

STREET TALK



CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE NOVEMBER 2020

Greetings

Good afternoon!

I hope everyone is doing well! I'm sure no one expected to be working from home as long as we have, but I believe we have now all become very familiar with having to use online platforms to meet. Schools and Universities have been going back to learning in person/online environment and doing their best to adjust. I'm sure there will be more changes happening in the coming months, but I will try my best to keep you informed and up to date about what the APWA Big Bend Branch is doing.

November Meeting

It is unfortunate that we must inform you that we have had to cancel our November meeting. Our speaker had an emergency that he needed to care of.

If you or someone you know has a topic they would like to present at one of our monthly APWA meetings, please contact one of our board members or send us an email!

December Meeting

Every year we normally have an in-person Christmas gathering as our final meeting for the year. We are going to investigate potentially still having this gathering in person! If we do, all COVID guidelines will be observed during the gathering (i.e. masks, social distancing, etc.). Updates about this meeting will be sent out in the coming weeks.

Events

We are currently in the process of preparing for our annual **Awards Banquet**. Fingers crossed we can have the banquet in person. If not, we will still be presenting awards. So, in an effort to prepare for the awards, we are currently gearing up by asking if there are any projects, they would like to submit for one of



our various categories. Some of the categories include the following: beautification, environmental, and emergency service. Projects need to be substantially completed by December 31, 2020.

Second Harvest Food Drive

We are asking all those that have the ability, please consider donating canned goods to Second Harvest for their annual Food Drive. This goes toward providing food for kids, families, and seniors in the Big Bend area. There are two ways you can contribute: 1) Drop off canned good at the Gemini Building or 408 North Adams Street (coordinate drop-off with Joe Sisk 891-2867). 2) Go to <https://fightinghunger.org/donate-now/> and make a direct monetary donation to Second Harvest (in the comment section please put "APWA Big Bend Branch").

APWA Statewide

Quarterly executive meeting was held via Zoom on October 27th. The next meeting will take place in January 2021. Most branches are holding meetings via Zoom.

It has been decided that the current state officers will have their term of office extended another year.

If you are looking for educational opportunities, please check the florida.apwa.net website.

The 2021 Expo is scheduled to take place in Orlando April 12-16, 2021.

The next deadline for the Florida Public Works Magazine is November 6, 2020.

Distinguished Individual Award

The distinguished service award is regarded as the highest honor that APWA can bestow, so it's not given out every year. Recipients exhibit prestige and honor upon APWA and provide outstanding services for the Public Works sector. For recipient eligibility and nomination process details, please visit the Distinguished Service Award page on our Big Bend Branch website.



April 12-16, 2021

Sponsorship

To help give back to the community, APWA offers scholarships to individuals who are pursuing a career in the public works field. Funds can be used for college, Publics Works programs, or career development. For applicant eligibility and submittal process details, please visit the Scholarships page on our Big Bend Branch website.

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I hope that everyone continues to stay healthy and safe!

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