notch educational opportunities—online and live training is available—discounted for members
- Earn CEUs or PDHS
- Get member-only pricing on purchases of industry-related books, videos, public outreach tools, and other materials
- Discover the best practices in the public works industry through personal certification programs and accreditation programs for public agencies

APWA members handle infrastructure-related issues in:

- Construction Management
- Emergency Management
- Engineering and Technology
- Facilities
- Fleet Services
- Grounds and Urban Forestry
- Leadership and Management
- Solid Waste
- Sustainability
- Transportation (streets/roads, bridges, signage, and transit)
- Utility and Public Right-of-Way
- Water (potable, stormwater, and wastewater)
- Winter Maintenance

For more information visit www.apwa.net/membership or call 800-848-APWA or e-mail membership@apwa.net.

American Public Works Association
2345 Grand Blvd., Suite 700, Kansas City, MO 64108-2625
Make sure your community shows their support. Mail an original proclamation for display at the Annual Meeting & Trade Show in Daytona Beach to: Carsey Patrick, FL NPWW Chairman at Leon County Public Works Operation 2280 Miccosukee Rd. Tallahassee, FL 32308.

SAMPLE PROCLAMATION

City (County) of __________, Florida

WHEREAS, public works services provided in our community are an integral part of our citizens' everyday lives; and

WHEREAS, the support of an understanding and informed citizenry is vital to the efficient operation of public works systems and programs such as water, sewers, streets and highways, public buildings, solid waste collection, parks and canal maintenance; and

WHEREAS, the health, safety, and comfort of this community greatly depends on these facilities and services; and

WHEREAS, the quality and effectiveness of these facilities, as well as their planning, design, and construction, is vitally dependent upon the efforts and skill of public works officials; and

WHEREAS, the efficiency of the qualified and dedicated personnel, who staff public works departments, is materially influenced by the people's attitude and understanding of the importance of the work they perform.

WHEREAS, this year’s theme is “Public Works: Serving you and your community” as we celebrate the hard work and dedication of the many public works professional throughout the world.

NOW, THEREFORE, The City Council of the City of Tallahassee, Florida does hereby proclaim the week of May 15 through May 21, 2011 as

NATIONAL PUBLIC WORKS WEEK

in the City of Tallahassee, and calls upon all citizens and civic organizations to acquaint themselves with the issues involved in providing our public works, and to recognize the contributions which public works officials make every day to our health, safety, comfort, and quality of life.

PASSED AND DULY ADOPTED in regular session this __________.

CITY OF TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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City Clerk

Public Works Booth at Annual Meeting & Trade Show, 2010