CHAIRMAN’S MESSAGE

The Executive Committee would like to thank everyone for their continuing support of APWA and the Southwest Florida Branch as we move into the Holidays and a New Year. The New Year also means the 2012 Florida Chapter Annual Meeting and Trade Show is just around the corner. This year’s event will be held at the Tampa Convention Center on April 2-5, 2012. Applications should be available next month to nominate public works projects for one of the Chapter's annual awards. This is a great opportunity to showcase our successes and to give recognition to the hard work that public works professionals do year round. Feel free to contact me if you need assistance preparing an application or if you would like to discuss potential projects to nominate.

Speaking of awards, I would like to congratulate Rick Keeney and Jeff Wilson for being recognized as Public Works Leadership Fellows by APWA. This recognition is bestowed upon individuals with demonstrated senior executive leadership and management excellence in public works. Rick and Jeff formally received the recognition in September at a special ceremony during the APWA Annual Congress in Denver. Both individuals are truly worthy of the distinction and will serve as mentors for the next generation of public works leaders. Good job!

Tracy Quintana was asked by APWA to serve on a National Task Force Committee for website template design and participated in the kick-off meeting in Denver at the annual Congress. She also serves as the Florida Chapter’s Website Administrator, along with her various roles for the Branch. Reach out to Tracy if you have any suggestions for improving the National or Chapter website. The website is for the members and your input is encouraged.

I’m moving into my final quarter as the Branch’s Chair and want to remind everyone that we will have a number of seats open on the Branch Executive Committee. If you are interested in serving as Treasurer, Secretary, or Member at Large, please contact me. We will also have openings on our standing and special committees. This is a great way to become active on the Branch level and advance to the Chapter level. Let’s get off the bench and start playing. Remember, you are APWA!!!

LEE COUNTY HOMELESS COALITION

The APWA branch has been collecting shampoos, soaps and conditioners to donate to the Lee County Homeless Coalition during the annual Stand Down. The Homeless Service Day and Stand Down will take place at the Broadway Community Church, 3309 South Broadway, Fort Myers, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on January 28, 2012. Stand Down is a military term referring to an opportunity to achieve a brief respite from combat. Troops would assemble in a base camp to receive a variety of services. This is a one-day event where a variety of services including food, hygiene kits, backpacks, flu shots, haircuts, information on VA benefits, and referrals for substance abuse and mental health counseling will be available to anyone who is homeless. By providing these services, the Coalition hopes it may help to break the cycle of homelessness. Thank you to everyone donating these supplies to help end homelessness in Lee County.
ADOPT-A-ROAD PROGRAM

DANIELS PARKWAY
from
Cross Creek to Freshman Lane

January 14, 2012
February 11, 2012
April 14, 2012
June 16, 2012

Branch Requirements: Must be 14 years old or older. Must pick up litter six times or more per year. Reporting Forms, Garbage Bags, Safety Vests and Pick Up Sticks are supplied free. Disposal of the filled garbage bags by the County.

DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE’S REPORT

The 2011 Ben C. Pratt Scholarship Golf Tournament is history! Forty-seven golfers braved a sprinkling of showers and some pretty stiff wind but were handsomely rewarded with prizes, drinks and some awesome barbecue from Fully Involved BBQ as the sun set on another successful tournament. A huge thanks to all of our sponsors:

AIM Engineering & Surveying, Inc.
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TR Transportation Consultants, Inc.
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Wilbur Smith Associates/CDM

As 2011 comes to a close, I want to take this time to say thank you to all our members who continue to see the value in an APWA membership, who review your budgets and lobby your superiors to keep your membership active in these tough economic times and who willingly step up and volunteer from time to time to keep this organization going. Your dedication is noticed and appreciated.

On the Chapter level of APWA, our Executive Board has appointed a committee to look at the format of our Annual Meeting and Trade Show. If you have attended the APWA Florida Chapter show and have comments or suggestions that you would like to share, please forward them to me at NicoleMonahan@HMeng.com.

It is time to start thinking about APWA awards and scholarships. Scholarships are given at the local and state level so if you or someone you know is pursuing a higher education in a public works-related field, please let me know so I can get an application to you. We, as a branch, need to be looking for worthy people and projects to nominate for State and National awards. There are many categories available and we certainly have a number of talented individuals and beautiful projects that could qualify. If you have someone or something in mind, give me a call so we can discuss submitting an application.
ANNUAL MEETING & TRADE SHOW

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 Tampa and take time to network with your peers, boost your motivation, and gain powerful new tools for success. We will schedule exclusive time for the Trade Show and the Technical Sessions. This will give you ample opportunity to attend the Technical Sessions of interest to you and the Trade Show. We also have scheduled in some fun…

Circle your calendars and watch your mail for exciting details on how you can register to attend the Annual Meeting & Trade Show!

LOCATION:
Tampa Convention Center
333 S. Franklin St.
Tampa, FL 33602

HOST HOTEL:
Tampa Marriott Waterside Hotel & Marina
700 S. Florida Ave.
Tampa, FL 33602

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON EXHIBITING AND SPONSORING CONTACT THE APWA MEETING MANAGEMENT COMPANY:

CORPORATE EVENTS
Phone: (727) 548-7200
E-Mail: info@CorporateEvents-tampabay.com

ADOPTION OF BRANCH BYLAWS

It’s official; the Southwest Florida Branch Bylaws have officially been accepted by National. We are the first branch in the Florida Chapter to have received approval of National’s model bylaws. Job well done to Tom Pugh.

AMERICAN PUBLIC WORKS ASSOCIATION
FLORIDA CHAPTER
SOUTHWEST FLORIDA BRANCH
BYLAWS

The Official Copy of the Bylaws of the Southwest Florida Branch of the Florida Chapter of the American Public Works Association is on file at the office of the Branch’s Secretary, the office of the Chapter’s Secretary and at APWA National Headquarters.
NEW BRANCH LOGO

The Southwest Branch has developed two draft logos for review. In putting democracy in action, we are asking that you vote for which logo you like the best. Please send your votes to Tracy Quintana at tquintana@ci.punta-gorda.fl.us by January 13, 2012.

BRANCH SOCIAL

The annual Branch social was held November 17 at 3 Fishermen Restaurant in North Fort Myers and we had a great turnout. Free food and drinks always help attendance! The Branch would like to thank our sponsors: Greeley and Hansen, Weston and Sampson, and Wilbur Smith Associates/CDM. Fun and fellowship was had by all.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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New Public Works Professionals:
• Learn from the best public works professionals in North America
• Meet corporate members who provide the products and services you need
• Get sound professional advice from those who deal with the same challenges as you do

Experienced Public Works Professionals:
• Get support from your peers
• Meet the new faces entering the public works profession
• Get sound professional advice from those who deal with the same challenges you’re facing
• Share your expertise with other public works professionals

Corporate Professionals:
• Gain access to those who need your unique and expert advice, products, or services
• Increase visibility for your company or organization

Advantages of Membership in APWA
APWA membership offers benefits to keep you in tune with the public works profession. We give you the practical resources you need to advance yourself and your organization in today’s competitive environment.
• Tap into the experience of other APWA members using a wide array of practical resources including electronic discussion and idea-sharing “communities” (available only to members)
• Learn more about timely topics in both the management and technical areas of public works with publications, videos/CDs/DVDs, and educational events (often at reduced prices for members)
• Establish relationships with your peers through participation in local chapter or branch activities, meetings, and programs
• Obtain latest breaking news about national legislation and regulations, and find out whom to contact to express an opinion on behalf of public works
• For those in Canada, membership is for both APWA and CPWA.

Special Half-Price Offer for First-Time Members!
More details inside.

Covering 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
Step 1: Individual or Group?

Decide which type of membership works best for you, individual or group. APWA offers a number of membership categories based on your organization’s strategic interests and objectives. Descriptions of each type of membership may be found at www.apwa.net/membership. (Note that all APWA members residing in Canada are also members of the Canadian Public Works Association.)

Questions? Contact a membership specialist at 800-848-APWA or membership@apwa.net.

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| Groups will receive one consolidated renewal notice with a member roster attached. Public Agency, Corporate, and One-Call groups may add or drop members from the roster throughout the year, if necessary. Additional members can be added for $119 US/$129 CN each.

Use the Member Information section in Step 5 to provide names and contact information for people to be on the group roster.

PUBLIC AGENCY GROUP MEMBERSHIP

Available to any federal, provincial, state, local or other public agency concerned with public works. The number of individual memberships and the annual fee for an agency are based on the population served by the agency. When joining as an agency, each member saves $26 US ($27 CN) on annual membership dues. Visit www.apwa.net/membership for benefits chart. Select the appropriate population category for your type of agency. Use the “Additional Rostered Members” line below if you would like to have more than the specified number of rostered members for that population category ($119 US/$129 CN per additional person).

- State or Provincial Agencies—Number of rostered members and annual dues for the group would be determined using the “Population Served” column representing 10% of total state/provincial population.
- County Agencies—Number of rostered members and annual dues for the group would be determined using the “Population Served” column representing 50% of total county population.
- Special Districts—Number of rostered members and annual dues for the group would be determined using the “Population Served” column representing 20% of total district population.
- All others—Refer to column representing total population served by the agency.

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CORPORATE GROUP MEMBERSHIP

Available to any non-governmental entity that furnishes public works services or products, including privately held or incorporated utilities. Select a level of corporate membership: Heritage, Prestige, or Crown. Visit www.apwa.net/membership for benefits chart. Use the “Additional Rostered Members” line below if you would like to have more than the specified number of rostered members for the corporate group type you choose ($119 US/$129 CN per additional person).

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ONE-CALL CENTER/SYSTEM GROUP MEMBERSHIP

Provides a method for those focused on damage prevention to share new technologies and practices to promote public safety. Covers two rostered members. Use the “Additional Rostered Members” line below if you would like to have more rostered members ($119 US/$129 CN per additional person).

One-Call Group Membership $278 US/$300 CN

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For information about the half-price offer to start a new group or add members to an existing group, call 800-848-2792 or e-mail membership@apwa.net.

Fee schedule effective through December 31, 2011.

Student memberships are available; visit www.apwa.net/membership for details.
**Step 2  Optional Memberships**

APWA also manages several smaller public works-oriented organizations and forums. Complete information about these groups is available at www.apwa.net. The APWA Public Works Historical Society (PWHS) is the only special interest group that charges its own membership dues. Please complete this section if you would also like to join PWHS and note in Step 5 to which person this membership should apply.

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<td>PUBLIC WORKS HISTORICAL SOCIETY (PWHS) is dedicated to improving the public’s awareness and appreciation of public works throughout history.</td>
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**Step 3  Local Chapter Dues**

There are 64 APWA and CPWA chapters in North America, and 22 have local chapter dues in addition to national membership dues. The national headquarters handles the collection of those local chapter dues, which (where applicable) are mandatory and must be paid in full to maintain active membership status. For a complete list of chapters visit www.apwa.net/chapters.

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- Total number of members = $ |

**Step 4  Payment**

(Complete payment information then go to Step 5)

Send entire completed application and payment information. Membership is for one year and will begin upon receipt of dues payment. Purchase orders are acceptable, but members will not receive benefits until receipt of payment.

APWA membership dues are not deductible as a charitable contribution but may be deductible as an ordinary business expense, subject to IRS limits. APWA does not designate the use of membership dues for lobbying or advocacy efforts; however, nine percent (9%) of our total operating budget is allocated toward advocacy-related programs, including staff salaries. Please consult your tax professional with regard to eligible ordinary business expenses.

- Check enclosed for $ |

**IN USA, MAIL TO:** APWA, PO Box 802296, Kansas City, MO 64180-2296

**IN CANADA, MAIL TO:** (with payment in Canadian dollars) CPWA, PO Box 3850, Commerce Court Postal Station, Toronto, Ontario M5L 1K1

- Charge $ to my card (Visa, Mastercard, American Express, or other card)

When paying by credit card, dues are charged in US dollars and may be subject to the exchange rate at the time the payment is processed.

- Account number [ ] [ / ] [ ] [ ] [ ]
- Card Expires (MM/YYYY)

- Name as it appears on card [ ]
- Signature [ ]

- Would you like a receipt sent to you? Yes No

**MAIL TO:** APWA, 2345 Grand Blvd., Suite 700, Kansas City, MO 64108-2625

**OR FAX TO:** 816-472-1610 or 816-472-1905

**OR ONLINE:** www.apwa.net/membership

- Please mail an invoice to the attention of: [ ] [ ] [ ]

**MAIL THIS REQUEST TO:** APWA, 2345 Grand Blvd., Suite 700, Kansas City, MO 64108-2625

**OR FAX TO:** 816-472-1610
Home address and contact information becomes useful when members make career changes. Please mark whether you prefer to receive mail at home or office address. E-mail addresses are only utilized for distributing APWA- and CPWA-related news and information. For group memberships including more than 3 individuals, please copy this form as needed. For group membership, please identify to whom the group’s annual membership renewal invoice should be addressed.

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