January 2012

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

2012 West Coast Branch Equipment Rodeo and Vendor Appreciation Day - February 16, 2012
- 5010 81st Avenue North, Pinellas Park, Florida
APWA Young Professionals Networking Reception - January 19, 2012 - The Pub at International Plaza

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Branch Bi-Monthly Meetings - ALL MEMBERS ARE REQUESTED AND INVITED TO ATTEND, Please RSVP

Current Meeting Schedule – We will be meeting at 9:30 am on the second Wednesday of every other month as follows:

RSVP by emailing: apwa.wcb.florida@gmail.com

January 11, 2012
City of Zephyrhills
City Hall - 5335 Eighth St. Zephyrhills, FL 33542.
Golf will follow the meeting at Silverado Golf and CC.
Guest speaker will be John Sunderman of Reynolds Inliner

March 14, 2012 - Annual Meeting and Awards Banquet
Tampa Palms Golf and Country Club - 5811 Tampa Palms Blvd, Tampa, Florida 33647

Executive Committee Meeting - 9:30 AM
Luncheon and Speaker - 11:30 AM
Awards and Scholarship Presentations - 12:00 PM
Introduction of 2012-2013 Officers - 12:30 PM

Upcoming Branch Events - MARK YOUR CALENDARS

January 19, 2012 - 6:30 PM - APWA Young Professionals Networking Reception
"The Pub" at International Plaza's Bay Street - http://florida.apwa.net/events/8623/
This event is open to all APWA Members, but especially to those that are age 35 and under. This reception is one of a series of events throughout the state to get Young Professionals more involved with APWA. Light hors d'oeuvres and refreshments will be provided, please RSVP by emailing apwa.wcb.florida@gmail.com.

January 20-21, 2012 - Florida Chapter Quarterly Executive Committee Meeting
Marriott Waterside Hotel - Tampa, Florida
If you would like to attend any portion of this event, please let Robert Nowak, District Representative, or Chas Jordan, Branch Chairman know by emailing apwa.wcb.florida@gmail.com.

February 16, 2012 - 8:00 AM - West Coast Branch Equipment Rodeo
This event is all equipment operators of organizations and businesses in the West Coast Branch area. The rodeo will begin at 8:00 AM and continue until around 2:00 PM with prizes and trophies for winning operators in all events. A registration form is attached if you have an operator who would like to participate. Also sponsorships are available to equipment and other vendors, as well as the ability to show equipment at the rodeo. Please contact Robert Nowak, Rodeo Chairman at mnowak@largo.com for more details. Please register by filling out the form and emailing to apwa.wcb.florida@gmail.com.
March 14, 2012 - 11:30 AM - West Coast Branch Annual Meeting and Awards Banquet

All members and Public Works professionals are invited to attend this luncheon event to recognize outstanding members, scholarship winners, and elect our incoming officers. The lunch is only $20 per person (as opposed to the $35-40 per person dinner in previous years) and is during the lunchtime of our member organizations. We hope you and your employees can all come out to hear a great speaker and see your colleagues be recognized! Registration form is attached.

Election of 2012-2013 Officers of the West Coast Branch

At the November 9, 2011 Meeting of the West Coast Branch, the Nominating Committee asked for any further nominations from the floor for the four elected officer positions of the West Coast Branch. These nominations were reviewed by the Nominating Committee and reported as the recommended slate of officers. This slate is now being proposed again to the membership, and if there are any further nominations please make them immediately. If we receive none by our January meeting, the slate will be elected by acclamation. Thank you all for your support of our officers.
Here are the nominations:

For Chairperson:
Randy Shane, Roadway Management

For Vice Chairperson:
Brandi Allegood, RS&H

For Treasurer:
Sala Garbaj, Hillsborough County

For Secretary:
Perry Lopez, Town of Belleair

2012 Florida Chapter Annual Meeting and Trade Show

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.

What we need from you:
Vendor Contacts for Exhibiting and Sponsorships
Equipment Rodeo Judges and Participants
Technical Session Usher Volunteers
Technical Session Instructors
Registration Volunteers
Registration of YOUR employees

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

Call for Nominations for the West Coast Branch Executive Committee

The West Coast Branch Nominating Committee is accepting resumes and nominations for interested individuals who would like to serve on the Executive Committee. Currently, there is one (1) vacancy, however, new terms begin in April 2012. If you are interested in serving APWA as a member of the Executive Committee, please email a nomination and resume to: apwa.wcb.florida@gmail.com.

Call for Nominations - Branch, Chapter, and National Awards - DUE IN FEBRUARY!!

It is that time of year again! time to start considering nominating your project, organization, or individual for an APWA Award! All of the awards programs are online this year and can be found through the links below. If you nominate something for one of these awards and get chosen, the nomination will automatically be submitted to the Chapter for consideration by the Branch, and again to National by the Chapter. Please review the 2012 Tableau of Awards and consider nominating someone early so the Committee has plenty of time to review your nomination!

West Coast Branch Awards (Due February 17, 2012, Feb 1 if you want consideration by Chapter): http://bit.ly/WCBAwards2012
Florida Chapter Awards (Due February 3, 2012): http://florida.apwa.net/news/3487/
APWA National Awards (Due March 1, 2012): http://www.apwa.net/awards

Sponsorship Opportunities for Vendors and Supporters of the West Coast Branch

The West Coast Branch greatly appreciates the work our Vendor Members and Supporters has done throughout our history in making sure the Public Works Professionals in the Tampa Bay Area are appropriately trained, educated on the latest technology, supported in their higher education, and enjoying our experiences of networking with others in our field. Without the vendors support, the Branch would not be able to perform these functions and perform them well. This year, we have updated the sponsorship information for the West Coast Branch to provide more opportunities for Vendors to support the Branch, but more importantly, to provide Vendors more equity from the sponsorships and support they provide. With that, please click...
on the following link to find out about the ways in 2011-2012 your business can help support the West Coast Branch and in turn, our members can help support you!

SEE A COMPLETE LIST OF WEST COAST BRANCH SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES HERE

Please contact Troy McCain, Sponsorship Chairperson at troy.mccain@lakelandgov.net or Chas Jordan, Branch Chairperson at cjordan@largo.com for more details!

Contact Information for Members

The West Coast Branch appreciates the benefits that technology and electronic mail provide. We will be providing electronic communications such as this, event information, and our quarterly newsletters through email. Unfortunately, a few of our members currently do not have an email listed with APWA. If you have a coworker who you know to be a member of APWA and our Branch but who does not receive our emails, please forward them this newsletter and let them know they can update their email address through the "Members Only" section of www.apwa.net. They should also email apwa.wcb.florida@gmail.com so that their email address can be utilized immediately.

Upcoming Programs Offered through the pTEC Public Works Academy

Click Here for Information on the 2011-2012 Programs of the pTEC Public Works Academy

For more information please contact Rohland Bryant at: bryantro@pcsb.org or go to: http://www.publicworksacademy.org

Fall Newsletter

The Fall Issue of the West Coast Branch Newsletter has been published! Special thanks to Brandi Allegood and Carolyn Steves at Reynolds, Smith and Hills, Inc. (RS&H) for compiling the information, formatting, and publishing it!

The Newsletter can be found by clicking this link: http://florida.apwa.net/download/945444D3-181D-42F0-9BE0-03A6508AC733

Remember to print it out and show it to the members in your organization!

Current Job Openings

In and around the West Coast Branch - Provided by APWA Workzone

General Services Manager - Sarasota County Government - $69,992 - $100,006

Management of Facilities Services, Fleet Services, and Materials Management.

Qualifications Bachelor's in Public/Business Administration or related field. Eight years of experience or Masters and six years of experience. Applicants must apply at www.scgov.net/Careers. (941) 861-5742

About Sarasota Museums, theaters, an aquarium, botanical gardens, parks, 100+ golf courses and famous beaches make Sarasota a great place to live and work!

http://www2.apwa.net/Workzone/jobDetails.asp?TABLE_ID=9466

Maintenance Operation Manager - City of New Smyrna Beach - $47,778

Position responsible for administrative and technical work for Streets, Building, and Parks Maintenance Department. Achievement through the planning, organizing, scheduling, and controlling of aspects of maintenance and operational efforts performed in the City’s right-of-way, buildings, and parks. Position provides positive direction for the Public Work Department and Management.

http://www2.apwa.net/Workzone/jobDetails.asp?TABLE_ID=9520

Upcoming Educational Opportunities through APWA

Click, Listen, and Learn Programs:

Jan 12, 2012 - Don't Let The Emerald Ash Borer Devour Your Agency's Budget - http://www2.apwa.net/events/eventdetail.asp?ID=5340
Jan 17, 2012 - How the Effective Utility Management Tool Will Significantly Improve Your Public Works Department, Or Utility (Rebroadcast) - http://www2.apwa.net/events/eventdetail.asp?ID=5328
Jan 23, 30, & Feb 6, 2012 - Public Infrastructure Inspector Study Guide (Rebroadcast) - [http://www2.apwa.net/events/eventdetail.asp?ID=5341](http://www2.apwa.net/events/eventdetail.asp?ID=5341)
Jan 24, 31, & Feb 7, 2012 - Public Fleet Professional Study Guide (Rebroadcast) - [http://www2.apwa.net/events/eventdetail.asp?ID=5344](http://www2.apwa.net/events/eventdetail.asp?ID=5344)
Jan 25, Feb 1 & 8, 2012 - Stormwater Manager Certification Study Guide (Rebroadcast) - [http://www2.apwa.net/events/eventdetail.asp?ID=5347](http://www2.apwa.net/events/eventdetail.asp?ID=5347)
Feb 2, 2012 - Low Cost Safety Improvements - [http://www2.apwa.net/events/eventdetail.asp?ID=5339](http://www2.apwa.net/events/eventdetail.asp?ID=5339)
Feb 14, 2012 - Small Projects - Big Results: Facilities and Grounds Sustainability Projects (Rebroadcast) - [http://www2.apwa.net/events/eventdetail.asp?ID=5350](http://www2.apwa.net/events/eventdetail.asp?ID=5350)
Feb 21, 2012 - Pavement Preservation (Rebroadcast) - [http://www2.apwa.net/events/eventdetail.asp?ID=5351](http://www2.apwa.net/events/eventdetail.asp?ID=5351)
Feb 16, 2012 - Understanding the Required EVT (Emergency Vehicle Training) for Fleets - [http://www2.apwa.net/events/eventdetail.asp?ID=5336](http://www2.apwa.net/events/eventdetail.asp?ID=5336)

For more Educational Opportunities, Click Here: [http://www2.apwa.net/Education/](http://www2.apwa.net/Education/)

### 2011-2012 Officers Contact Information

- **Chairperson** - Charles "Chas" Jordan (City of Largo) - (727) 587-6740 x4302 - cjordan@largo.com
- **Vice Chairperson** - Randy Shane (Roadway Management) - (863) 287-5210 - rshane@roadwaymanagement.com
- **Treasurer** - Sala Garbaj (Hillsborough County) - (813) 635-5496 - garbaja@hillsboroughcounty.org
- **Secretary** - Brandi Allegood (RS&H) - (813) 289-5550 x2685 - brandi.allegood@rsandh.com
- **District Representative** - Robert Nowak (City of Largo) - (727) 587-6718 - rnowak@largo.com

- **Florida Chapter President-Elect** - Chris Evers (E.J. Breneman, L.P.) - (813) 377-1157 - cevers@ejbreneman.com