

## ACCF General Meeting Notice

**NORMAL START TIME**  
**Tuesday, April 1, 2008, 7:30 PM**  
Hazel Conference Center  
Virginia Hospital Center – Arlington  
1701 North George Mason Drive

1. **7:30pm** - Pledge of Allegiance (formal start of meeting)
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Approval of Minutes (March 4, 2008)
4. Treasurer's Report
5. Committee Reports/Announcements
6. **7:50 – 8:00 pm** - Selection of 2008 Nominating Committee (*See Page 1*)
7. **8:00 – 9:20 pm** – Budget Package Report
  - Special Rules and Approval (5 minutes) (*See Page 1*)
  - Schools Committee - (10 minutes) (*See Page 2*)
  - Revenue And Expenditure Committee Report (10 minutes) (*See Page 2*)
  - Report/Explanation on two Special Items (10 minutes each – 20 minutes total)
  - Delegate and Alternate Discussion/Vote on Package/Special Items (35 minutes)
8. 9:25 – 9:30 pm - New Business & Other Items
9. Adjournment

## Check "CivFed.org" to see Committee Budget Reports

BE SURE TO CHECK OUR WEBSITE, [www.CivFed.org](http://www.CivFed.org), STARTING MONDAY, MARCH 31<sup>st</sup> to see the combined report on the proposed County and school system budgets and the recommendations of the Revenue & Expenditures and Schools Committees.

## Nominating Committee

Pursuant to By-laws Article IV, Section 2 – “At the regular meeting in April, a nominating Committee of five (5) members shall be elected by ballot by the membership of the Federation, from nominations from the floor. A plurality elects. If there are no more than five nominees, elections may be by voice vote.”

## Budget Package Special Rule

The Revenues & Expenditures Committee and the Schools Committee will present their budget reports and recommendations for consideration of the Delegates at the April 1<sup>st</sup> meeting. The General Budget and the Schools Budget are considered separately by the two committees, and then ‘combined’ from separate reports and recommendations to be presented as a single resolution for consideration of the Delegates. As in prior years, because of the length and detail of the recommendations, a Special Rule will be offered for the Budget Package debate.

The “all or nothing” approach has much to recommend it, including getting everyone home before early morning hours. It is understood that occasionally there are provisions or recommendations in the package that have higher priority or are of greater concern to the membership, and where a separate vote might be desirable. Therefore, this year the R&E Committee has decided to allow a separate vote on items that would have a significant impact on the budget and/or taxes and fees, with a maximum of two issues. Please note that this will apply ONLY to the Revenue and Expenditure portion of the report and recommendations and NOT to the Schools portion which will be considered only in its entirety. The proposed Special Rule is as follows:

**Special Rule** - The Budget Package will be considered in two parts - the main, or basic part, and any “Additional Items”. If this rule is adopted by the membership, there will be a single vote to accept or reject the basic package. If the “vote to accept” fails, we will consider each section separately. The Committees may also propose “Additional Items” for consideration by the Delegates. “Additional Items” may involve issues where there is substantial disagreement among the committee members, or previous resolutions passed by the Delegates that affect the budget report and recommendations. After discussion and debate, “Additional Items” will be voted on separately. If they are approved by Delegates, they will be incorporated into the overall package.



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**May Meeting:** Tuesday, May 6, 2008

**The Major Topic:** Revenues and Expenditure Report

**May News deadline:** April 16, 2008

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## Tidbits

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New activities or actions, considered by the Executive Committee since the March meeting are itemized. Where noted, material has been posted to our Web site.

1. **Privacy and Increased Electronic Communication** – Clipboards for Email address will continue to be available. Since our last meeting, the Excom approved a **Privacy Policy** found on the Web Site – under documents.
2. **Committee Guidelines** – Excom reviewed and will release “guidelines” for Committee Chairs. Our desire is to add to committee membership and active participation in committee activities – *Get Involved!*
3. **ADs** – Material additions continue! See many revisions/additions to Accessory Dwellings (ADs) documents since our last meeting (on the Web Site). The County plans a public forum for March 31st, with perhaps another in May – see the Web for latest schedule and any further ACCF plans.

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## R & E Committee News - Proposed Budget for FY2009

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For the first time in many years, the County Board has advertised an increase in the tax rate as well as an increase in taxes. This amounts to an increase of 3.4 cents in the tax rate to a new rate of approximately 85 cents per \$100 of assessed value. The Board recently received authority to tax commercial properties at a higher rate than residential properties. As a result, they propose increase to increase the tax rate on commercial properties by 12.5 cents per \$100 assessed value.

The proceeds of the 12.5 cent increased commercial tax would be used for transportation related projects.

The R&E Committee will have more to say on these topics in our report and recommendations which will probably not be posted to the CivFed web site until Sunday or Monday, March 30<sup>th</sup> or 31<sup>st</sup> due to the fact that work continues on the report literally until the last few hours before presentation to the membership. Members are encouraged to attend any of the R&E meetings (call or e-mail Burt Bostwick for schedule, 703-527-5415 or [bostwick@emerecon.com](mailto:bostwick@emerecon.com)) or contact committee members directly if you wish specific issues to be considered.

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## Schools Committee News

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The Superintendent's proposed budget includes projected increased revenues and expenditures of 4.8% over last year's adopted budget, from \$411 million to \$431 million. Among this year's \$20.1 million in "focused improvements" (new programs) he has proposed a 2% across-the-board increase in salaries (COLA) and increasing the employee retirement match contribution from 1.7% to 2%. Those two proposals alone represent \$6.4 million of the \$20.1 million, and the Schools Committee report recommends fully funding both of them. However, the Committee will recommend not funding about \$7 million in other new programs, and reserving that money to address the school system's liability for retiree health benefits -- a current unfunded liability of \$13.6 million annually. Hear the details of the Committee's recommendations and report on the budget at the April 1 meeting, and check out our report (combined with the Revenue & Expenditures Committee's report) on-line the day before at [www.CivFed.org](http://www.CivFed.org).