



Council of Chapters Delegate Amy Blaida

Alternate Delegate Sam May

April 6, 2026

#6- Council of Chapters Report

- I. **Regions III, IV and VI held a Joint Council of Chapters Winter Meeting and Chapter Leadership Training March 10-12, 2026, in St. Pete, FL**

61 attendees in total. Florida Attendees: Amy Blaida, Sam May, Brad Kaine, Matt Devito, Joe Kroll, Joe Sisk, Kim Tracy, Robert Garland, Pete Cavalli, Ian O’Gorman, and Bill Ingram, and Sue Hann was a special speaker and spoke about leadership.



- II. **APWA Top 10 Leader of the Year**

We were notified last week that Philip Mann with the City of Gainesville was selected as a Top 10 Public Works Leader of the Year!! Phil won the APWA National Public Works Emergency Manager of the Year in 2020. And he was on the APWA National Emergency Management Committee from 2011-2018, and served as Chair from 2016-2018. He worked on the development of the APWA Public Works First Responder Flag. He still serves on the National Emergency Management Knowledge Team today.

III. PACE

PACE is due June 1. Please respond to Amy when she reaches out for information.

IV. National Public Works Week June 17-23

Are we working on a proclamation from our Governor? Additionally, please share your local level proclamations with Amy so she can share with Marty Williams with APWA National Government Affairs, so he can use them in his advocacy efforts.



V. APWA National Leaders at APWA Florida

The following individuals will be at our Wednesday night Awards & Scholarship Banquet:

- Vic Bienes, APWA National President
- Robert Garland, APWA National President-Elect
- Larry Ingram, Regional IV Director

VI. PWX 2026

PWX will be held in Houston, TX, on August 30-September 2. PAE is working on coordinating our FL Chapter dinner. Robert Garland will be there so we can celebrate his APWA National Presidency with us!! The MS Chapter will also be joining us this year. Details will be provided including sponsorship opportunities soon after the APWA FL Chapter Expo.

Submitted by Amy Blaida and Sam May