

**Approved Minutes May 1, 2018  
ACCF Membership Meeting**

**Call to Order:** Federation President Banks noted the presence of a quorum and called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM. President Banks led the meeting in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting's agenda and the April 3, 2018 Membership Meeting Minutes were approved as submitted.

**June 2018 Membership Meeting:** President Banks announced that the June 5, 2018 Membership Meeting will be held in the Hazel Auditorium at the Virginia Hospital Center. The meeting will begin at 7:00 PM. The meeting's highlights will be a discussion and vote on the Legislative Committee's ERA resolution and a presentation on Government Transparency.

**Treasurer's Report:** President Banks announced on behalf of Treasurer Sarah Shortall that the February Treasurer's report was available on the back page of the draft minutes of the March Membership Meeting. The balances in the Federation's checking account was \$13,326.61 and its saving account was \$18,620.97 as of April 30, 2018.

**Member Organizations All-Stars:** President Banks announced that the following member organizations had two or more delegates and/or alternates present at the April Membership Meeting: Arlington County Tax Payers Association, Arlington East Falls Church Civic Association, Ashton Heights Civic Association, Bluemont Civic Association, Columbia Heights Civic Association, Friends of Arlington Parks, Glencarlyn Citizens Association, League of Women Voters, Lyon Village Citizens Association, Maywood Community Association, North Rosslyn Civic Association, Waverly Hills Civic Association, Yorktown Civic Association.

**100% Attendance All Stars:** President Banks announced that the following member organizations have had representatives at every Membership Meeting since September 2017: American Association of University Women, Arlington Educational Association, Arlington Ridge Civic Association, Barcroft School & Civic League, Bluemont Civic Association, Boulevard Manor Civic Association, Clarendon-Courthouse Civic Association, Colonial Village III Condominium, Columbia Heights Civic Association, Douglas Park Civic Association, Dover-Crystal Civic Association, Glencarlyn Civic Association, League of Women Voters, Maywood Civic Association, North Rosslyn Civic Association, Waverly Hills Civic Association, Williamsburg Civic Association, and the Yorktown Civic Association.

**2018 Annual Civic Federation Banquet:** President Banks reminded the meeting to save the date – May 4, 2018. CivFed's 2018 Annual Banquet will feature Alan Ehrenhalt. Former Executive Editor, Governing Magazine; Michelle Winters, Executive Director of the Alliance for Housing Solutions; and Peter Rousselot, Columnist of the ARLNow opinion column, "Peter's Take." President Banks promised that there will be a lively conversation on the theme of Arlington's Growth Express -Still on track...or off the rails?

**Career Center Video Recording of this Meeting:** President Banks thanked Career Center students Seb Duall and Campbell Hamilton-Howard; Career Center TV production teacher assistant Bryan Kaplan; and Career Center instructor Tom O'Day for making a video recording of this Federation meeting.

**Suspension of the Rules:** A motion was made, seconded and approved without exception to suspend the Federation's Standing Rules to allow delegates and alternates to ask a second question taking 15 seconds or less if they completed their first question was within 30 seconds or less and to open the floor to questions from the public. Presenters will have 2 minutes to answer questions.

**April Executive Meeting:** President Banks announced that the May Executive Committee Meeting would be held at 6:30 PM on May 6 at Fire Station 2, 4805 Wilson Blvd.

**New Member Organizations:** A motion to approve the membership applications of the Arlington Tree Action Group, the Arlington Animal Welfare League, Shirlington Dogs II, and Signature Theater was made, seconded and approved without exception.

**New Delegates:** President Banks welcomed new delegates Natalie Carr of Shirlington Dogs II, Angela Dickey of

Arlington Tree Action Group, and Marie-Ignacia Klopff of the Woman's Club of Arlington.

**Tim Wise:** President Banks announced that long-time delegate Tim Wise, President of Arlington Tax Payers Association, is ill and recuperating in Fredericksburg. Get well cards were available in the lobby for delegates and alternates to sign.

**Membership Meeting Dates:** Lois Koontz of Alcova Heights gave a presentation on changing the date for Membership meetings to enable the participation of parents who had children in Arlington County Elementary Schools. Ms. Koontz said that the Hazel Auditorium at the Virginia Hospital Center would be available on the third Tuesday of the month beginning in September 2019 and the second Wednesday of the month beginning in January 2020. A "straw vote" motion to change CivFed's Membership Meeting Date to the third Tuesday of the month beginning in September 2019 was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 43 ayes, 1 no, and 1 abstention.

**Report and Panel Discussion of the ERA Resolution:** Pat Fishback, League of Women Voters; Kati Hornung, VARatifyERA; and Julia Tanner of the Legislation Committee and the Ashton Heights Civic Association, Virginia ACLU, participated in a panel discussion of the ERA Resolution. Don Gurney, a delegate representing both the League of Women Voters and the Dominion Hills Civic Association and a member of the Legislation Committee, moderated the panel. Questions from Mr. Gurney and delegates and alternates included the following: "Why is the ERA necessary given the 14<sup>th</sup> amendment and civil rights legislation? Since the deadline for passage of the ERA was 1982, how will passage of the amendment by the Virginia General assembly make any difference? Is the amendment self-enacting? What relevance does Congress's 1982 deadline for passage have? What are the prospects for the General Assembly pass the amendment? If passed, what effect will the amendment have on employment, salaries and child custody? Is rescission possible? How many other states are still play with regard passage of the amendment?"

**Legislation Committee ERA Resolution:** Mr. Gurney read a revised version of the Legislation Committee Resolution in support of Ratification by Virginia of the Equal Rights Amendment to the United States Constitution that appeared in the May 2018 Civic Voice. The revised resolution states in relevant part *that the Arlington County Civic Federation supports the ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment; and*

*Be it further resolved, that the Arlington County Civic Federation urges the County Board of Arlington, Virginia to place ratification of the ERA to the U.S. Constitution, as proposed by Congress on March 22, 1972, on its list of legislative priorities for the 2019 legislative session; and*

*Be it further resolved, that the Arlington County Civic Federation urges the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Virginia to ratify the ERA to the U.S. Constitution during the 2019 legislative session.*

Mr. Gurney moved that the revised version replace the version in the May 2018 Civic Voice. His motion was seconded and approved. Michael Beer, a delegate representing Maywood, offered an amendment in the form of an additional resolve in which the Arlington County Civic Federation does hereby urge the Congress to extend the window for ratification of the ERA or submit a new ERA amendment with the added words of sexual orientation gender identity with a new ratification window. There was a second for discussion. In discussion, delegates argued that Mr. Beer's amendment was not relevant to the current ERA amendment and should be part of another amendment. Mr. Beer moved that his amendment be withdrawn. His motion was seconded and approved with exception. The main motion was approved by a vote of 44 ayes, 0 nays, and 3 abstentions.

**Announcements:** President Banks referred those attending the meeting to the May Civic Voice for announcements on meetings of interest to membership. He said that Arlington County's 2018 Neighborhood Day scheduled for May 12 had been omitted from this list. For information about the 2018 Neighborhood Day [click here](#).

## Old Business

**Update on Incorporation and Bylaws:** President Banks explained the provenance of CivFed's consideration of incorporation under Virginia's Nonstock Corporation Act and new bylaws that were compliant with incorporation. He said the latest version of draft bylaws was introduced at this meeting to provide enough time for members to make suggestions and comments that CivFed's attorneys could review and use to prepare a final draft that could be voted on at the June Membership meeting, prior to the elections of officers and members of the Executive Committee, which in the future will be called the Board of Directors. In discussion at this meeting, members agreed that comments and suggestions should be submitted no later than May 10th so CivFed's attorneys have ample time to review them and then share them with

membership even before the final draft of new bylaws is published in the June Newsletter. At the June meeting there will be discussion and a vote on incorporation and new bylaws. If both are approved, a Board resolution will be prepared to create committees. Sarah Shortall said corrections were needed in the draft on committee membership, readability and the definition of a majority with respect to voting. Questions were asked about the application of Article IV to those who are eligible to serve on committees and Section 2.03 on membership status of organizations in the Federation. President Banks assured delegates and alternates that electronic versions of the incorporation document and draft bylaws on which they will be asked to vote will be sent to them prior to the June Meeting.

**New Business:**

**R&E Savings Resolution:** Burt Bostwick, a delegate representing the Old Glebe Civic Association and a member of the Revenues and Expenditures Committee, introduced on a Savings Resolution for FY2019 and out-years prepared by the Revenues & Expenditures Committee based a warning recently issued by the County Manager that that future budgets would be subject to pressures to increase revenues and/or decrease programs and services. This resolution states in relevant part that *the Arlington County Civic Federation encourages a county-wide effort to improve revenue streams and examine and improve savings and efficiencies in the County budget by reviewing, among other things:*

- 1) employee compensation (i.e., eliminate regional competition, use of selective and/or temporary raises or bonuses, restrictions on overtime)*
- 2) construction costs and contract oversight (better bidding procedures; more effective cost oversight)*
- 3) emphasis on maintenance/repair of existing facilities vs. new facilities*
- 4) consolidation and re-purposing/sale/sub-let of County owned/leased buildings*
- 5) new incentives for commercial construction, including improved procedures for commercial business transactions*
- 7) less density*
- 8) Core needs vs. discretionary outlays*
- 9) Improve/enhance Open Data portal (priorities?)*
- 10) Consider direct subsidies for priority employees vs. non-selective AHIF subsidies*
- 11) Definition of debt ratio limitations*
- 12) Water bill inconsistencies*
- 13) Increase in resources for IG and Internal Auditor*

The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:24 PM.  
Respectfully submitted: Dennis Gerrity, Secretary

## 2018 Arlington County Civic Federation Banquet Summary

<b>Income</b>	<b>2017 Actual Income/Expenses</b>	<b>2018 Projected Income/Expenses</b>	<b>2018 Actual Income/Expenses</b>
<b>Tickets</b>	\$ 5,129.00	\$ 4,860.00	\$ 6,059.15
<b>Donations</b>	\$ 860.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 911.30
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 5,980.00</b>	<b>\$ 4,860.00</b>	<b>\$ 6,970.45</b>
<b>Expenses</b>			
<b>Hotel</b>	\$ 4,902.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,032.88
<b>Invitations –print/mail</b>	\$ 557.73	\$ 500.00	\$ 605.85
<b>Program – printing</b>	\$ 142.95	\$ 150.00	\$ 48.50
<b>Engraving/awards</b>	\$ 59.06	\$ 200.00	\$ 110.98
<b>Filming</b>	\$ 200.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 200.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 5,861.74</b>	<b>\$ 6,100.00</b>	<b>\$ 5,998.21</b>
<b>Revenue after Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 118.26</b>		<b>\$ 972.24</b>
<b>Banquet Information</b>	140 registered 78 – by PayPal 64 – by mail 12 comp tickets		138 registered 95 – by PayPal 43 – by mail 7 comp tickets

**ACCF Treasurer's Report  
May 1 - 31, 2018**

**Checking**

Beginning balance 5-1-2018		\$ 13,212.25
Deposits:		\$ 4,272.14
2017-18 Dues:	\$ .00	
2018 Banquet:		
Checks:	\$ 190.00	
PayPal*	\$ 1,609.64	
	\$ 1,799.64	
Transfer from savings account:	\$ 2,472.50	
Expenses/Payments:		\$ 6,760.87
Administrative:		
Constant Contact	\$ 133.00	
ARTE Scholarship Fund	\$ 500.00	
ACPD Memorial Wreath	\$ 203.70	
	\$ 836.70	
2018 Banquet:		
Program	\$ 48.50	
Awards	\$ 21.50	
Ticket refund	\$ 45.00	
Hotel/food	\$ 5,809.17	
	\$ 5,924.17	
Ending balance 5-31-2018		<b>\$ 10,723.52</b>

**Savings**

Beginning balance 5-1-2018		\$ 18,620.51
Deposits	\$ .00	
Interest	\$ .91	
Expenses/Payments	\$ .00	
Transfer to checking account	\$ 2,472.50	
Ending balance 5-31-2018		<b>\$ 16,148.92</b>

\* PayPal assesses a fee of \$1.75 for each \$50 electronic deposit/payment.

## Preliminary 2017-18 ACCF Financial Report on Operating Budget

		<b>Budgeted Revenues/Expenses</b>	<b>Actual Revenues/ Expenses</b>
<b>Revenues</b>			
	Dues	\$ 4,050.00	\$ 3,822.00
	Donations		
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$ 4,050.00</b>	<b>\$ 3,822.00</b>
	Transfer from savings for Incorporation		\$ 4,732.50*
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 4,050.00</b>	<b>\$ 8,554.50</b>
<b>Expenses</b>			
	Communication	\$ 3,510.00	\$ 3,062.50
	Administration	\$ 1,096.00	\$ 132.98**
	Insurance	\$ 1,578.00	\$ 828.00
	Donations made	\$ 500.00	\$ 703.70
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$ 6,684.00</b>	<b>\$ 4,727.18</b>
	Legal services for Incorporation/Bylaws		\$ 4,732.50*
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 6,684.00</b>	<b>\$ 9,459.68</b>
<b>Balance</b>		<b>(\$ - 2,634.00)</b>	<b>(\$ - 905.18)</b>

\* Savings account balance 7-1-17: \$ 20,876.12

Savings account balance 6-30-18: \$ 16,148.92

\* Administrative costs significantly below projected budget because Executive Committee members made more than \$1,000 in in-kind contributions to cover these expenses.

## **June 5 Membership Meeting Agenda**

7:00 Regular Business

7:10 Legislative Panel

8:10 Report and Votes on Incorporation and New Bylaws

8:40 Election of Officers and ExCom members

8:50 Report and Vote on Revenue Expenditures Committee  
Budget Savings Resolution

9:05 Old Business

• North Highlands Annexation

9:10 New Business

9:15 Adjourn