



# Suncoast Branch Newsletter

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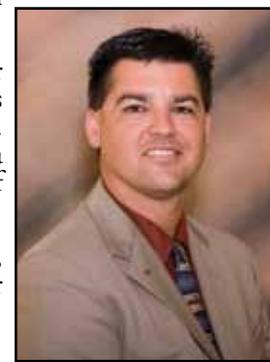
## Chairman's Message

**Change.** It's seemingly everywhere in our lives. As we approach the end of this APWA committee year, we have seen change in just about everything that we do and how we do it. We've seen significant changes in our procurement processes; companies continuing to merge; communication improvements including higher speed and more reliable technology. Keys for successfully managing this change include being flexible and adaptive, sustaining a positive attitude, but above all, maintain a genuine open mind for new approaches and/or technologies. Lastly, in this ever-changing economy, I can remember something my Dad told me on numerous occasions, "they can never take away your education". Having been out of school for a while now, I realize this is much more than your formal education – this includes continuing education, certifications, licenses, and of course, contributions to our professional societies and activities. I can't think of a better way to improve the security of your professional career and future than to invest in yourself – specifically through these means.

With all of that said, we are currently seeking nominations for officers for our local branch. As many of you may know, the Steves (both of them) will be transitioning into retirement during the year. While we will sadly miss them, we also know they have provided a solid foundation for new officers and we very much appreciate all of their contributions throughout the years.

Please consider serving our branch as an officer, board of directors, or even a committee member. Consider it an investment in your professional future.

Best,  
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R. Christopher Sharek  
*Chairman*

**Please remember to renew your APWA National Membership!  
The Suncoast Branch benefits from your renewal!**

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# Suncoast Branch/Westcoast Branch Joint Meeting



Wednesday, March 28th, 2012  
7:30 AM



**Rosedale Country Club - 5100 87th Street East • Bradenton, FL 34211**

Member: \$12

Non-Member: \$15

***Speaker: Ed Hunzeker, Manatee County Administrator***



Ed Hunzeker's tenure at Manatee County has been an unprecedented period of change for local government. During the peak years of Florida's real estate boom, the County Commission and Hunzeker had the foresight to save heightened property tax revenues, rather than spend them on expanded government. Their frugal policy has helped Manatee County Government maintain public safety while avoiding massive service reductions to the public during the current economic slump. Under the Board's direction, Hunzeker has instituted a new era of scaled-down government focused on economic development efficiently delivering services to the community. On Hunzeker's watch Manatee County Planning and Building and Public Works departments have all adopted a more customer-friendly way of doing business, meaning better response time and less expense to the public.

Over the past two years, under the direction of the Board and Hunzeker, Manatee County has renewed its focus on economic development, business retention and job creation. He serves on the Board of Directors of the Greater Manatee Chamber of Commerce and on the Advisory Board and Executive Committee of the Manatee Economic Development Council. Hunzeker serves on the United Way of Manatee County Board of Directors and is a member of the Manatee County CEO Roundtable. Hunzeker is also a member of the Anna Maria Island Chamber of Commerce and the Lakewood Ranch Business Alliance.



## February's Speaker

The Suncoast Branch of APWA would like to thank Greg Coker with Florida Power and Light for his excellent and informative presentation.

## Meeting Photos February 22nd, 2012



## Suncoast Public Works Academy

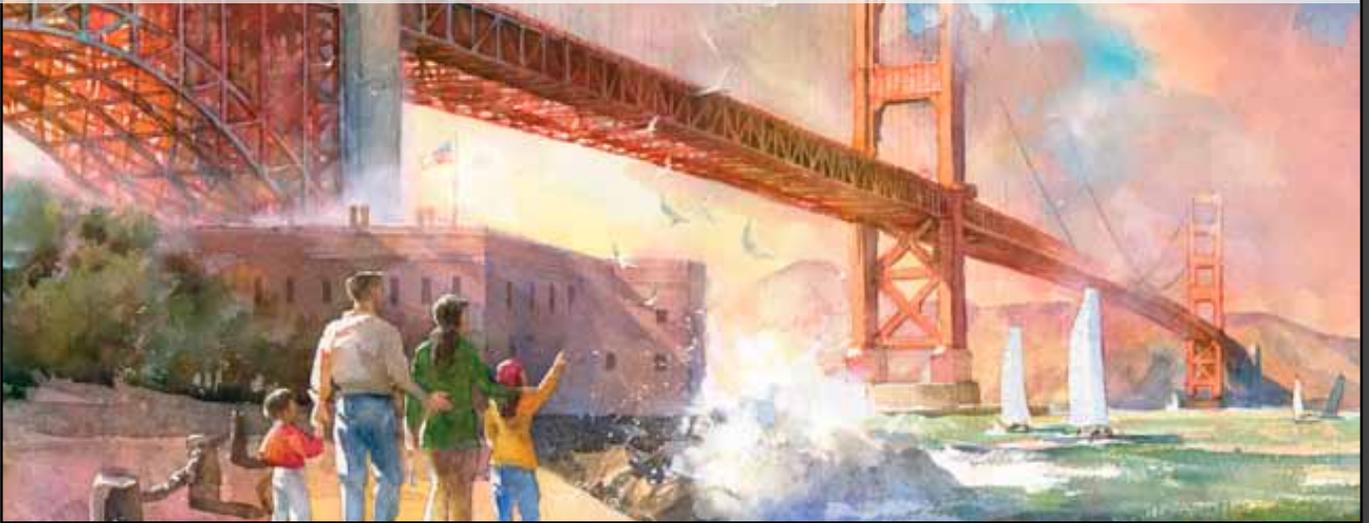
The Suncoast Public Works Academy is now a Florida Approved Provider of continuing education units (PDH) for Professional Engineers. The Florida Board of Professional Engineers approved the Academy's provider status at their December meeting. Six classes offered by the Academy were included in the approval:

- Project Management
- FDEP Stormwater, Erosion and Sedimentation Control for Inspectors
- Pump and Lift Station Control Panel Design
- Common Level Control Technologies
- Modern Motor Control Technologies
- Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA)

For more information about these classes and other scheduled classes, call Karen Johnson, (941)924-1365, ext 62473, or go to [www.SCTI.edu](http://www.SCTI.edu).



## National Public Works Week May 20-26, 2012



### Click, Listen, Learn

Mar 15, 2012 - Using Performance Measurements to Cope with Layoffs - <http://www2.apwa.net/events/eventdetail.asp?ID=5325>

Mar 20, 2012 - The New AASHTO Transportation Green Book (Rebroadcast) - <http://www2.apwa.net/events/eventdetail.asp?ID=5330>

March 27, 2012 - Liquid Use in Winter Maintenance - <http://www2.apwa.net/events/eventdetail.asp?ID=5353>

March 29, 2012 - Building Support for Flood Protection Projects - <http://www2.apwa.net/events/eventdetail.asp?ID=5338>

April 3, 2012 - Clients & Consultants-How to Work Together for the Best Possible Project - <http://www2.apwa.net/events/eventdetail.asp?ID=5331>

April 10, 2012 - Utility Coordination for Municipal Capital Improvement Projects - <http://www2.apwa.net/events/eventdetail.asp?ID=5354>

April 19, 2012 - HSIP Best Practices - <http://www2.apwa.net/events/eventdetail.asp?ID=5365>

To see a list of all upcoming Click, Listen & Learn Programs go to:  
<http://www.apwa.net/Education/CLL/>

## Current Job Openings

In and around the Suncoast Branch - Provided by APWA Workzone

### Engineering Director - Citrus County

This is advanced professional/management position supervising a division consisting of four distinct sections to include transportation, survey, aviation, Land Section with approximately 19 employees. Plans, delegates, reviews assignments, ensures completion of projects within specified time frames. Represents the department in meetings with the public, engineering consultants, County management staff, state agencies, etc. Responsible for or supervises design work, miscellaneous engineering projects, directing field work, plan design and preparation, cost estimates, preparation of specifications, permit review and approval. Will be designated and will act as the County Engineer. Conducts studies, prepares reports, develops and submits information used in the preparation of the annual budget. Oversees the design and construction of multi-million dollar roadway construction projects. Prepares and manages the county roadway capital improvement program. Performs related work as required.

**Requirements:** Graduation from an accredited four year college or university with a degree in civil engineering.

Considerable experience in professional engineering work. Knowledge and training in the principals of management and experience in supervision. Registration as a Professional Engineer in the State of Florida or able to obtain Florida registration within six months of employment. Must have or obtain within 90 days of employment, certification in the NIMS or Incident Command System courses 100A, 200A, 300A, 400A, 700A and 800B. Must successfully pass an employment reference check, criminal background check, physical examination and drug test.

### Manager, Compliance & Operations - City of Sarasota - Salary Range: \$58K - \$75K

Plan, direct, manage, supervise and evaluate all Utilities operations and maintenance staff, programs and activities, including Utilities water and wastewater treatment operations, maintenance of treatment plants, reclaimed water facilities programs and activities. Oversee compliance for all treatment plants and ensure all testing requirements are met. Apply online by 2/24/12. <http://www.sarasotagov.com/OnlineServices/Content/Employment/EmployHP.html>

### Senior Deputy Director of Public Works - City of Leesburg - \$65,873 - \$96,720

The senior deputy director is a highly visible position within the city organization, the public and other government agencies, overseeing all aspects of Public Works in coordination with the director and acting in authority in his/her absence. Direct supervision of more than 100 employees, managing operations and public projects, preparing budgets, developing department policies and procedures, long-range organizational planning, managing utility enterprise funds and evaluating, documenting and reporting activities to city administration and elected officials.

[http://www2.apwa.net/Workzone/jobDetails.asp?TABLE\\_ID=9711](http://www2.apwa.net/Workzone/jobDetails.asp?TABLE_ID=9711)

## Register Now for the 2012 APWA Trade Show and Conference

April 2-6, 2012

Tampa Marriott Waterside Hotel & Marina  
700 South Florida Avenue  
Tampa, Florida 33602 USA  
Tel: 813-221-4900 Fax: 813-204-6342



The 2012 Florida Chapter Annual Meeting and Trade Show will be held at the Tampa Convention Center on April 2-5, 2011. This is a great opportunity to show the Public Works Professionals in our state what is great about Tampa Bay! We have some of the best and most supportive vendors in the state, one of the greatest concentrations of membership, and a wealth of Public Works Projects to use as case studies for interesting educational opportunities. The 2012 Trade Show will hopefully be the biggest and the best but we need YOUR support to make it happen.

This event can only be a success with the assistance of our outstanding members. Please contact Chris Evers at [cevers@ejbreneman.com](mailto:cevers@ejbreneman.com) or Chas Jordan at [cjordan@largo.com](mailto:cjordan@largo.com) if you are interested in helping! Either way see you at the Show in April!



January 26, 2012

American Public Works Association  
Florida Chapter

Dear Florida Public Works Director:

2012 Steering Committee

Chris Evers  
President-Elect/Chairman

Chas Jordan  
Co-Chairman

Rick Keeney  
Treasurer

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Larry Cox – Golf

Mariana Llanso – Tech Sessions

Brandi Allegood – Registration

Bob Gordon – Sponsor

Amy Blaida – Sponsor

Carolyn Steves – Vendor

Amanda Millirons – Student Expo

Being a Public Works Director in today's challenging times is a difficult feat. Unprecedented budget constraints plus a contentious political environment and a historically underfunded infrastructure is not exactly a recipe for success. The position doesn't come with an instruction book either. Wouldn't it be nice to have a network of your peers to ask questions, share success, get advice and spread knowledge regarding all facets of your role as Public Works Director? Now you can!

I'd like to introduce to you the APWA Public Works Director Roundtable. This new program is open to all Directors of any City or County in Florida no matter the size. You don't even have to be a member of APWA to join, however many of you are.

The **American Public Works Association (APWA)** is an international association of Public Works professionals whose members are dedicated to the successful delivery of public services and management of public facilities and infrastructure. The Florida Chapter is the third largest in the country and has over 1,300 members representing cities and counties from the multitude of Public Works disciplines: Emergency Management, Engineering and Technology, Facilities and Grounds, Fleet Services, Leadership and Management, Solid Waste, Transportation, Utility and Public Right-of-Way and Water Resources.

Each year the Florida Chapter holds an Annual Meeting and Trade Show showcasing all things Public Works! This year's Show will take place in **Tampa on April 2<sup>nd</sup> through April 6<sup>th</sup>** and attracts nearly a thousand Public Works professionals from the State of Florida and the Southeast. I would like to personally invite you to attend the **Public Works Director Roundtable**. **Every Public Works Director in the State of Florida** has been contacted and invited to attend this inaugural Roundtable. The site is now live, you can register today.

We have secured Ian Hill as the facilitator of the Roundtable and Keynote Speaker for the Conference. Ian is currently the facilitator for APWA's Leadership in Changing Times and served as the Keynote Speaker at APWA's International Congress in Denver last year. Our other guest for the Roundtable is Florida's Secretary of Transportation, Ananth Prasad, P.E.. The Roundtable is on Monday April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 2:45, immediately following the Keynote Speech. We hope you will join us and thank you for your consideration.

To register go to <https://www.SignUp4.net/Public/ap.aspx?EID=2012353E>. Contact me if you have any questions. Phone: 727-638-1699 E-mail: [cevers@ejbreneman.com](mailto:cevers@ejbreneman.com)

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Chris Evers".

Chris Evers  
President-Elect Florida Chapter