



# THE Civic Voice

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## Meeting Notice

Tuesday, April 9, 2013  
7:30 p.m.  
Hazel Auditorium  
**Virginia Hospital Center**  
1701 N George Mason Drive  
Arlington, VA 22205  
[www.civfed.org](http://www.civfed.org)

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## Agenda

- 7:30 Pledge of Allegiance  
Approve agenda  
Officer reports  
Member delegate  
announcements
- 7:40 Election of Nominating  
Committee
- 7:45 Budget Program
- 9:15 Old Business
- Special Rule for Budget Report**
- Resolution on Arlington County  
Energy Plan**
- 9:25 New Business
- 9:30 Adjourn

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## Executive Committee News

Jim Lantelme, Chair [jim@civfed.org](mailto:jim@civfed.org)  
Terri Prell, Vice-Chair [terri@civfed.org](mailto:terri@civfed.org)

The Executive Committee met on March 10, 2013 to plan the agenda for the April 9, 2013, meeting general meeting and discussed the agenda for future meetings ([www.civfed.org/officers.htm](http://www.civfed.org/officers.htm)).

The Executive Committee will meet on April 14, 2013, at 7:30 p.m. at 4805 Wilson Blvd, Arlington VA 22203 (Fire Station 2) to coordinate committee work, plan future meeting programs.

## **Committee News**

### **Annual Banquet**

The Arlington County Civic Federation's 97th Annual Banquet and Awards Ceremony will be held this Friday, April 5, 2013 with featured guest speaker, David Foster.



Mr. Foster

The banquet is being held at the Holiday Inn, Rosslyn, 1900 North Fort Myer Drive, Arlington, VA 22209. Parking is available in the hotel garage. If you have questions, please contact Peter Olivere at [peterolivere@cived.org](mailto:peterolivere@cived.org).

### **Welcome New Members**

The Federation is happy to welcome three new organizations to the Federation's membership. Opera NOVA and Colonial Villages I and III were approved unanimously by the delegates at the March meeting. We are glad to count these new organizations among our membership. Welcome!

### **Working Group for Neighborhood Insurance**

Many delegates and organizations have been concerned about the County requirement to procure insurance for neighborhood and community events. Paul Svercl will lead a working group to investigate possible options for the Federation to provide private insurance to its member organizations. The working group will provide a recommendation, but no action will be

taken until the Executive Committee and Federation has had an opportunity to consider said recommendation. If you are interested in participating in the working group, please contact Paul at [pvsvercl@yahoo.com](mailto:pvsvercl@yahoo.com).

### **Concerned about Traffic in Your Neighborhood?**

The Federation could use your help. If you are concerned about through traffic, the installation of traffic calming measures, or pedestrian safety, you should contact President James Schroll about serving as a representative to the County's Traffic Calming Committee. The Committee meets on the first Wednesday of the month at 7:30pm. If you are interested in serving please contact James Schroll at [james@civfed.org](mailto:james@civfed.org).

### **Meeting Program**

#### **Election of Nominating Committee**

Pursuant to the Federation's bylaws, "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. Nominees must be delegates or alternate delegates of the Federation. It shall be the duty of this Committee to nominate at least one candidate for each office, and at least five members to serve on the Executive Committee. The nominees for office and for the Executive Committee shall be delegates or alternate delegates of the Federation and shall maintain the status of delegate or alternate delegate during their term of service. The Nominating Committee shall submit its report in writing to all the delegates through the newsletter, or by other appropriate means, and shall report at the annual meeting in June, at which time nominations from the floor shall be permitted with the consent of the nominee."

The Executive Committee proposes that the following individuals serve on the Nominating Committee:

- Jim Pebley
- Mileva Hartman
- Jackie Snelli
- Jim Lantelme
- James Schroll

After a reading of these five (5) names, nominations will be in order from the floor.

## **Budget Program**

The Federation will hear budget presentations and consider budget resolutions at the April meeting. Please see the new special rule in the unfinished business below, which was developed by the Executive Committee at the last Executive Committee meeting and has been circulated to the chairs of the Federation's committees.

The Federation's Revenues and Expenditures Committee will present a budget report at the April meeting which will look at long-term budget issues. **The report is for informational purposes only and there will be no vote on the R&E report.** Federation Committees will have the option of presenting budget resolutions pursuant to the special rule below.

## **Unfinished Business**

The first item of unfinished business before the Federation is the consideration of the new proposed special rule governing the consideration of the budget report, the text of which may be found below.

### **Special Rule for Consideration of the County and School Budget:**

*The special rule will be broken down into two votes, which as motions to suspend the rules, must achieve a two-thirds vote of the delegates present to pass. If the first vote passes then the Federation will proceed to a vote on the second component to the special rule. The language on which member delegates may vote on each vote is listed below.*

*The first vote taken by the Federation will be on whether committees shall be permitted to present resolutions and have a vote on the same resolutions within one Federation meeting. The second vote taken by the Federation will determine whether resolutions will be considered*

*by simple up or down vote of the Federation delegates.*

*If the first component to the special rule passes, committees will be allowed to present one resolution for consideration by the Federation. Proposed committee resolutions must provide for explicit details to provide the funding for their proposed budget change. The proposed revenue increases or deductions shall be from within the committee's budget purview only, and committees are prohibited from cutting funds from within another committee's purview. For example, the Transportation Committee could not advocate for an increase in the paving funds for the County Budget, by proposing a decrease in park acquisition funds. All proposed changes should include both the exact dollar amount of the increase or deduction, in addition to the change to the Manager's proposed tax rate. Additionally, committees may produce a substantive report which provides basis for their resolution, although there is shall be no requirement for committees to produce a report. Such reports will not be voted on by the delegates and will be informational only.*

*If the second component to the special rule listed below is adopted, there will only be an up or down vote on the proposed resolution. If the second component to the special rule fails to pass, normal parliamentary procedure will govern.*

*Adopted resolutions resolutions shall be incorporated into the comprehensive resolution listed in the italicized text below.*

*Committees wishing to propose a resolution must send them to the president of the Civic Federation by 5:00 pm on Friday, April 5, 2013. Resolutions which have not been submitted by this deadline will not be considered by the Federation and will be deemed out of order at the April 9, 2013, membership meeting.*

### **Special Rule**

**First Vote:** *The Arlington County Civic Federation shall waive standing rule 3 of the Federation's bylaws and permit Federation committees the opportunity to present resolutions for consideration with a vote of two-thirds of the Federation delegates present. Proposed committee resolutions must provide for explicit details to provide the funding for their proposed budget change. The proposed revenue increases or deductions shall be from within the*

*committee's budget purview only, and committees are prohibited from cutting funds from within another committee's purview.*

**Second Vote:** *The Arlington County Civic Federation shall waive the ability of member delegates to amend the resolutions, as contained within Article XIII of the Federation's bylaws, with a two-thirds vote of the Federation delegates present and only permit an up or down vote on the proposed resolution. Resolutions shall be adopted with a majority vote of the Federation delegates present. Adopted resolutions shall be incorporated into the following language and sent to the County and School Boards:*

*Whereas, the Arlington County Civic Federations committees and members has reviewed the County manager's and Superintendent's Proposed budgets for FY 2014*

*Be it resolved that the Civic Federation proposed the following changes to the County budget:*

*Inclusion of (Item 1 title 4-15) \$xxx and yyy FTE*

*Inclusion of (Item 2 title 4-15) \$xxx and yyy FTE*

*Inclusion of (Item 3 title 4-15) \$xxx and yyy FTE*

*Change in the Tax rate from XXX-YYY to fund the above items (if applicable)*

*Be it further resolved that the Civic Federation proposed the following changes to the Schools Budget:*

*Inclusion of (Item 1 title 4-15) \$xxx and yyy FTE*

*Inclusion of (Item 2 title 4-15) \$xxx and yyy FTE*

The second item of unfinished business is the consideration of the resolution introduced by the Environmental Affairs Committee at the March meeting. The text of the resolution is show below

### **Draft Resolution on the Arlington County Energy Plan**

*Whereas, there has been an intensive process over the past 18 months involving a broad-based community Task Force that included business and industry, Federal Governmental agencies, utility companies, hospitals, universities, the Reagan National Airport, and the Arlington*

*County Civic Federation—among others-- to develop a long range Community Energy Plan for the County;*

*Whereas, this planning process seeks to improve Arlington's future office and residential development and transportation networks to become more energy efficient over the next 40 years;*

*Whereas, the County staff, in concert with the Task Force and the follow-on advisory committee, has, as an on-going part of the process, developed a draft Community Energy Plan containing Goals and Policies and a companion Implementation Framework that include a range of Strategies and Tools ;*

*Whereas, the objective of the Energy Plan is to: (i) make us more secure in our energy supply, (ii) allow us to spend less money on energy, (iii) clean up our environment, and (iv) make Arlington more competitive in attracting high-tech industry;*

*The Arlington County Civic Federation HEREBY RESOLVES to endorse the objective of creating such a long term Community Energy Plan.*

*The Arlington County Civic Federation FURTHER REQUESTS that the Federation continue to be an active participant in the further refinement of the Goals and Policy document over time and in vetting and improving the Strategies and Tools that would be used to implement this long term Community Energy Plan.*

## General and Executive Committee Meeting Dates

Month	Primary Program Topic	General Meeting	Executive Committee Meeting
April	R&E and Schools Committees Budget Program	Tuesday 9*	Sunday 14*
May	Legislative Delegation Program	Tuesday 7	Sunday 12
June	To be determined & Civic Federation election	Tuesday 4	Sunday 9

\*These meetings will be held the second week of the month, which is a deviation from the original schedule. Please note this change. The location for these meetings is unchanged. Executive Committee meetings will be held on the Sunday following the General Meeting. They will be held at 7:30pm at 4805 Wilson Blvd (Fire Station 2).

### Civic Federation Committee Chairs

Civic Federation committees study community-wide policy issues in their jurisdiction and report to the Civic Federation's member organization delegates. All Civic Federation delegates and alternate delegates should serve on a committee. If you are not already serving on a committee, please review the jurisdictions ([www.civfed.org/committe.htm](http://www.civfed.org/committe.htm)) and email the committee chair to sign up.

Committee	Chair(s)	Email Address
Executive	Chair Jim Lantelme; Vice Chair Terri Prell	<a href="mailto:jim@civfed.org">jim@civfed.org</a> ; <a href="mailto:terri@civfed.org">terri@civfed.org</a>
Airport	<i>Chair(s) needed</i>	to be determined
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Nominating		to be determined
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Revenues and Expenditures	<i>Chair(s) needed</i>	to be determined
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