



October 20, 2020 Virtual ACCF Membership Meeting

The October 20, 2020 ACCF Membership Meeting will be conducted virtually using Zoom, a video conferencing platform. **Delegates; Alternate Delegates; others associated with member organizations; and the public are invited to attend.

Advance Registration for the meeting is required, and it must be completed by Noon Tuesday, October 20th.

To register in advance for this meeting, use the following link:
<https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJYqf-uvpj4uH9M9xsCLvDLp4Pn6EnNZbA-T>

Your unique meeting log-in/phone-in details will be sent in a confirmation email. We ask for your cooperation and strongly encourage early check-in. Check-in will start at 6:00 PM.

To expedite the check-in process please use your first and last name as your profile name, this will help our team ensure delegates receive their electronic ballots. We ask for your understanding and patience.

If you are not familiar with Zoom, here is [a link to information and instructions on how to register and participate in CivFed's October 20, 2020 Membership Meeting.](#)

Interested in being an Arlington County Civic Federation Delegate

The Arlington County Civic Federation was founded in 1916. Today, it has more than ninety member organizations dedicated to advocacy and community involvement. The Federation membership reflects the broad array of interests and talents found in the County and is open and welcoming to all groups within Arlington, firmly believing that a broader range of groups creates better problem-solving outcomes for Arlington and its residents. Our purpose continues to be promoting the general welfare of Arlington County and vicinity in a non-partisan, non-sectarian, non-sectional, and non-political manner.

Arlington County Civic Federation Delegates enjoy the full benefits of participation, voting and serving in Civic Federation leadership positions. If your organization is a member of the Civic Federation, ask if it has open slots for delegates. If it is not a member organization of the Civic Federation, encourage it to join. Here is a [link](#) to our website for more details.

October 20, 2020 Membership Meeting Agenda

7:00 - 7:05 Quorum is announced; Pledge, Membership application of the NAACP approved in Sept, Welcome new member NAACP. Explanation of regular business Sept 8 Minutes; 2 Board Resolutions by electronic Ballots, etc.

7:05 - 7:10 Emergency Resolutions Electronic Ballot to be approved by 2/3 attending voting members. Ballot will be open for an hour 7:10-8:10p. If approved, resolutions will be introduced at 8:20p and resolutions will be added to the electronic ballot & emailed before the meeting is adjourned.

7:10 - 7:40 Legislative Committee Report & Discussion (30 min)

7:40 - 8:20 COVID Update: Dr Varghese, Aaron Miller & Zachary Pope & Questions (40min)

8:20 Results from the Preliminary Ballot will be announced at this point of the meeting.

8:20 - 8:40 R&E CIP (DMF): John Tuohy: November General Election Ballot overview of the bonds, relevant committees and county staff will cover specific bonds & Questions (20+min) (P&R: Duke; Schools: Lois; P/S: Staff Tbd) ***

8:40 - 9:00 Open Discussion and vote on a Resolution to establish a Governance Task Force (and Committee Slate) 20min

9:00 - 9:10 Open Discussion and Vote on a Resolution to Increase the size of CivFed's Board of Directors (10min)

9:10 - 9:15 Old Business

9:15 - 9:20 New Business

9:20 - 9:25 Electronic Ballots

9:25 - 9:30 Adjourn

*** We have one Tbd with County staff. Time is approximate. With several emergency resolutions added to the agenda, this section may need extra time. The meeting may continue past 9:30p. We ask for your understanding and patience.

President's Corner

Welcome,

This month is the leadup to the November elections. In that spirit, we have several related topics on the agenda this month. First of all, please vote! This is a very consequential election and everyone's vote counts. The county has already reported record turnout for early voting, and we expect overall turnout much greater than even the 2016 presidential election.

This month, there are several issues to discuss regarding voting here in the Civic Federation.

We have several resolutions up for a vote this month, including three 'emergency' resolutions. They are characterized as 'emergency' resolutions because were not proposed to the membership in time for discussion and inclusion at the September membership meeting. These three resolutions are included in this newsletter, and are in accordance with board procedures using this criteria: if we don't vote on them at this meeting, then they will be moot, as each one is in support of or about a specific bond that is on the ballot in November. In accordance with our bylaws, the Civic Federation board has approved these three resolutions being proposed to the membership for approval. For that to happen, the membership will have to agree that they pass muster as emergency resolutions. If that vote passes, we will add them to the regular ballot as part of our votes.

I also want to review our process for admission of member organizations. Last month we voted to admit the local chapter of the NAACP as a member. I want to make clear that voting to admit new member organizations are not resolutions per se. The process is that an organization's membership must first be approved by the board, then the membership votes to approve, which it did.

For resolutions, a delegate moves that a resolution be voted on and it is then seconded,

followed by a vote. In the case of the admission of new member organizations, it's just really a simple up or down vote of the membership, which is exactly what took place. Virtual meetings pose special challenges for voting and discussion, we are doing our best to address these challenges and still allow voting and discussion within the technological constraints of virtual meetings.

The Civic Federation has two high priority initiatives for this year:

One high priority initiative this year is to examine how we can promote greater diversity and inclusion to fully represent Arlington in our member organizations, delegates, leadership and programs. We will be forming an ad hoc committee to study strategic initiatives and implementation, and I am looking for volunteers to participate. The committee will present recommendations to the Board by Spring 2021. A committee member does not have to be a delegate, and may come from any member organization. If you are interested or have a nomination, please email me at president@civfed.org by October 30th.

The second initiative is a task force to study Arlington County Governance. A vote to approve the establishment of a Governance task force is also on the agenda for the October Membership meeting. This is a very important initiative, one we expect will help address equitable representation of all Arlington residents, regardless of socioeconomic status, party affiliation, race, gender, and geography. Some issues that the task force (see resolution later in this newsletter) will consider:

- at At-Large vs County-wide representation for County and School Boards
- Ranked Choice Voting (recently approved in the Commonwealth)
- Number of Board Members
- Pay for Board Members
- Staggered Elections

On a related topic, Arlington County has begun discussions to address concerns toward changing the County logo and seal and will also consider changing the names of places and facilities belonging to the County. The county logo represents the Custis-Lee mansion/ Robert E. Lee memorial. The Civic Federation logo is based on this same image, and we feel that it is time to change that design as well. The Civic Federation Board and I will be initiating a process to come up with a new design for our logo. We welcome your input.

In closing, I would like to identify my twin themes of diversity and equity for this year's leadership of the Civic Federation. We, as the Civic Federation, have not always led in these areas, but as you can see from our current initiatives, these themes have become a major focus for my term as president. Diversity and equity are certainly 'hot' topics in today's political climate. Additionally, we here in Arlington have been governed by a mostly homogeneous racial, political and economic group of people. Diversity and equity are terms that apply across the political spectrum, and it is essential that we include and represent that diversity as a Federation and as a County.

Warmly,

[Allan Gajadhar](#)

Preliminary October Ballot

There will be a preliminary ballot on three resolutions conditionally submitted for approval at the October Membership Meeting. These resolutions are conditional because the committees submitting them are asking voting members to permit them to be voted on at the same meeting they are being introduced. These conditional resolutions are:

- School Bond Resolution
- Stormwater and Flooding Bond Resolution
- Parks and Recreation Bond Resolution

The Bylaws of the Civic Federation requires that Resolutions submitted for approval by the membership must be introduced to the membership one meeting prior to the meeting on which they are voted on.

In an emergency, Voting Members, by a two-thirds (2/3) vote, may consent to consider and vote on a resolution at the meeting where it is introduced.

An emergency exists, but is not limited to, those situations in which delay of consideration of a resolution until the next membership meeting would preclude, moot or prevent timely action.

The presiding officer will announce the distribution of preliminary ballots to voting delegates shortly after the start of the meeting. In accordance with our Bylaws, voting delegates must be present at the meeting to receive a ballot. Voting delegates will have until 8:00 PM to complete their preliminary ballots. If two-thirds of voting members present and voting approve consideration on these three conditional resolutions, they will appear on the main ballot for the October meeting.

If you are a voting delegate and do not receive a ballot, please contact [Allan Gajadhar](#).

Main October Ballot

In accordance with our Bylaws, voting delegates must be present at the meeting to receive a ballot. Electronic Ballots will be emailed shortly before the end of the meeting. Ballots will be sent to the email addresses used at registration.

Delegates and alternates are designated by the member organization. Please contact your organization if you are unsure if you are a delegate or to designate an alternate in your absence.

The [Secretary](#) must be notified of alternates acting as substitutes for voting delegates by Noon, Tuesday, October 20.

The Main Ballot will be introduced and distributed to voting members shortly before the the meeting is adjourned. Voting will close at noon on Wednesday, October 21. Results will be announced via email to the membership at 6:00 PM on Wednesday, October 21, 2020.

Voting members will receive a ballot to vote on the following:

- [The Draft September 8, 2020 Membership Meeting Minutes](#).
- [A Resolution establishing as Governance Task Force and its members](#).
- [An Increase in the Size of CivFed's Board of Directors](#).
- [Stormwater and Flooding Bond Resolution](#) **
- [School Bond Resolution](#) **
- [Parks and Recreation Bond Resolution](#)**

**These resolutions are on the main ballot subject to approval by voting delegates..

If you are a voting delegate and do not receive a ballot, please contact [Allan Gajadhar](#).

Delegate Participation in Crafting Resolutions

Amending and correcting resolutions can not be done during Virtual Meetings in a timely manner. To ensure opportunities to participate in crafting resolutions, offering comments, questions or changes proposed for consideration **by delegates, please** email communications to the sponsoring committee's point of contact by Friday, October 16. Please copy all correspondence to Tina Worden: vice.president@civfed.org. A confirmation

email will be sent to acknowledge receipt.

All delegate communications including proposed changes will be considered by the sponsoring committee and documented with any action taken, if applicable.

DRAFT Resolution	Sponsoring Committee	Point of Contact	email and copy to vice.president@civfed.org
Stormwater Bond	Public Services	John Ford	public_services_chair@civfed.org
Parks & Recreation Bond	Parks & Recreation	Duke Banks	duke@civfed.org
Schools Bond	Schools	Michael Beer	michaelbeer@civfed.org
Governance Task Force	ACCF Board of Directors	Allan Gajadhar	president@civfed.org
ACCF Board Expansion	ACCF Board of Directors	Eric Cassel	bod.chair@civfed.org

Resolution to Establish an Arlington Governance Taskforce

At its July meeting, CivFed's Board of Directors approved bringing to the membership a resolution establishing a Task Force to examine, and propose reforms, for Arlington's form of government. It has been ninety years since the at-large Board of five part time members replaced the prior system of district commissioners, and in that time Arlington's population and complexity of government have increased manyfold. Possible reforms to be considered by this task force include:

1. Structural reform through district representation and/or multi-member synchronous elections.
2. The size and/or remuneration of our county board and/or school board.
3. Ranked choice voting for County Board and School Board general elections.
4. The future role of primaries and caucuses.
5. Options for alternative electoral mechanisms besides first past-the-post and ranked choice.
6. Term Limits

[Follow this link to read the complete governance resolution.](#)

Resolution to Expand the Board by Two Seats

Whereas the Bylaws, Section 3.02, allows the Board to consist of between 9 and 13 individuals,

Whereas the current Board consists of 9 individuals,

Whereas the Board would benefit from additional members,

Whereas the Membership sets the number of Board members,

Be it resolved that the Board supports adding two Board seats, and resolves to put the question of expanding the Board by two seats to the Membership at the next Membership meeting.

[Click here for the complete Board Expansion resolution.](#)

School Bond Resolution

On Election Day, November 3, Arlington voters will be asked whether to approve \$52.65

million in School Bonds to maintain and improve school infrastructure and address continued enrollment growth in Arlington County. Our school facilities are maintained and updated to meet the changing needs of students, maintain our high quality of education, and protect our community's investment in our school infrastructure.

This resolution states in major part *that the ACCF supports the sale of \$52,650,000 general obligation bonds to finance, together with other available funds, the cost of various capital projects for Arlington Public Schools.*

[Click here for the complete School Bond resolution.](#)

Stormwater and Flooding Infrastructure Bond Resolution

Arlington has suffered significant, repeated damage for the past several years from intense rainstorms. After 50 years of development without significant investment in stormwater management, the principal challenge of climate change in Arlington will likely be stormwater management.

The Arlington County Civic Federation in November 2019 unanimously passed a detailed resolution urging the county to devote more resources to storm water mitigation and flood preparedness. A \$51 million bond issue on the November 3 ballot underlines the county's initial response.

While recent flooding has been most prominent in northern county watersheds, stormwater mitigation there will protect the many years of investment throughout the county, especially those downstream towards Four Mile Run.

County representatives will join our October membership meeting to explain and answer questions about the storm water bond. A resolution for membership consideration states in major part that *the ACCF fully supports the stormwater and flooding infrastructure \$50.84 million bond referendum appearing on the November 2020 general election ballot and looks forward to further collaboration with county staff and elected officials as we work together to implement robust stormwater management/flood mitigation measures to better protect countywide assets, both public and private.*

[Click here for the complete Stormwater and Flooding Infrastructure resolution.](#)

Parks and Recreation Bond Resolution

This resolution states in major part that *the ACCF fully supports the Parks and Recreation \$3,630,000 bond referendum appearing on the November 2020 general election ballot and looks forward to further collaboration with county staff and elected officials as we work together to develop the upcoming CIP for fiscal year 2022 and beyond.*

[Click here for the complete Parks and Recreation resolution.](#)

Arlington County/Arlington Public Schools Update on Covid-19

What strategies are Arlington County and the Arlington Public Schools using to manage Covid-19 (Novel Coronavirus)? Have these changed since last Spring and, if so, how? How are officials considering the trade-offs and the alignment between strategies, policy and metrics and how do they explain the apparent differences between the strategies and metrics and enforcement for the range of community activities such as schools, bars, grocery stores, other retail?

What are the plans that we may see in the next few months for additional testing, contact tracing, and vaccine distribution? How can we continue to offer protection from evictions, move to school opening, and support restaurants during winter months?

To learn more about the status of Arlington's response to COVID-19 and next steps, join us for the October 20 Civic Federation virtual meeting for a presentation by Dr. Reuben Varghese, Director of Public Health; Aaron Miller, Director of Emergency Management; and Zachary Pope, Arlington Public Schools Emergency Management.

Please send your questions for the panel to the Public Services Committee contact, Jackie Snelling, at Jackie@CivFed.org.

And – continue to get the Arlington Public Health information on COVID 19 at <https://www.arlingtonva.us/covid-19/>

Legislative Committee Civil Rights Working Group

Preliminary Report on Civil Rights

This summer, the Civil Rights Working Group was formed by the ACCF Legislation Committee. Focused on the status of civil rights in Arlington, the group's overarching goal is to increase public awareness that will enrich conversations and engagement among our membership and the general community. Led by Juliet Hiznay, the group's efforts have produced a report using readily accessible and publicly available information and data from trusted sources, all while self-isolating in the safety of their homes during a pandemic.

The report is intentionally limited in scope to keep the work manageable and digestible. Preliminary findings identify priorities and recommendations. Working group members Juliet Hiznay and Mike Hemminger, will present the findings at the October Membership Meeting. To read the full report, [click on this link](#).

New members to the Legislative Committee are always welcome, please reach out directly to the working group lead Juliet Hiznay at juliet@jdhiznay.com.

Arlington County Public Schools

This fall, Arlington Public Schools began classes online for all students. This means that having a reliable Internet connection in a student's home is essential to support learning. To help families without Internet service, Arlington Public Schools is offering to pay for up to twelve months of Comcast Internet Essentials service for qualified APS families. To learn more, please visit <http://www.apsva.us/digital-learning/internet/>. APS has also created PSAs in English and Spanish to provide more information on Comcast Internet Essentials.

English PSA: <https://vimeo.com/458559271>

Spanish PSA: <https://vimeo.com/458567873>

For more information about the Arlington County Public School system, use this link: [APS Website](#)

Update: the Superintendent has proposed a phased approach for students to return to school process. [Here is a link](#) to the current plan.

The **School Board** has announced a Work Group to review the relationship between schools and police to be formed with 48 members including APS students, parents, staff, advisory council representatives, community members, and Arlington County Police. The Work Group charge and application can be found at this [link](#).

[ACCF Treasurer's Report – September 1, 2020 – September 30, 2020](#)

2020-2021 Board of Directors

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Voting delegates and alternate delegates who are interested serving on the Civic Federation's Board of Directors should contact [President Allan Gajadhar](#).

2020-2021 ACCF PUBLIC INTEREST COMMITTEES

Cultural Affairs – [Chair Tina Worden](#)
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Legislation – [Chair Ron Haddox](#)
Parks and Recreation – [Chair Duke Banks](#)
Planning and Zoning – [Chair Ben Keeney](#)
Public Services – [Chair John Ford](#)
Revenues and Expenditures – [Burt Bostwick \(POC\)](#)
Schools – [Chair Michael Beer](#)
Transportation – [Co-chairs Jerry Auten and Joe Pelton](#)

- Airport Noise Subcommittee – [Chair Joe Pelton](#)

2020-2021 FEDERATION SUPPORT COMMITTEES

Audit -- [Chair Jay Wind](#)
Awards – Chair – Tbd
Bylaws and Rules – [Chair Allen Norton](#)
Banquet – Tbd
Communications – [Chair Tina Worden](#)
Membership – [Chair Dennis Gerrity](#)

Any Delegate, Alternate or member of a Member Organization may participate on any Public Interest or Support Committee. Please contact the Committee chair or point of contact or [President Allan Gajadhar](#) if you are interested in participating on ACCF Committees.

Communication Committee Meeting

Join our next virtual meeting **Tuesday, October 27@7pm**.

We are in need of idea people to implement a variety of tasks for improving communication and member engagement. We will look at key monthly dates, activities and the communication schedule. There is something for everyone! We value fresh ideas and a willingness to learn.

The Communication Committee is important to furthering the ACCF mission. We are charged with informing member organizations, delegates, alternates, the media and our broader community about Federation activities.

We communicate through our monthly newsletter, website, emails and social media. We use modern platforms such as Zoom and Constant Contact. All talents and interests are welcome. No previous experience is necessary.

Register in advance for this meeting, use this [link](#).

https://us02web.zoom.us/join/register/tZUtcOCqjwoEtXajtQsmJg_7ji_naaZmlCb

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

If you prefer to get started right away, email the Communications Committee Chair, Tina Worden: vicepresident@civfed.org

GMU Expansion Presentation at November Meeting

George Mason University is transforming its Arlington campus to create a new innovation hub for the Rosslyn-Ballston corridor. The \$250 million expansion project will include a 500,000SF [state-of-the-art building](#) that will serve as the headquarters for Mason's Institute for Digital Innovation and its proposed School of Computing, offering a premier location for advancing digital innovation.

The new headquarters will house classrooms, research labs, event and community space, all setting the stage for faculty and students to join with dynamic entrepreneurs, local organizations and industry partners to create and drive social and technological innovation in the Northern Virginia region.

To learn more about the Arlington Campus expansion, please visit the [Arlington Forward](#) webpage or contact [Toni Andrews](#) to schedule a virtual presentation for your organization.

Residential Permit Parking Program Review October Update

After more than 3 years of community engagement, research, and technical review, County staff are preparing to conclude the review of the [Residential Permit Parking](#) (RPP) program and propose an updated RPP program to the County Board for consideration. On-street parking is a valuable community resource that the County provides on many streets, which must be managed for the greatest public benefit. As the first major review in over 10 years, it has been an opportunity to consider changes that improve the program's efficiency, user experience, and fairness.

Last week, the project team published an update on the review, which includes a summary of input and perspectives from community members on RPP issues based on feedback collected during the review period. In a few days, residents will be able to read descriptions of a staff-proposed program informed by this community feedback, get answers to some frequently asked questions, and provide feedback on the proposal online or by phone.

The upcoming engagement opportunity, as well as other project information, will be published on the [RPP Review website](#). Once launched, the public engagement opportunity for the proposed RPP program will be open through October 28, 2020. Following this public engagement period, staff will review public comments and present the proposed program and feedback collected to relevant County Commissions and Committees for additional public comment.

We invite you to review the proposed program to learn more about what changes would occur, how public engagement informed the proposal, and how it differs from the current program. You can sign up for project updates and announcements on the [RPP Review website](#). Please be on the lookout for the announcement, and share this opportunity widely with your associations and organizations.

LINKS TO MEETING DOCUMENTS

[Draft September 8, 2020 Membership Meeting Minutes](#)
[Approved June 28, 2020 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes](#)
[Approved August 23, 2020 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes](#)
[September 2020 Treasurer's Report](#)
[Draft September 20, 2020 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes](#)

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