

## ACCF FY2021 Membership Renewal

FY2021 ACCF Membership renewal was due by December 30, 2020. We have not heard from the member organizations listed below:

1. Arlington Coalition of Police \*
2. Black Oak Cluster Community Association
3. Bromptons at Rosslyn HOA
4. Center for Urban Education
5. Civic Coalition for Minority Affairs\*
6. Encore Stage & Studio
7. Hyde Park Condominium Association
8. Old Dominion Citizens Association\*
9. Rock Spring Civic Association\*
10. Westwind Homeowners Association\*

\* Indicates two years past due.

Annual membership renewal requirements:

- the payment of a \$20 annual membership fee.
- certification that your organization has at least 20 members.
- contact information for your organization's officers and ACCF delegates.

Please mail your ACCF invoice and a \$20 check payable to ACCF to:

- ACCF
- PO Box 42091
- Arlington, VA 22204-9091.

Use this [link](#) to obtain renewal documents and forms.

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## March 16, 2021, Virtual ACCF Membership Meeting

On March 16, 2021, the ACCF will conduct a virtual Membership Meeting 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 must be completed by 12 PM, Tuesday, March 16, 2021.**

*\*\*If voting members register after this deadline, receipt of an electronic ballot cannot be ensured. Due to the fluid nature of live virtual meetings, we must request that voting members adhere to this deadline.*

Please use the following registration link:

[https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJYtcOGhqzsuGdfSjlsitDis8X3m-E\\_4Evbr](https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJYtcOGhqzsuGdfSjlsitDis8X3m-E_4Evbr)

A confirmation email will be sent with unique meeting log-in/phone-in details. We ask for your cooperation and strongly encourage early check-in, which starts at 6 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.

If you are not familiar with Zoom, here is [a link to information and instructions on how to register and participate in CivFed's March 16, 2021 Membership Meeting.](#)

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## March 16, 2021 Membership Meeting Agenda

7:00 Welcome. Pledge, Approve Minutes, Membership Renewal, etc.  
7:10 Senator Mark Warner, COVID update and Q&A  
7:40 Public Services: Adult Mental Health Presentation  
8:20 Environmental Affairs: Briefing on Tree Preservation and Draft Resolution  
9:00 Nominations Committee: Slate for Membership Approval  
9:15 Old Business  
9:20 New Business:  
New Member Application -- [Our Revolution Arlington](#)  
Revenues & Expenditures Draft Resolution  
9:30 Adjourn

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## 2021 Nominating Committee

The 2021 Nominating Committee is charged with presenting a slate of candidates for officers and directors for approval at the June membership meeting.

The following delegates have volunteered to serve on the 2021 Nominating Committee.

- Juliet Hiznay, Columbia Heights
- Dennis Gerrity, NoVA NORML
- Alistair Watson, Aurora Highlands
- Mike Cantwell, Lee Highway Alliance
- Nadia Conyers, NAACP

This slate for the nominating committee will be on the e-ballot for approval at the March 16th membership meeting. Nominations will also be taken from the floor.

Once the Nominating Committee members are confirmed, the Committee will solicit and confer throughout the month of March with qualified and enthusiastic candidates for open positions.

During April, the Committee will have conversations with candidates encouraging them to run and check their documentation.

The Committee will confirm a slate of candidates for each position 30 days before voting at the June membership meeting. For more information contact [Allan Gajadhar](#).

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## President's Corner

Welcome,

This month we have a special guest at our monthly membership meeting **Sen. Mark Warner** is joining our meeting us to discuss the COVID relief bill currently being discussed by the Senate. This is a rare opportunity to meet with our Senior Senator, we hope to maximize the engagement opportunity. Senator Warner will be available for questions from the floor, we would also like to send him questions in advance. If you have any questions that you would like to pose to Sen. Warner, please send them to me NLT Tuesday 3/9 to give him time to prepare. As this was a late addition to our agenda, this month's meeting will run later than usual.

In Covid news, following up from the presentation by Arlington's public health director Dr. Ruben Varghese at February's membership meeting, the Civic Federation has signed up as a partner with the County's Covid Vaccine Committee in order to communicate vaccine information to our membership and the community. Vaccine availability is increasing rapidly. There is a new, single-shot vaccine available; and the three companies with vaccines have committed to delivering over 200 million doses to the Federal government by the end of this month. The County has given close to 30,000 shots of the vaccine as of this writing. Additionally, several local pharmacies are also offering vaccines through the federal pharmacy program. There is a lot of demand for the vaccine now that it is available, the Federal government projects that everyone who wants to can be vaccinated by the end of May. This is quite a shift from late last year when the vaccines were just being approved amid a huge spike in cases. The pandemic is not over, but I believe that the worst has passed, and there is a clear light at the end of the tunnel.

I look forward to this month's membership meeting. Our committees continue to do great work at the forefront of important issues in the County. The Public Services Committee will present a panel on mental health care in Arlington, and the Environmental Affairs committee will present a panel and their resolution on preserving our tree canopy.

Warmly,

[Allan Gajadhar](#)

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### **Public Services: Updates to Mental Health Care in Arlington**

Building upon last year's program on youth mental health, the committee will focus on adult mental health care and the interface between services. Discussion will be based on the recently released [Police Practices Group Report](#), as well as funding implications in the county manager's FY 2022 proposed budget.

#### Program Topics:

- Expanding co-response and mobile crisis models with mental health professionals
- Data collection
- Emergency communications center and protocols
- Homeless services
- Substance abuse services
- Legal system considerations
- View recent Mental Health Subcommittee meetings: [Meeting 1](#), [Meeting 2](#)

#### Panelists:

*Naomi Verdugo*, Police Practices Group, Mental Health and Policing Committee, Chair  
*Acting Chief Andy Penn or Captain M. Rowling/Lieutenant M. Puia*, Arlington County Police Department.

Members should send any suggested questions to [Nicole Merlene](#)

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### **Environmental Affairs Committee Briefing on Tree Preservation and Draft Resolution**

Karen Firehock, Director of the [Green Infrastructure Center](#) in Richmond will present: "How to Conserve and Restore the Urban Tree Canopy" and its many values to the community. After the presentation, members may pose questions via chat or the raise hand feature.

The Committee will also offer a revised [resolution](#) urging the County Board and Manager to fulfill a commitment to address the conservation, planting, and management of trees and unique ecosystems in Arlington County by immediately updating a tree canopy and natural resource assessment. This information is an essential foundation for revising the [Forestry and Natural Resources Plan](#) currently underway as well as ensuring transparency and accountability towards reaching Arlington's goals.

## **Our Revolution Arlington Application to Join the Civic Federation**

The Federation's Board of Directors approved the membership application of Our Revolution Arlington to join the Civic Federation. Mr. [Joseph Young](#) of Our Revolution Arlington will introduce his organization to the membership. For more information about Our Revolution Arlington, please follow this [link](#). Voting members will be asked to vote on the Our Revolution Arlington membership application by electronic ballot at the end of the meeting.

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## **Update from Task Force in Governance and Election Reform (TiGER)**

The Task Force has held two meetings to date. Chris Wimbush has been elected chair, and two subcommittees have also been formed: Public engagement, chaired by Sharon Valencia, and Communications, co-chaired by Dave Schutz and Sangita Sigdya. This executive committee also includes former elected officials John Vihstadt and Tannia Talento, as well as the Civic Federation president.

A work plan has been developed that outlines the phases and dates of the Task Force's work, including monthly reports to the Civic Federation membership, and Civic Federation membership consideration and approval of all Task Force proposals and documents. The work plan will be discussed and voted on at the next TiGER meeting on March 15th.

Interested Civic Federation members may observe this meeting by registering at this [link](#). The meeting ID is 958 2879 6709. The passcode is 681212.

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## **March 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 12PM, Monday, March 15, 2021.

The Main Ballot will be introduced and distributed to voting members shortly before the meeting is adjourned. Voting will close at 9PM on Wednesday, March 17. Results will be announced via email to the membership on the evening of Thursday, March 18, 2021.

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

- [Draft February 16, Membership Meeting Minutes](#)
- [Environmental Affairs Draft Resolution](#)
- [Nomination Committee: Slate of Members](#)
- [New Member Application: Our Revolution Arlington](#)

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

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## April 2021 Membership Meeting

Our April membership meeting will be a virtual meeting using Zoom, a video conferencing platform. It will feature presentations by the Public Services Committee on Law Enforcement and the Legislative Affairs Committee on Data Privacy and Civil Rights. It will begin at approximately 7 PM on April 20. More details will follow in the April newsletter.

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### Public Safety Committee Report

As part of Arlington County Civic Federation's ongoing efforts to support open data and education, the Public Safety Committee presents this [report on the Arlington County Police Department](#), utilizing a variety of publicly accessible resources. The report provides context and additional resources while awaiting the Arlington County Police Practices Group's external consultant reports. The external consultant reports will focus on six additional areas, including, but not limited to, training, retention, data and statistics.

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### Legislative Affairs Committee: Data Privacy & Civil Rights

The Legislation Committee will present an educational program on Data Privacy and Civil Rights on April 20, 2021.

Americans are handing over personal information to companies and local, state and federal governments, yet there have been virtually no privacy protections. Whether you are applying for jobs, making everyday purchases or browsing online, protecting your privacy is important. Discrimination in current business data practices is also a serious problem that disproportionately affects people of color, women, immigrants and other marginalized persons.

Virginia is now poised to become the second state to [enact](#) a comprehensive data privacy law regulating private companies.

Questions for [panelists](#) can be submitted through April 19, 2021, to [ronhaddox@hushmail.com](mailto:ronhaddox@hushmail.com). Please use "Data Privacy Panel" in your subject line.

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### Bylaws & Rules Committee Update

The Bylaws & Rules Committee has created a set of Parliamentary Procedures to replace Robert's Rules of Order. It is under review by the Board. They will have the final say, but the Committee would like to know what the Membership thinks of them. Please contact [Allen Norton](#) to request a copy.

In an effort to strengthen our organizational procedures, the Board of Directors is currently focused on clarifying the resolution process. The intent is to replace current Board Procedures [BR 2019-20-3 "Resolutions and Motions"](#) with a more descriptive and transparent version.

Please contact Eric Cassel, CivFed Board Chair for more info: [bod.chair@civfed.org](mailto:bod.chair@civfed.org)

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### [The Civic Federation's Website](#)

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### 2020-2021 Board of Directors

#### Officers

President, [Allan Gajadhar](#)

Vice President, [Tina Worden](#)

Secretary, [Allen Norton](#)  
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### **Board of Directors**

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Member at Large, [Mike McMenamin](#)  
Member at Large, [Nicole Merlene](#)  
Member at Large, [Stacy Meyer](#)  
Member at Large, [John Vihstadt](#)

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

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## **2020-2021 ACCF PUBLIC INTEREST COMMITTEES**

Cultural Affairs – [Chair Tina Worden](#)  
Community Relations – [Chair Nicole Merlene](#)  
Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion – [Chair Alistair Watson](#)  
Environmental Affairs – [Chair Mary Glass](#)  
Housing – [Chair John Vihstadt](#)  
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 ACCF 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](#)  
Newsletter -- [Stephen D'Alessio](#)

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

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## **LINKS TO MEETING DOCUMENTS**

[Draft February 16, 2021 Membership Meeting Minutes](#)  
[Draft January 24, 2021 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes](#)  
[February 2021 Treasurer's Report](#)

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### ***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.

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## ACCF Calendar FY2021

### March 2021

- NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: Tuesday, March 2, 2021
- GENERAL MEETING: Tuesday, March 16, 2021, 7PM, via Zoom; Registration begins: 6PM
- BOARD OF DIRECTORS: Sunday 21 March 2021, 6PM via Zoom

### April 2021

#### April is Civic Month by Arlington County Board Proclamation

- NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: Tuesday, April 6, 2021
- GENERAL MEETING: Tuesday, April 20, 2021, 7PM, via Zoom; Registration begins: 6PM
- BOARD OF DIRECTORS: Sunday, April 25, 2021, 6PM, via Zoom

### May 2021

- NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: Tuesday, May 4, 2021
- GENERAL MEETING: Tuesday, May 18, 2021, 7PM, via Zoom; Registration begins: 6PM
- BOARD OF DIRECTORS: Sunday, May 23, 2021, 6PM, via Zoom

### June 2021

- NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: Tuesday, June 1, 2021
- GENERAL MEETING: Tuesday, June 15, 2021, 7PM, via Zoom; Registration begins: 6PM
- BOARD OF DIRECTORS: TBD

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