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#6- Council of Chapters Report

I. July 13 Chapter Leader Training - Growing Membership Together: M&E Team Check-In

The chapter leader training will be held the second Monday of the month, at 12 Central. Approximately 30-40 minutes will be led by facilitators, leaving 20 minutes for chapter-to-chapter conversation to be held.

This session will be a check-in with the Membership & Engagement team. Members of the M&E team will provide a status update on their recruitment efforts, new member emails, member retention efforts, and the APWA Event Calendar.

By the end of the July 13th training, participants will be able to achieve the following learning objectives:

1. Describe how APWA retention strategies can be replicated at the chapter level and identify specific tactics that can be adapted to improve member retention locally.
2. Demonstrate how to access, interpret, and apply membership reports to identify at-risk members and implement data-driven retention efforts within their chapter.
3. Explain the role chapters play in supporting APWA membership recruitment efforts and identify actionable ways to collaborate with APWA staff to grow membership.

II. APWA Top 10 Leader of the Year

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. APWA National Leaders at APWA Florida

The following individuals attended our Wednesday night Awards & Scholarship Banquet at the Expo:

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

IV. PWX 2026

PWX will be held in Houston, TX, on August 30-September 2. Chapter Dinner September 1. We will be celebrating Robert Garland who will be APWA National President at the dinner!

Amy and Sam will be attending the Council of Chapters meeting on Saturday at PWX.

Submitted by Amy Blaida and Sam May