



APWA – Florida Chapter – West Coast Branch
Branch Annual Meeting Minutes
March 12, 2011
Sheraton Suites – Tampa Airport, Tampa, Florida

* = Officer
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Members and Guests Present:

Gabriele Dionne	Betsy Whitman	Jennifer Stutts
Keith Causey**	Bob Whitman	Jim Allegood
Thomas Fass	Danielle Giordana	Ron Sill
Mitchell Ramos Jr.	Ed Burkett	Yvonne Allegood
Betty Williams	Suzanne Stevens	Tom Nicholls
Ernie Nelson	Yvonne Ponce	Phillis Bryant
Elio Gonzaloz	Bob Hall	Ashley DeLance
Linda Gonzaloz	Mary Ann	Anna Cox
Linda Adejumo*	Sandra Ramos	Darcie Sahne
Michael Adejumo	Chuck Williams	Ian Burkett
Jarvis Anderson	Bill Steves	Joe Menalny
Muhammad Abdur-Rahim*	Carolyn Steves	Kerry Burkett
Lisa Dalton	Fred Peruche	Mildred Burkett
Lynda E. Nowak	Rohland Bryant	Scott Stevens
Robert C. Nowak*	Dr. Wanda El Kemaishy	Theresa Bauer
Kimberly Nicholls	Sala Garbaj*	
Chas Jordan*	Marc Rogoff	
Larry Cox**	Phyllis Rogoff	
Chris Evers**	Randy Shane**	
Monique Evers	Matt Glenn	
Ana Wood	Cathy Ellis	
Jeffrey L. Wood	Aaron Post	
Troy McCain**	Dana	
Warren Bryant	Betty Nelson	

1. **Call To Order and Welcome** – Chairperson Adejumo called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM, welcomed all members and guests and gave a short speech regarding her year as Chairperson and thanked her fellow Officers and Executive Committee Members.

2. **Recognition of Past Chairs and the current Executive Committee** – Chris Evers, Florida Chapter Vice President, Executive Committee Member and Past Branch Chair, introduced the Past Branch Chairs in attendance and the 2010-2011 Executive Committee:
 - Linda Adejumo – Chairperson – Retired
 - Chas Jordan – Vice-Chairperson – City of Largo
 - Sala Garbaj – Treasurer – Hillsborough County
 - Brandi Allegood – Secretary – Reynolds, Smith and Hills, Inc.

- Robert Nowak – Past Chairperson – City of Largo
- Muhammad Abdur-Rahim – District VI Representative – Retired
- Dean Scharmen – City of Indian Rocks Beach
- Rudy Garcia – Retired
- Keith Causey – Brewster Public Works Academy
- Frank Bell – Retired
- Chris Evers – E. J. Breneman, L.P.
- Larry Cox – City of Dunedin
- Randy Shane – Roadway Management
- Henry Fain – City of Tampa
- Troy McCain – City of Lakeland

3. Recognition of 2011 Annual Sponsors – Muhammad Abdur-Rahim, District Representative and Past Branch Chairman introduced the 2011 Annual Sponsors:

- Kisinger Campo & Associates, Corp. – Diamond Sponsor
- Cutler Repaving – Platinum Sponsor
- Roadway Management, Inc. – Platinum Sponsor
- Pinellas Public Works Academy – Gold Sponsor
- E. J. Breneman, L.P. – Silver Sponsor
- General Asphalt Repaving – Silver Sponsor
- Menzi USA Sales, Inc. – Silver Sponsor
- Reynolds, Smith and Hills, Inc. – Silver Sponsor

4. Invocation and Dinner

5. Scholarship Presentations – Keith Causey, Chairman of the Scholarship Committee presented the winners of the 2011 Edward Burkett Education Fund Scholarships:

- Brandi Allegood
- Gabriele Dionne
- Danielle Giordano
- Aaron Post

6. Awards Presentations - Linda Adejumo, Branch Chair, presented Certificates of Appreciation to the following Vendors:

- EJ Breneman, L.P.
- Kisinger Campo & Associates
- Reynolds, Smith, and Hills
- Roadway Management

Chas Jordan, Branch Vice Chairman and Chairman of the Awards Committee presented the winners of the 2011 West Coast Branch Awards:

- Timothy Goodrow Member of the Year: Sala Garbaj

- Chairperson's Award: Larry Cox
- The Award of Excellence: Kisinger Campo & Associates
- Meritorious Service Awards: Brandi Allegood, Robert Nowak
- Consultant of the Year: Reynolds, Smith & Hills
- Technical & Management Innovation Award: City of Pinellas Park, Low Impact Development Parking Lot
- Professionals of the Year: Administrative Management – Mariana Llanso, Esq., Hillsborough County, Public Fleet – Virgil Wasko, CPFP, City of Largo
- Projects of the Year:
 - ▲ Structures – Largo Community Center
 - ▲ Transportation – Lakeland Brick Street Restoration Program
 - ▲ Historic Restoration – RS&H Kiley Garden Project
 - ▲ Recreation & Parks – Tampa Curtis Hixon Waterfront Park
 - ▲ Environmental – Lakeland EZ Can Automated Collection System

7. **Membership Recognition** – Robert Nowak, Immediate Past Chairperson and Membership Committee Chair recognized the following members for years of service:

- Elio Gonzaloz City of Tampa Transportation - 15 years

8. **Election of 2011-2012 Officers** – Robert Nowak, Immediate past Chairperson and Nominating Committee Chair made the following report:

At this time, in accordance with the West Coast Branch by-laws, the results of the Election of Officers must be heard and approved.

This year, the Branch held an electronic election of officers as we did last year, which made the process very easy to use and transparent to the members. The process for this years election was as follows:

At the Executive Committee in December of 2010, the Nominating Committee requested nominations for the offices of Chairman, Vice Chairman, Treasurer, and Secretary, to be reviewed by the Nominating Committee and included in the election. The executive committee members recommended Chas Jordan for Chairman, Randy Shane for Vice Chairman, Sala Garbaj for Treasurer, and Brandi Allegood for Secretary. The Nominating Committee then sent electronic notification to the membership requesting further nominations, and no new nominations were returned.

The committee then posted an electronic ballot for these proposed officers to the membership and requested write-ins if any were required. We requested these ballots be electronically mailed back to the Branch by February 17th, and on that date, 28 ballots had been received and recorded, all voting for the four proposed officers nominated.

Muhammad Abdur-Rahim Moved, and Ernie Nelson Seconded to: hear no further nominations for West Coast Branch Officers, to confirm the results of this election, and to elect the proposed slate of officers by acclamation. Motion Passed Unanimously.

9. **Passing of the Gavel** - At this time, Linda Adejumo, 2010-2011 Branch Chairperson presented Chas Jordan, 2011-2012 Branch Chairperson his gavel in recognition of his election to the office of

Chair. Chas Jordan then presented Linda Adejumo a plaque signifying the “Past Chairperson's Award” recognizing her year in the office of Branch Chairperson.

10. **2011-2012 Chairperson's Welcome and Recognition of Incoming Executive Board** - Chas Jordan, 2011-2012 Branch Chairperson then introduced the 2011-2012 Branch Officers and those Executive Committee Members who would remain on the Board for the coming year. He then gave some short remarks regarding APWA, his goals for the next year, and his appreciation for his election to the position of Chairperson.

11. **Adjournment** – Being no further business for the Branch, the meeting was concluded to a reception and banquet for the members to enjoy with Wade Clark and Associates providing music.