



# The Civic Voice

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**Please join us at 6:30 pm to meet the candidates and enjoy light refreshments.**

**Candidates’ Forum for the 2017 Election Season  
Part 2 -Uncontested Races  
ACCF General Meeting  
Tuesday, October 3, 2017, 7 PM  
Hazel Auditorium, Virginia Hospital Center-Arlington**

The Civic Federation is pleased to host Part Two of its 2017 Candidates’ Forum at its October 3 meeting 7 PM at the Virginia Hospital Center. We have invited the candidates on the ballot in three uncontested elections for seats in Virginia’s House of Delegates.

House of Delegates, 45th District	Mark H. Levine (D)
House of Delegates, 47th District	Patrick A. Hope (D)
House of Delegates, 48th District	R. C. “Rip” Sullivan, Jr. (D)

There will be a 30-minute social period in the auditorium lobby before the October meeting begins. The Forum would begin at approximately 7:10 pm when regular business has been completed. Each candidate has been asked to prepare a brief two-minute opening statement addressing the question: *What are your top three legislative priorities going into the 2018 legislative session?* Each candidate will then have the opportunity to answer two questions directed specifically to them. They will be allowed two minutes to answer each question. Delegates and alternates will have 45 seconds to ask their questions. Matt Wavro, the Civic Federation’s Vice President, has agreed to moderate the Uncontested Candidates’ Forum. Given the possibility of only a few questions per candidate, we also invite you to arrive at 6:30 pm to enjoy time for informal discussion directly with candidates. Light refreshments will be provided.

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From the President's Desk.....



We want to congratulate and thank Lois Koontz for the very successful Candidates Forum she organized and moderated for our September meeting. Several of you came up to the dais after the meeting to congratulate Lois on a job well done. Her poise and humor carried the day, so again, many thanks Lois.

We also want to recognize the following ACCF member organizations who sent more than one delegate and/or alternate to our September meeting: **American Association of University Women, Arlington Heights, Barcroft, Bluemont, Clarendon-Courthouse, Columbia Heights, Douglas Park, Friends of Arlington Parks, Glencarlyn, Lyon Village, Maywood, North Rosslyn, Opera NOVA, Tara-Leeway, Waverly Hills, Womans Club, and Yorktown.** We encourage all member organizations to send as many delegates or alternates as possible to our meetings.

For October, we have a jam-packed meeting starting with the Candidates' Forum for uncontested state delegate races (Mark Levine for the 45<sup>th</sup> District, Patrick Hope for the 47<sup>th</sup> District, and Rip Sullivan for the 48<sup>th</sup> District). Displaying some of CivFed's new talent, Matt Wavro, our Vice President, will moderate this part of the program.

This will be followed by the marquee event titled **"What do you do with \$191,000,000?"** It is a presentation explaining how the county manages its fund balances and reserves, which remain at the end of the close-out process. We promise that it will be a thought provoking evening with provocative conversation. We will be honored by the presence of Arlington's Director of the Department of Management & Finance, **Stephen Agostini**, and Budget Director **Richard Stephenson** representing the county. For the Revenues & Expenditures Committee, we will have **John Tuohy**, former Deputy Treasurer of Arlington County and **Suzanne Sundburg**. Moderating the event will be **Frank Shafroth**, Director of the Center for State and Local Leadership at George Mason University.

The final presentation of the evening will be an overview of how ExCom is modernizing the governance of CivFed and how we are addressing liability concerns. This will be an important presentation since it will affect CivFed going forward.

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One impact of our modernization efforts is the need to have everyone who attends a CivFed meeting participate in the sign-in process. If you are a delegate or alternate, your name will be listed under your member organization at the check-in table. Please verify your presence and the accuracy of the information shown for you on the check-in form. On nights when a vote is expected, colored cards will be given up to four delegates (or alternates) for each organization when they sign in. This will allow us to make sure that only delegates and alternates vote.

If you are attending as a guest, please fill out your name on the guest sign in sheet.

Concerning bringing in new blood into the Federation, several people have reached out to me complaining that our meeting schedule conflicts with school PTA meeting schedules that occurs on the first Tuesday of the month. Unless this changes, it will be difficult for parents with children to actively participate in CivFed. The Executive Committee has discussed this issue several times recently. It has not found an adequate solution to the problem given that any change creates a new conflict with other scheduled meetings. So, for the record, I want folks to know that the Executive Committee is aware of the problem, and it continues to look for a solution that works.

I want to encourage presidents of member organizations to fill all the delegates and alternate slots to which your organization is entitled. Every ACCF member organization is entitled to a complement of four delegates and four alternates. If you don't have a full complement, please find additional members of your organization to serve as delegates or alternates and encourage them to attend our meetings.

My challenge to presidents of all member organizations – get a full complement of delegates and/or alternates to come and represent your organization effectively at CivFed.

Best,

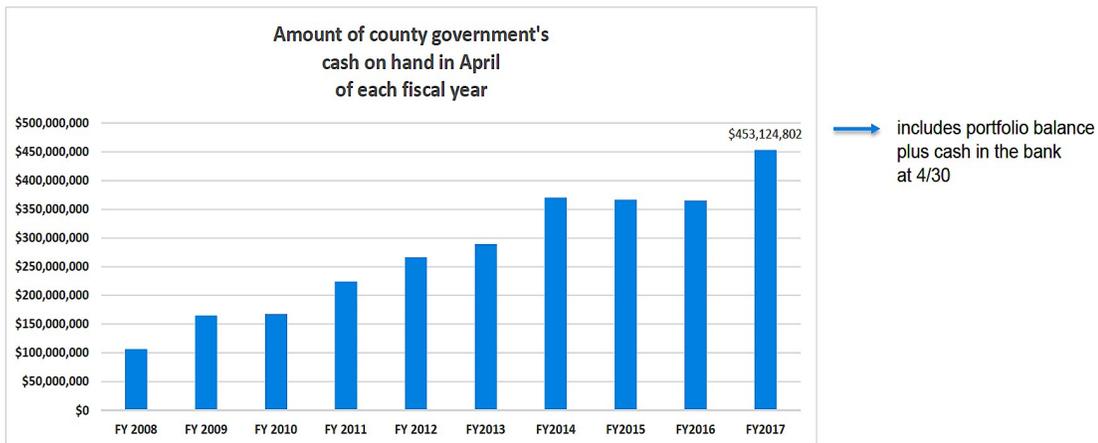
Duke Banks  
ACCF President

## What do you do with \$191 million dollars?

At CivFed's October meeting, we will take a deep dive into the results of the "close-out" process that local jurisdictions usually conduct in October or November for fiscal year that has ended on June 30.

At close-out, the county identifies the surplus (or deficit) funds remaining at the end of each fiscal year (revenues minus expenditures). When there is a surplus, the question becomes how to allocate these surplus funds, most of which are placed in the General Fund (GF) Fund Balance account.

For the fiscal year (FY) 2016 (which ended on June 30, 2016), the surplus funds in the GF Fund Balance totaled approximately \$191 million — representing about 16% of revenues. Though it is important to remember that the GF Fund Balance is just part of the cash that the county holds.

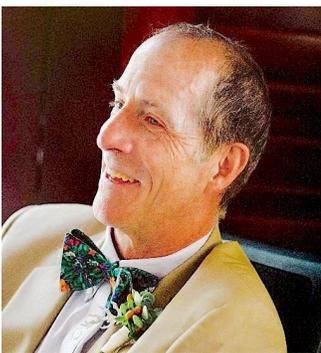


Note: The county's cash on hand is usually lowest in April, and these amounts do not include [SNAP funds](#) (for example, unexpended bond proceeds).

We have assembled a thought-provoking and provocative panel discussion on how local jurisdictions manage and allocate their surplus funds in GF Fund Balance, which includes both reserves as well as other monies remaining at close-out. Though the panel will discuss some technical aspects of municipal finance, the panel's objective is to provide an educational forum presenting a GF Fund Balance overview and explaining how the close-out process could influence the County Board's budget guidance to the County Manager, usually in December, and its impact on the operating budget.

To facilitate the discussion, Revenues & Expenditures (R&E) Committee member John Tuohy, former Deputy Treasurer of Arlington County, has prepared an analysis of the County's GF Fund Balance, which includes the county's reserves, and compares Arlington's Fund Balance policies and practices to those of other jurisdictions. See the full report [here](#)

### Panel Moderator



**Frank Shafroth**, Director of the Center for State and Local Leadership at George Mason University (GMU), has kindly agreed to serve as our panel moderator. Shafroth is an assistant professor at GMU and works as an adjunct professor in the Graduate School of Public Policy at George Washington University.

At the Center for State and Local Leadership, Shafroth has written and edited in-depth reports on the fiscal challenges faced by Detroit, San Bernardino, Stockton, Pittsburgh, Baltimore, and Chicago. He has written regular columns both for *Governing* and *State Tax Notes*, and he is currently heading a MacArthur Foundation project on the topic of severe municipal fiscal stress. Previously, Shafroth has served as the director of federal policy and intergovernmental relations for the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board (MSRB). He was also chief of staff to former U.S. Representative James

Moran, served as counsel for former U.S. Senator John Heinz and as assistant counsel for the U.S. Senate Banking Committee

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. Shafroth is a former director of government relations for Arlington County and was Director of Policy and Federal Relations for the National Governors Association and the National League of Cities.

A graduate of Stanford University and Georgetown University Law Center, Shafroth is a member of the U.S. Supreme Court Bar.

We are privileged to host Mr. Shafroth and thank him for volunteering his time and expertise as our moderator.

## Panel Members

Graciously agreeing to represent the county on our panel are Department of Management and Finance (DMF) Director Stephen Agostini and Budget Director Richard Stephenson.



**Stephen Agostini**, who became head of DMF in Nov. 2016, brings a unique perspective on public finance, having served as CFO of various federal agencies such as the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau and the U.S. Office of Personnel Management. At the municipal level, he served as Philadelphia's Budget Director and Deputy Finance Director; the Fiscal and Budget Administrator for Milwaukee County, Wisconsin; the Director of the Performance Evaluation Office for the State of Wisconsin; San Francisco's Finance Director; Milwaukee's Budget and Management Director; and Seattle's Deputy Budget and Management Director. Agostini holds a Harvard undergraduate degree and master's degree in public policy from UC

Berkeley.

**Richard Stephenson** is the county's long-time Budget Director (since July 2007). Having been with the county for over 25 years, Stephenson has served in many roles. His career with Arlington County began as a commercial and residential appraiser in the Department of Real Estate Assessments in 1993. In 2001, he moved to DMF's Budget Office, where he was a budget analyst. Subsequently, Stephenson became the County's Revenue Analyst, responsible for forecasting and the oversight of the county's entire budgeted revenue.

Prior to joining Arlington County, Stephenson was a commercial real estate appraiser with Thomas & Associates, L.L.C., valuing large commercial properties in Northern Virginia. Stephenson holds a bachelor's of science degree in business administration from Old Dominion University and a master's degree in business administration (MBA) from George Mason University. Born and raised in Arlington, Stephenson currently lives in the Donaldson Run neighborhood.

Representing the ACCF Revenues & Expenditures Committee on the panel is John Tuohy with assistance from R&E member Suzanne Smith Sundburg.

**John Tuohy** is well versed in municipal finance. Before joining the Arlington County Treasurer's Office, he served the City of Falls Church as its chief financial officer (CFO). Previously, Tuohy has served as Fauquier County Finance Director, and Virginia Railway Express Finance Director. He is a past president of the Virginia Government Finance Officers' Association (VGFOA) and served for three years as the Chairman of the Government Finance Officers' Association (GFOA) Committee on Retirement and Benefits Administration. He authored the school construction chapter of the GFOA's book "Capital Project Planning and Evaluation". A certified public accountant (CPA), Tuohy holds an undergraduate and a master's degree from Georgetown University.

In addition to serving as a member of the ACCF R&E Committee, Tuohy also serves as Treasurer for the Arlington Historical Society.

**Suzanne Smith Sundburg** has served on ACCF's R&E Committee since 2011, authoring and editing various reports including a series on the county's internal audit function that culminated in the County Board's creation of the position of Internal Auditor.

A professional writer and editor for more than 30 years, Sundburg worked as chief copywriter for a \$7-billion, regional bank holding company, editing the institution's annual and quarterly reports as well as writing other technical publications and marketing materials. She also worked on and off for nearly a decade in the publications office at NASA Headquarters in Washington, D.C., and spent more than a year in the D.C. office of Ogilvy Public Relations Worldwide.

Sundburg received her undergraduate degree (cum laude) from the University of North Carolina, where she was elected as a member of Phi Beta Kappa.

## **Modernizing CivFed Governance Bringing CivFed into the 21<sup>st</sup> Century**

As many of you will recall, we had a presentation at the May 2017 General Meeting on the organization of non-profits and their need for insurance. The value of incorporation was explained. CivFed was advised to obtain Directors and Officers (D&O) Insurance at the verify minimum and Commercial General Liability Insurance coverage was recommended in some cases.

Over the summer the Executive Committee reviewed the status of CivFed from both a governance and a liability perspective and decided that the following needed to be done:

- Incorporate to better protect our assets and improve our governance so that it is more in line with best practices and IRS regulations and recommendations.
- Update our bylaws so that they follow best practices and conform to Virginia law, especially the Virginia Non-Stock Corporation Act.
- Obtain Directors and Officers (D&O) Insurance.
- Obtain Commercial General Liability Insurance.

For legal assistance on incorporating and drafting new bylaws, the Executive Committee retained the law firm of Bean, Kinney & Korman. Pantea Stevenson, a specialist on non-profit incorporation with Bean Kinney, is serving as CivFed's lawyer on these matters.

At the October meeting, we will present an overview of the proposed incorporation and a summary of the new bylaws. This presentation will comply with our existing By-Laws as a first reading of the proposed new By-Laws. We can vote on incorporation and the new By-Laws in November or a subsequent month when all questions and concerns have been addressed.

We will also provide information on what we have done concerning obtaining D&O insurance and liability insurance.

In November, Pantea Stevenson will be available for Q&A to answer questions that delegates, alternates, and member organization presidents may have concerning incorporating CivFed and the new bylaws.

Given the importance of this matter for the future of CivFed, all delegates and alternates are encouraged to attend.

## Arlington County Coordination Meeting on DCA Aircraft Noise

By Joe Pelton

The meeting was convened by County Board members Vihstadt and Garvey at 11:30 AM on Tuesday, September 12, 2017 in Room 311 at 2100 Clarendon Blvd. The purpose of the meeting was to provide an update and input on efforts to reduce noise associated with aircraft takeoffs and landings at Reagan National Airport.

**In Attendance:** County Board members John Vihstadt and Libby Garvey; Noah Simon, Rep. Don Beyer's Office; Brian Stout and Tim Aiken, County Manager's office; Ron Montague, Reagan Nat'l Airport Citizens Working Group member and the following citizen representatives: Mark McEneaney, Lyon Village; Charles Henkin, Donaldson Run; Philip Schneider, Arlingwood; Dean Arkema, Maywood; Diane Kelly, Waycroft-Woodlawn; Frank McDermott, Bellevue Forest; Shari Merrill, Radnor-Fort Myer Heights; Clara Kelly, Donaldson Run; Joseph Pelton, Chain Bridge Forest-Arl. Co. Civic Fed.; Scott Pedowitz, Clarendon-Courthouse; Stephen Geiger, Fairlington.

### MD-80 Noise Devil



Key points from this very useful meeting were the following: Noah Simon from Congressman Beyer's office reported that there were efforts to expand the range and number of flights into Reagan National. The most recent effort involved a San Antonio, Texas direct flight via a Defense appropriations bill. Also two other efforts are now being attached to the FAA authorization bill. So far, Congressman Beyer, in cooperation with other legislators from the region, have been able to block

this expansion of the range of permitted flights and number of approved slots. It was noted that the new FAA "noise study" based on the 24-hour-a-day, 65-dB noise level is to be released soon, and the congressman will help to release this to citizens. He is also seeking new noise level contour standards that are more meaningful than the current "24 hrs./day average." It was noted that congressman is working to preserve the concept of keeping aircraft over the middle of the river and to do everything possible to mitigate aircraft noise by such means as emphasis on flying of new and more energy efficient aircraft, better climb angles, home and building sound insulation programs that are available, etc. As part of the Next Gen implementation there are grants to provide noise insulation in impacted areas and details of this can be found via the Arlington County website: <https://departments.arlingtonva.us/cmo/airport-noise>.

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County staff member Brian Stout and Ron Montague (who serves with Stout on the Nat'l Airport Citizens Working Group) reported on the efforts of this group with representatives from VA, DC and MD. They reported that they are discussing ideas such as more dispersal of aircraft using NextGen capability to help minimize noise while still largely keeping to the river. Several attendees asked that more information be made available on these discussions to make sure these concepts could be supported.

There was considerable discussion of noise abatement—especially during nighttime hours. The idea of increasing fines for noise violations at night and early morning ranged from \$5K per occasion to at least ten times that amount and indexing fines to inflation. Also proposed were introducing quieter aircraft—such as those meeting the new level 4 and level 5 standards—sooner and letting airlines compete for slots based on those having the quietest and most energy efficient aircraft, etc. It was noted by the representatives from Congressman Beyer's office that the staffing of the Transportation Committee in Congress is now dominated by people from the airline industry and getting new legislation in these areas would be difficult.

Other key points included the following: Possible additions/clarifications: (i) Charles Henkin noted that it is possible to use NextGen to develop a dispersal system. Philip Schneider indicated that Net Gen could assist with a more rapid altitude climb at take-off; Dean Arkema and Stephen Geiger suggested ways that fees might be used to help mitigate noise violations and that these fees could also be used to fund noise-impact and abatement studies.

Finally, the possibility of moving more flights from Reagan to Dulles was discussed. It was noted that the high fees for Dulles was a problem and that higher fees for Reagan would likely move flights to BWI rather than to Dulles. The \$50 million in funding from Gov. McAuliffe to help reduce or compensate for Dulles's higher fees was noted. And whether this funding will be continued would depend on coming elections.

It was noted that a similar meeting would likely take place during the second week of November, and Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority (MWAA) officials are planning to brief the Arlington County Board about new construction at Reagan National Airport in November.

Other key sites that are useful for information:

<http://www.flyreagan.com/dca/community-working-group>

<http://www.aviation-noise.org>

[https://www.faa.gov/about/office\\_org/headquarters\\_offices/apl/noise\\_emissions/airport\\_aircraft\\_noise\\_issues/](https://www.faa.gov/about/office_org/headquarters_offices/apl/noise_emissions/airport_aircraft_noise_issues/)

## **Executive Committee Report** By Terri Prell

September 10, 2017, Executive Committee Meeting

The Executive Committee met on Sunday, October 10, at Fire Station #2. All ExCom members were present along with Roger Morton and Suzanne Sundburg from R&E and Lois Koontz, the Candidates' Forum coordinator.

The bulk of the meeting was taken up with discussions on how to modernize the governance of the ACCF. This included the possibility of incorporation as a 501 (c)4 and the changes that would need to be made to the by-laws and structure of the Federation and a discussion on possible changes to the structure of ACCF.

Several actions were taken including officially changing the date of the annual banquet to May 4, 2018 to accommodate the speakers. The agenda was set for the October 3 General Meeting. There will be a reception from 6:30 to 7 pm so candidates in uncontested races can meet and speak with members of the Federation. The candidates will speak and field two questions from delegates who live in their district. That will be followed by a panel discussion of the County's Fund Balances. A 2017-2018 annual budget for ACCF ExCom will be distributed at the meeting but Q&A on this budget would be delayed until the November General Meeting..

ExCom decided that events sponsored by member organizations could be promoted with CivFed Constant Contact bulletins and mentions on the Announcements page of the Civic Voice so long as they were nonpartisan and were accompanied by disclaimers of CivFed sponsorship.

Suzanne Sundburg reported that she and two other ExCom members met with County Board members Libby Garvey and Christian Dorsey to discuss the County Board's policy to require a County Board member's agreement for a member of the public to pull an item from the nonpublic portion of the consent agenda for County Board meetings. Suzanne said she could not report progress in getting the County Board to relax restrictions they had placed on the ability of citizens to pull items on the consent agenda. Suzanne said that there was more support for her suggestion that the rules governing the public comment portion of County Board meetings be loosened to allow for comment on the non-public portion of the consent agenda. Follow-up meetings were not scheduled because the County Board will not make any policy changes for the conduct of its meetings until January 2018.

The next meeting of the Executive Committee will be October 8 at 6:30 pm at Fire Station # 2 at the corner of Wilson and George Mason Dr. All meetings of the ExCom are open to the public and committee chairs are encouraged to attend, especially if they have an upcoming program or wish to suggest a topic for a future program.

The deadline for November newsletter articles is Thursday, November 2. Newsletters are published approximately 1 week before the meeting.

## President's Report to Membership

Dear Delegates and Alternates of ACCF member organizations,

Following a recommendation made by ACCF Audit Committee Chair, Jay Wind, a proposed budget was submitted to the Executive Committee. It was approved after deliberations and minor modifications.

Attached please find the Adopted Budget that the Executive Committee approved for FY2017/18.

Working with financial data from the last two prior years, we have grouped expenditures into four categories: Communications, Administrative, Insurance, and Donations.

The major impact in the coming fiscal year will be insurance expense anticipated to be \$1,578 following recommendations that ACCF should have directors and officers (D&O) insurance plus commercial general liability insurance.

Special thanks to all members of the Executive Committee who collaborated in this effort, especially ACCF Treasurer Sarah Shortall, who painstakingly worked to organize prior year expenses into this document.

Best,

Duke Banks  
ACCF President

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## Budgets Adopted by the Executive Committee

As part of our effort to modernize governance in the Arlington County Civic Federation, we are presenting both the ACCF's 2017/18 operating and 2017/18 banquet budgets to our membership. Using data from our accounting records, we are including costs information from prior years.

This report also includes consolidated statements on ACCF's cash positions in both our checking and savings account.

### FY 2017/18 Operating Budget

		Actual 2015/16	Actual 2016/17	Budget 2017/18
Revenues				
	Dues	\$4,000.00	\$4,100.00	\$4,050
	Donations received			
	<b>Total</b>	\$4,000.00	\$4,100.00	<b>\$4,050</b>
Expenses				
	Communications	\$2,513.22	\$2,463.97	\$3,510
	Administrative	\$416.83	\$433.30	\$1,096
	Insurance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,578
	Donations given	\$430.15	\$3,191.00	\$500
	<b>Total</b>	\$3,360.20	\$6,088.27	<b>\$6,684</b>
<b>Balance</b>		\$639.80	(\$1,988.27)	(\$2,634)

### Narrative

Revenues – ACCF revenues are pretty straight-forward – they are membership dues from our member organizations. To date we have 81-member organizations. Our membership base has been relatively steady with 80 members in FY 2015/16 and 82 members in FY2016/17.

For FY2017/18 we also include a revenue line for donations in case we receive any.

Expenditures – ACCF has four major expenditure areas: communication, administrative, insurance and donations.

Communications – Includes expenditures for the Career Center to tape our meetings (with exception of the September meeting, which Arlington Independent Media tapes), Constant Contact, website registration and maintenance. In past years the bulk of our budget was spent

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- Now our communication efforts are focused on digital platforms, and videotaping our meetings so they can be seen across various social media platforms.
- Administrative – Includes PO box rental, printing, hospitality and miscellaneous
- Insurance – Beginning this year we need to budget for both directors and officers (D&O) and commercial general liability insurance, expenditures we have not had in the past.
- Donations given – In the past ACCF has given donations to the 911 Fund, the Arlington County Scholarship Fund for Teachers, and a wreath laid on Peace Officers Memorial Day honoring Arlington County Police Officers whom have died in the line of duty.

## **Comments**

The FY2016/17 communication budget includes the annual website fees (\$264/year) for both FY2015/16 and FY2016/17.

We anticipate an increase in communication expense for FY 2017/18 because of use of various platforms: Constant Contact, Facebook ads, and stipend for Career Center students to tape our meetings.

FY2016/17 donations expenditures represent primarily in surplus revenues from the 2016 banquet, celebrating ACCF's Centennial, which made a higher-than-normal donation possible.

FY2017/18 insurance expenditure includes D&O insurance (\$828) and an estimate of \$750 for commercial general liability insurance. Total \$1,578.

## **Balance**

Because of anticipated insurance expense for FY 2017/18 a negative balance is anticipated. Given that ACCF has significant reserves in both our checking and savings accounts, we can absorb the deficit this year. However, we must remain vigilant because in the future it may impact our dues structure. Likewise, there is uncertainty concerning commercial general liability insurance, given that the County is considering options to reduce this expense for us and for civic associations. We will keep the membership informed as we receive more information.

## **In-Kind Contributions**

While not reflected in the operating budget, we need to recognize two significant in-kind contributions that have allowed ACCF to maintain our reasonable dues structure:

- The generosity of the Virginia Hospital Center which allows the ACCF to use the auditorium for our monthly meetings no charge.
- The generosity of Adam Henderson, President of the Douglas Park Civic Association, who maintains and updates our web site no charge.

In addition, we recognize the generosity of Executive Committee members and ACCF committee chairs who have paid printing and hospitality costs out of their own pockets.

## FY2017/18 Banquet Budget

		Actual	Actual	Budget 2017/18
Revenues				
	Paid reservations	\$14,760.00	\$6,102	\$5,000
	Donations received and ad sales	\$0	\$0	\$1,650
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$14,760.00</b>	<b>\$6,102</b>	<b>\$6,650</b>
Expenses				
	Hotel Expense	\$6,285.00	\$5,402.00	\$5,000
	Printing/mailing	\$1,423.48	\$715.26	\$1,500
	Miscellaneous	\$1,359.93	\$336.50	\$150
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$9,062.41</b>	<b>\$6,453.76</b>	<b>\$6,650</b>
<b>Balance</b>		\$5,607.59	(\$351.76)	-0-

### Narrative

Revenues – For this year’s upcoming banquet we are estimating a minimum attendance of 125 based on the actual count from previous years. We will also try to obtain ads for our program to help offset banquet expenses.

Expenses – These are anticipated expenses, based on our discussion with the hotel, and anticipated printing and mailing expenses.

Balance – Our goal is for the banquet to break even.

### Comments

Beginning this year, we will distinguish between paid reservation income and donations and ad sales, which was not delineated in the past.

Printing and mailing expense for FY2015/16 included a commemorative program which cost more than \$500.

Miscellaneous expenses for FY2015/17 included \$900 for a band

## Consolidated Operating and Banquet Revenues and Expenses in Checking Account

Beginning Balance – 7-1-2017		\$5,250.64
2017/18 Revenues (dues and banquet)	\$10,700	
2017/18 Expenses (operating and banquet)	\$13,334	
Projected end balance 6-30-18	(\$2,634)	\$2,616.64

### Narrative

Even though we project deficit spending in 2017-2018, we have enough money in our checking account that it does not appear that it will be necessary to tap our savings account for operating expenditures during 2017-2018.

## 2017/18 Reserves Statement

		Actual 2015/16	Actual 2016/17	Budget 2017/18
Beginning Balance 7-1-17		\$20,864.11	\$20,869.86	\$20,876.12
	Interest	\$5.75	\$6.26	\$6.00
	Incorporation Expense			\$2,400.00
End Balance prior years/ Projected end Balance 6-30-18		\$20,869.86	\$20,876.12	\$18,482.12

### Narrative

Charging one-time expense of approximately \$2,400 to incorporate ACCF and prepare new by-laws as a non-stock corporation.

Our interest earned is very low for the balance we maintain in our savings account. The Executive Committee will study options on how we may be able to get a better return of investment for this balance.

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## Treasurer's Report Sarah Shortall

Thank you to the following membership organizations for paying their 2017-2018 membership fee.

Alcova Heights CA	Glencarlyn CA
American Assn. of University Women	Gulf Branch CA
Arlington Education Association	League of Women Voters
Arlington Gay and Lesbian Alliance	Leeway Overlee CA
Arlington Heights CA	Long Branch Creek CA
Arlington Mill CA	Lyon Park CA
Arlington Ridge CA	Madison Manor CA
Ashton Heights CA	Maywood CA
Barcroft School and Civic League	NARFE
Boulevard Manor CA	Nauck CA
Buckingham CA	North Highland CA
Chain Bridge Forest CA	North Rosslyn
Cherrydale CA	Old Dominion CA
Civic Coalition on Minority Affairs	Old Glebe CA
Clarendon Courthouse CA	Penrose CA
Colonial Village HOA I	The Radnor/Ft. Meyer CA
Colonial Village HOA II	Rock Springs CA
Colonial Village HOA III	Spout Run HOA
Columbia Forest CA	Tara-Leeway Heights CA
Crystal City CA	Waverly Hills CA
Douglas Park CA	Waycroft-Woodlawn CA
Dover Crystal City CA	Williamsburg CA
Fairlington Citizens Association	Women's Club of Arlington
Forest Glenn CA	Yorktown CA
Glebeewood CA	

Membership Fees can be paid with a check made out to

**Arlington County Civic Federation**

and mailed to

**PO Box 42091 Arlington, VA 22204.**

The Civic Federation also accepts PayPal at <http://www.civfed.org/pay-dues/>

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## Treasurer's Report

Without objection, Treasurer's reports for July 1-31 and August 1-31 were filed at the Arlington County Civic Federation meeting on September 5. In accordance with the 2016-17 Audit Report, monthly Treasurer's reports (checking and savings accounts) now will include beginning and ending balances and information on revenues received and expenses paid for both the checking and savings accounts.

### ACCF Treasurer's Report August 1 – 31, 2017

#### Checking

Beginning Balance 8/1/17	\$ 6,691.89
Deposits	\$ 350.00
Expenses/Payments	\$ -0-
End Balance 8/31/17	\$ 7,041.89

#### Savings

Beginning Balance 8/1/17	\$20,876.12
Deposits/Interest	.53
Expenses/Payments	-0-
Ending Balance 8/31/17	\$20,876.65

### ACCF Treasurer's Report July 1 – 31, 2017

#### Checking

Beginning Balance 7/1/17	\$ 5,250.64
Deposits	\$ 1,441.25
Expenses/Payments	\$ -0-
End Balance 7/31/17	\$ 6,691.89

#### Savings

Beginning Balance 7/1/17	\$20,876.12
Deposits	-0-
Expenses/Payments	-0-
Ending Balance 7/31/17	\$20,876.12

# The Civic Voice

## 2017-2018 Officers and Executive Committee Members

President Duke Banks  
Vice President Matt Wavro  
Secretary Dennis Gerrity  
Treasurer Sarah Shortall

Executive Committee Chair Terri Prell  
Executive Committee Vice Chair Rick Epstein  
Executive Committee Member Eric Berkey  
Executive Committee Member Anya Gann  
Executive Committee Member Nicole Merlene

## 2017-2018 General Meetings

### **October 3 General Meeting :**

7:00 Call to order and announcements  
7:10 Candidates' Forum, Uncontested Elections  
7:34 Panel Discussion of Reserves, Fund Balances  
and Close-out Funds.  
8:25 Report to Membership on Modernizing ACCF  
Governance  
9:00 New Business  
9:20 Adjourn

### **November 14 General Meeting:**

Follow-up on ACCF governance modernization  
Community Energy Plan

### **December 5 General Meeting:**

Awards Committee  
County Manager and School Superintendent

### **January 2, 2018 General Meeting (tentative):**

County Board

### **February 6 General Meeting (tentative):**

TBD

### **March 6 General Meeting (tentative):**

School Board

### **April 3 General Meeting (tentative):**

Nominating Committee

### **May 1 General Meeting (tentative):**

TBD

### **June 5 General Meeting (tentative):**

Legislative Panel  
Election of Officers and ExCom members

## 2017-2018 Executive Committee Meetings

**October 8, 2017**

**November 19, 2017**

**December 10, 2017**

**January 7, 2018**

**February 11, 2018**

**March 11, 2018**

**April 8, 2018**

**May 6, 2018**

**June 10, 2018**

**July 9, 2018**

Executive Committee Meetings are held at Fire Station #2, 4805 Wilson Boulevard. They begin at 6:30 PM.

# The Civic Voice

## Why Civic Federation Committees Matter and What They Can Do for You

Have you ever been surprised to discover that something in your neighborhood is changing? Maybe a new high-rise is going up around the corner, or perhaps school boundaries have changed. It could be your tax bill is going up, or a new County ordinance now affects your business. Time and time again, folks come to the Federation only after the change is well under way. By then, it's often too late to make a difference.

The Federation's committees serve to keep such surprises at bay by educating, involving and empowering our member organizations. Committees educate by hosting speakers from County staff, holding programs, disseminating information, and fostering discussion. Committees involve our members by providing opportunities to participate in local and regional commissions and organizations. Committees empower by recommending resolutions to the Federation, which, in turn, can publicize these positions in the community and with our elected officials.

We strongly encourage every delegate and alternate to serve on at least one committee. If you have an interest in any topic, please contact the chair. If a chair is not listed, contact our President Duke Banks at [duke@civfed.org](mailto:duke@civfed.org)

Committee	Chair	Email Address
Executive	Terri Prell	<a href="mailto:terri@civfed.org">terri@civfed.org</a>
Awards	Elected at the December 2017 General Meeting	
Audit	Jay Wind	<a href="mailto:jay@civfed.org">jay@civfed.org</a>
Bylaws	Sarah Shortall	<a href="mailto:sarah@civfed.org">sarah@civfed.org</a>
Community Relations	Nicole Merlene	<a href="mailto:Nicole@civfed.org">Nicole@civfed.org</a>
Cultural Affairs	Chair needed	TBD
Emergency Preparedness	Jackie Snelling (POC)	<a href="mailto:jackie@civfed.org">jackie@civfed.org</a>
Environmental Affairs	John Seymour	<a href="mailto:john@civfed.org">john@civfed.org</a>
Housing	Eric Brescia	<a href="mailto:ericbrescia@civfed.org">ericbrescia@civfed.org</a>
Legislation	Ron Haddox	<a href="mailto:ron@civfed.org">ron@civfed.org</a>
Membership	Stefanie Pryor	<a href="mailto:membership@civfed.org">membership@civfed.org</a>
911 Scholarships	Stefanie Pryor (POC)	<a href="mailto:Stefanie@civfed.org">Stefanie@civfed.org</a>
Nominating	Elected at the April 2018 General Meeting	
Parks and Recreation	Michael Thomas	<a href="mailto:michaelthomas@civfed.org">michaelthomas@civfed.org</a>
Planning and Zoning	Martha Moore	<a href="mailto:martha@civfed.org">martha@civfed.org</a>
Public Services	Jackie Snelling (POC)	<a href="mailto:jackie@civfed.org">jackie@civfed.org</a>
Revenues and Expenditures	Burt Bostwick (POC)	<a href="mailto:burt@civfed.org">burt@civfed.org</a>
Schools	Michael Beer	<a href="mailto:michaelbeer@civfed.org">michaelbeer@civfed.org</a>
Special Events	Joe Pelton	<a href="mailto:Joepelton@civfed.org">Joepelton@civfed.org</a>
Transportation	Jerry Auten	<a href="mailto:jerry@civfed.org">jerry@civfed.org</a>

## Announcements

**FY2019 Budget Roundtables:** Join your neighbors for community roundtable discussions about FY2019 budget priorities and challenges from 10:00 am to 11:30 am on October 3 at 2100 Washington Blvd. Room D. There are five other Budget Roundtables scheduled at various locations in October. Go to the FY2019 Budget Information [website](#) to learn more.

**1st Annual Celebration of the Arts in Arlington:** AIM and the citizens' group Embracing Arlington Arts are co-hosting an exciting launch event in October -- the 1st Annual Celebration of the Arts in Arlington. This fun evening will feature live music, performances from local arts groups, food from area restaurants, beer and wine, and more. Mark your calendar now for this not-to-be-missed event! Dress is casual creative. But in support of the arts, we encourage you to come dressed as your favorite artist, or as inspired by their work!

Proceeds from the event will be donated to AIM. These funds will help promote Arlington arts groups and events through production of a new radio program, Embracing Arlington Arts, premiering in September on WERA 96.7 FM. To find out more about Embracing Arlington Arts, [connect on Facebook](#). Thursday, 7:00 - 10:00pm on October 5 at 4301 Wilson Blvd, Arlington, VA

**2017 Elections:** The League of Women Voters election information web site, [VOTE411.ORG](http://VOTE411.ORG) is now live with data for the November 7th Election.

**PAC:** The Pedestrian Advisory Committee will meet from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm on October 11 in the Chery/Dogwood Rooms in 2100 Clarendon Blvd. For more information about this meeting go to the PAC [website](#).

**Opioids Town Hall:** Join the Office of the Commonwealth Attorney, the Arlington County Police Department, the Department of Human Services, Arlington Public Schools and community resource groups for a town hall discussion of opioids moderated by NBC Washington's Jim Handy, at 7 pm on Thursday, October 12, 2017, in the Central Library Auditorium at 1015 N. Quincy St.

**NCAC:** The Neighborhood Conservation Advisory will meet from 7:30 pm to 9:30 pm on October 14 in the Navy League Building at 2300 Wilson Blvd. For information about this meeting here is a link to the NCAC [website](#).

**2017 Latino American Festival:**, join us at the 2017 Latino American Festival as we celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month with live music, authentic Latino food, artistic presentations, games for kids and much more! On 15, 2-6 pm Sunday, October . at Kenmore Middle School, 200 S Carlin Springs Rd.

**JFAC:** The Joint Facilities Advisory Commission will from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm on October 18 in the Navy League Building at 2300 Wilson Blvd. For information about this meeting here is a link to the JFAC [website](#).

**Arlington County Board:** The County Board's October meetings will be held on Saturday, October 21st, starting 8:30 a.m. Click here for this meeting's [agenda](#) a few days before October 21. The Board Recessed meeting will be held starting at 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 24. Both meetings will be held in the County Board Room at 2100 Clarendon Blvd.

**October Newsletter:** The deadline for November newsletter articles is Thursday, November 2. Newsletters are published approximately 1 week before the meeting.

## Parking at the Virginia Hospital Center

Remember to park in the **B/Gold** Garage. On Civic Federation meeting nights, the gates of the **B/Gold** Parking Garage, will be open, and there will be no charge for parking there. The **B/Gold** Parking Garage is located under the 1635 Medical Office Building. If you use another lot, you will have to pay the regular rate to exit.



# The Civic Voice

As a courtesy to the Legislative Committee, the Executive Committee is making the following information available to the Federation's Membership at this time.

The Legislative Committee voted to approve three resolutions at its 9-26-2017 meeting: *Fair Redistricting*, *Criminal Justice Reform*, and *Energy Independent 2035*. These resolutions will appear in the *Civic Voice* after they have presented to the presiding officer in writing at a duly advertised General Meeting. As new subject matter, these resolutions shall be referred by the presiding officer for investigation to the appropriate standing committee (s) or to such special committee as may be authorized by the Federation. The committee (s) shall report at the next general meeting of the Federation. In an emergency, a resolution or communication may be acted upon by the Federation with the consent of a majority of the delegates present and voting. The Legislative Committee also voted to table the following resolution: *County Manager Duties*.

## Legislative Committee Report September 26, 2017 Meeting

### Meeting Participants

Ron Haddox, Chair, Delegate, Columbia Heights Civic Association  
John Seymour, Chair, Environmental Affairs Committee  
John Bloom, Delegate, Boulevard Manor Civic Association  
Don Gurney, Delegate, League of Women Voters of Arlington  
Juliet Hiznay, Delegate, Columbia Heights Civic Association  
Takis Karantonis, Delegate, Columbia Heights Civic Association  
Roger Morton, Delegate, Highland Park – Overlee Knolls Civic Association  
Rich Dooley, Arlington County  
Barbara Swartz, Barcroft Neighborhood  
Katherine Lowry, Penrose Neighborhood  
Rick Keller, Boulevard Manor Neighborhood

Mr. Haddox called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m.

The committee discussed the four resolutions set out below, and votes are recorded. All resolutions that have passed unanimously are attached to this report, with the exception of the criminal justice resolution, which passed with amendments that need to be drafted in final form.

### Resolution on "County Manager Duties" Presented by Roger Morton

After some discussion, Juliet Hiznay moved to table the resolution for future consideration. Roger Morton seconded. The Legislative Committee recommends holding a meeting with county staff to explore whether there are transparency issues associated with the county practice addressed in the resolution, as well any potential impact of the revision to state code. The county recently responded that a consultant was examining the issue as well, and it was felt that more information was required before the committee could vote on the resolution.

The motion to table the resolution passed 7-0-0.

### Voting Aye:

Ron Haddox, Delegate, Columbia Heights Civic Association  
John Seymour, Chair, Environmental Affairs Committee  
John Bloom, Delegate, Boulevard Manor Civic Association  
Don Gurney, Delegate, League of Women Voters of Arlington  
Juliet Hiznay, Delegate, Columbia Heights Civic Association  
Takis Karantonis, Delegate, Columbia Heights Civic Association  
Roger Morton, Delegate, Highland Park – Overlee Knolls Civic Association

Mr. Morton departed from the meeting early.

## Resolution on “Fair Redistricting” Presented by Takis Karantonis

Participants discussed whether the resolution was drafted in coordination with groups looking at this statewide. Some expressed concern about the timing of when the resolution could be heard by the Civic Federation, given the restrictions on the upcoming agenda. After discussion, Takis Karantonis moved that the Legislative Committee recommend adoption of the resolution as drafted. Juliet Hiznay seconded the motion.

The motion to recommend passage passed 6-0-0.

### Voting Aye:

Ron Haddox, Delegate, Columbia Heights Civic Association  
John Seymour, Chair, Environmental Affairs Committee  
John Bloom, Delegate, Boulevard Manor Civic Association  
Don Gurney, Delegate, League of Women Voters of Arlington  
Juliet Hiznay, Delegate, Columbia Heights Civic Association  
Takis Karantonis, Delegate, Columbia Heights Civic Association

Mr. Karantonis departed from the meeting early, and left his proxy with Mr. Haddox.

## Resolution on “Criminal Justice Reform” Presented by Juliet Hiznay

Participants discussed each of the 4 proposed therefore clauses. After some discussion, Juliet Hiznay agreed to accept a friendly amendment as follows: Revise the text of the 4<sup>th</sup> therefore clause pertaining to driver’s license suspension and place it into a separate resolution to clarify that it is a poverty issue.

John Seymour moved that the Legislative Committee recommend adoption of the two resolutions pertaining to criminal justice reform, as amended. Ron Haddox seconded the motion. The committee agreed that both resolutions would be recirculated to the participants of the legislative committee, and that if there are no objections it will be introduced to the Civic Federation at the October meeting, if possible. If there are objections, the resolution will be considered again at an upcoming committee meeting, date to be determined.

The motion to recommend passage passed 6-0-0.

### Voting Aye:

Ron Haddox, Delegate, Columbia Heights Civic Association  
John Seymour, Chair, Environmental Affairs Committee  
John Bloom, Delegate, Boulevard Manor Civic Association  
Don Gurney, Delegate, League of Women Voters of Arlington  
Juliet Hiznay, Delegate, Columbia Heights Civic Association  
Takis Karantonis, Delegate, Columbia Heights Civic Association

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Rich Dooley of Arlington County arrived and joined the meeting.

## Resolution "Energy Independent 2035" Presented by John Bloom

Participants discussed at length the substance of the resolution, as well as how it fits into the county's proposed energy plan. Mr. Dooley and committee members agreed that the resolution should be presented in tandem with the energy plan at the November meeting, and recommended split time on the agenda (20 min/20 min).

Juliet Hiznay moved that the Legislative Committee recommend adoption of the resolution as drafted. Ronald Haddox seconded.

The motion to recommend passage passed 6-0-0.

### Voting Aye:

Ron Haddox, Delegate, Columbia Heights Civic Association  
John Seymour, Chair, Environmental Affairs Committee  
John Bloom, Delegate, Boulevard Manor Civic Association  
Don Gurney, Delegate, League of Women Voters of Arlington  
Juliet Hiznay, Delegate, Columbia Heights Civic Association  
Takis Karantonis, Delegate, Columbia Heights Civic Association

8:20 Adjourned