



May Membership Meeting May 18, 2021 @ 7:00PM

Delegates, Alternate Delegates, others associated with member organizations, and the public are invited to attend this virtual meeting.

Advance Registration is required and must be completed by 12 PM, Tuesday, May 18, 2021.

Register in advance for this meeting:

https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJUpe2trzMUGdOLz_B9nSAxFnh-TjdXCFgX

A confirmation email will be sent with unique meeting log-in/phone-in details. We 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 identify participants. See "May Ballot - Update" (below) for new voting procedures.

***The [Secretary](#) must be notified of voting member substitutions by 12PM Monday, May 17, 2021.*

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

May 18, 2021 Membership Meeting Agenda

7:00 Welcome. Pledge, [Approve Minutes](#), Polling update, etc.

7:10 APS Superintendent: Dr. Durán (Michael Beer - moderator)

7:40 APS School Board: Chair O'Grady, Vice Chair Kanninen, Board Members Diaz-Torres, Goldstein, and Priddy.

8:10 Diversity Committee Presentation

8:45 Old Business

- [Bylaws Amendment](#)

8:50 New Business

- Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion [DRAFT Resolution](#)

9:00 Adjourn

2021 Nominating Committee

Status Summary

Election of Officers and Directors are held each year, at the Annual Meeting. The 2021 Annual Meeting will be held on June 15, 2021. The ACCF Bylaws require a 5-person

nomination committee selected by the general membership each year. The following individuals are serving on this committee: Juliet Hiznay, Chair, Alistair Watson, Vice-Chair, Nadia Conyers, Member, Stefanie Pryor, Member and Don Gurney, Member. The Nomination Committee has met several times over the course of April and May. Establishing strong and transparent outreach has been a committee priority. The Committee adopted a communications plan that includes direct e-mail, newsletter updates, General Membership meeting announcements, social media, and a press release. If direct outreach by telephone proves necessary to ensure that there are candidates for all open seats, the Committee will move forward.

NOMINATIONS SUBMITTED TO DATE

POSITION	FIRST NAME	LAST NAME	DELEGATE/ALTERNATE	MEMBER ORGANIZATION
President	Allan	Gajadhar	Delegate	Cherrydale Citizens Assn.
Vice-President	Nicole	Merlene	Delegate	NORML
Secretary	Alistair	Watson	Delegate	Aurora Highlands Civic Assn.
Secretary	Allen	Norton	Delegate	Bluemont Civic Assn.
Treasurer				
Director At-Large	Michael	McMenamin	Delegate	Maywood Civic Assn.
Director At-Large	Eric	Cassell	Delegate	Crystal City Civic Assn.
Director At-Large	Nicole	Merlene	Delegate	NORML
Director At-Large				

IMPORTANT DATES

EVENT	PERSONS RESPONSIBLE	DATE
Presentation to General Membership	Nomination Committee	May 18, 2021
Recommended Submission Date for Nominations	Delegates & Alternates	No later than May 29, 2021
Updated Nomination Report for ACCF Newsletter	Nomination Committee	June 1, 2021
Presentation to General Membership	Nomination Committee	June 15, 2021
Nominations from the Floor	Delegates & Alternates	June 15, 2021
Election Ballots Issued by ACCF Communications Team	Communications Team	June 15, 2021
Vote	Delegates & Authorized Alternates	June 15, 2021

Additional Information

This report includes only those nominations that have been submitted to date. To qualify for ACCF leadership, the nominee must be a Delegate or Alternate of an ACCF member membership organization in good standing.

Nominations continue to be accepted. To submit your nomination, please fill out the [Nomination Form](#) online. All qualified nominees will be on the ballot. The Bylaws require that nominations be permitted from the floor during the Annual Meeting.

If there are nominations during the Annual Meeting, the ballot will need to be revised to include those names of additional nominees who qualify for ACCF leadership before it can be issued to the voting members.

Only those persons who attend the June 15, 2021 meeting will be eligible to vote. All Delegates may vote. Alternates may vote if they are voting instead of a Delegate who is not attending the meeting. Alternates who plan to vote instead of the Delegate must provide advance notice, or they will not receive a ballot.

More information about the roles and duties of officers and directors are included in the ACCF Bylaws, which are posted online at civfed.org.

President's Corner



Welcome,

This month we have seen significant progress in vaccination rates in Arlington. We are now at the point where many vaccination sites in the County are taking walk-ins. Additionally, we will soon see the expansion of the Emergency Use Authorization of the Pfizer vaccine to those aged 12-15. There may be school-based vaccinations before the end of the school year, adding additional levels of protection to children in the community.

The schools have faced considerable challenges in the past year. The pandemic led to months of virtual learning, followed by a 'hybrid' learning model; each of which have come with many challenges for students, teachers and parents. Additionally, next year, enrollment is projected to be down, as is tax revenue; all of which affect how students will be taught next year, and the overall schools budget. In that context, we are pleased to welcome APS superintendent Dr. Francisco Durán, as well as the School Board to the May membership meeting. We look forward to their presentation regarding the past year, plans going forward, and the opportunity to ask them questions on these topics.

This month we will also transition our voting mechanism to use the polling feature in Zoom. This will provide immediate preliminary results, and once we confirm the Delegate, or designated Alternate status of all those voting, confirmation of the results will be sent out after the meeting. For those who are dialing in to the meeting and are not using Zoom, we will be accepting votes via text. Those affected will need to identify themselves upon joining the meeting to ensure we identify everyone in this category, we have also added this to our registration questions.

Finally, our nomination committee is in search of candidates for the Board. The Civic Federation thrives with an active, engaged membership; and volunteering for our Board is a great way to engage in the pressing issues of our community. There is a link to the Nomination form in this newsletter, please fill it out and join us in advocating for the greater good of Arlington.

Warmly,

[Allan Gajadhar](#)

Diversity Committee-Presentation

The Diversity Committee is new this year to the ACCF roster with a primary focus on increasing diversity, equity, and inclusion within ACCF membership and leadership and promoting discussion around relevant topics.

Approved at the April 2021 Board meeting, Alistair Watson, delegate from Aurora Highlands Civic Association will serve as chair. This month, the Diversity Committee will update the membership with a presentation on its work since forming, present its framework for addressing diversity, equity, and inclusion, and will outline its goals for 2021 - 2022.

In addition, the committee will introduce under New Business, the following [draft resolution](#) documenting ACCF's commitment to increasing diversity, equity, and inclusion for approval by the membership in June.

For more details please contact the committee chair, [Alistair Watson](#).

Schools Committee

The Schools Committee is pleased to welcome the leadership of Arlington Public Schools. Superintendent Dr. Francisco Durán, School Board Chair Monique O'Grady, and Board members Dr. Barbara Kanninen, Reid Goldstein, Cristina Diaz-Torres, and David Priddy will present on the status of the schools, budget plans, and reopening plans; as well as take questions. We look forward to a robust dialogue. Please contact Schools Committee chair [Michael Beer](#) with any comments or questions.

ACCF Bylaws Section 2.03: Proposed Amendment

The following [proposed amendment](#) was introduced under new business at April's Membership Meeting.

The proposed amendment seeks to preserve ACCF traditional functions serving neighborhood or civic groups and associations during periods of inactivity. The following link provides a detailed [background explanation](#). It will up for discussion and voting at the May membership meeting.

Questions? Comments? Please contact [Tina Worden](#).

Public Services Resolution

The Public Services Committee plans to submit a resolution at the May meeting requesting that the County release the external consultants report for the Police Practices Group (PPG), and document where the County is implementing PPG recommendations in the context of the budget. The draft resolution is available [here](#).

May Ballot - Update

Electronic ballots will be replaced with Zoom's Polling feature. Only eligible voting delegates and alternates designated by the member organization may vote on ACCF membership decisions. Please contact your organization if you are uncertain of your voting status.

The [Secretary](#) must be notified of voting member substitutions or updates by 12PM, Monday May 17, 2021.

Voting members in attendance will vote on the following:

- [Draft April 20, Membership Meeting Minutes](#)
- [Bylaws Section 2.03, Proposed Amendment](#)

[Zoom's Polling feature](#) is not compatible with dial-in participation. Please contact [Allan Gajadhar](#) for special voting instructions.

Monthly Membership Meeting - CHANGE

With one month away before breaking for July and August, the board continues to look ahead. As noted [last month](#), there is a conflict between monthly meetings and the County Board work sessions. The board has heard from several delegates and acknowledges that change is needed. The discussion continues as no decision has been made.

Member input is needed.

Please share your recommendations and email them to [Eric Cassel](#).

June 2021 -Annual Membership Meeting

The June agenda will mark the year's outstanding contributors with an Awards presentation, a grateful farewell to board members and an election for new board members. Additionally, the Legislation Committee will present a program on School Resource Officers impact to the APS Educational Climate and a short update by the Livability 22202 Committee. The meeting will begin at approximately 7 PM on June 15.

More details to come in the June newsletter. Questions? Please contact [Tina Worden](#).

Cultural Affairs Committee

Last month, the Arts Commission invited arts stakeholders to a virtual workshop to engage and consider the Arts Commission's [Equity Statement](#) adopted in December 2020. Several ACCF committee members contributed to the discussion.

Arlington Public Art has asked ACCF members to weigh in on the Public Art Master Plan Update. Some member organizations may be directly impacted by the document and we encourage you to review the document. The deadline has been extended to May 13 for ACCF members. Please direct your comments to the Public Art project manager, [Elizabeth Carriger](#).

The latest updates from [Arlington Cultural Affairs](#), the [Public Art Masterplan](#), the [Arlington Commission for the Arts](#) and [Embracing Arlington Arts](#) are encouraging. Please follow the various provided links to learn more.

Learn more about the [Cultural Affairs Committee](#) or contact the chair, [Tina Worden](#).

Neighborhood Conservation Program Review

In 2019, the County undertook a review of the [Neighborhood Conservation Program](#), per direction from the County Board when it adopted the [FY2019-28 Capital Improvement Plan](#). A description of the focus areas are located on the [County program review page](#).

As part of this process, ACCF participated by sending Shirlington Dogs II delegate, Tina Worden. Earlier this year marked the completion of the [NC Program Review Final Report](#) and submission to the County Manager in February. The final report's next stop will be to a work session involving the Board, staff, and the working group on [Tuesday, May 11, 2021](#).

ACCF members are encouraged to review the report and send comments directly to County Board members before May 11.

Questions? Contact [Tina Worden](#).

Environmental Affairs Committee Update

Public Collaborative Phase 2:

Preserving Arlington's Tree Canopy

Please join us on May 22 at 9:30 AM – 12:00 PM to begin Phase II via Zoom. Register [HERE](#).

Welcoming ALL stakeholders and ALL perspectives -environmentalists, business, development, real estate, commercial, residents, conservation groups, students, ALL.

Participants will be placed in one of six facilitated breakout rooms to bounce ideas and generate strategies for mitigating Arlington's tree loss. Each room will address one of six topics:

- Improving Arlington's urban forest management
- Financial and other resourcing for tree programs and activities
- Targeted developer incentives
- Focused zoning
- Enhancing enforcement under current regulations
- Tree equity in Arlington

A final report will be shared with ACCF members and participants.

Please volunteer, attend and share this event with your networks. All perspectives welcome. Preserving our tree canopy benefits us all and all are stakeholders.

Follow the link for more [meeting details](#). For more information, please contact [Mary Glass](#) and/or [Eric Ackerman](#).

Taskforce in Governance and Election Reform (TiGER)

The TiGER outreach phase has launched, with outreach to Civic Associations and other organizations; and a series of public outreach meetings:

- 5/17/2021 Lessons from Other Local Government, Electoral, and Governance Reforms Processes: Ft. Worth, TX
 - 5/24/2021 Lessons from Other Local Government, Electoral, and Governance Reforms Processes: Portland, OR
 - 6/7/2021 Perspectives on Arlington's Government Roundtable
- Current State of Arlington County's Electoral System and Models of Reform:
- 6/14/2021 - Overview of Voting Systems and RCV
 - 6/26/2021 (Saturday) Experiences with Voting Systems
 - 7/12/2021 Current State of Arlington County's Governance System and Models of Reform
- Current State of Arlington County's Mechanisms of Public Input and Models of Reform:
- 7/19/2021 Current Forms
 - 7/26/2021 Models for Reform

[Email](#) us for additional information, additional resources are being posted to our [website](#).

Diversity Committee - Social Media Tips

We have been hard at work thinking up ways to get our many member organizations to adopt strategies to boost their diversity, which in turn boosts our diversity.

The [Diversity Committee](#) understands the power of social media as a way to bring in more engagement. More unique voices is the key to diversity! We want to provide the rest of the CivFed with tips on how to boost social media presence. These metrics are from Arlington Neighborhood College. Facebook's peak hours are: Tuesday 10AM and 1-2PM, Wednesday 11AM, Thursday 10AM - 3PM, and Friday 9AM-12PM. Instagram's peak hours are: Tuesday 7PM, Wednesdays 11AM and 1-3PM, and Thursday and Friday 10AM-12PM.

Questions? Contact the committee chair [Alistair Watson](#).

Board of Directors

At the April Board of Directors meeting, the Board voted to approve both the [Resolutions Procedures](#) and the [Parliamentary Procedures](#). The first provides a step-by-step process for all resolutions. If you want to introduce any new resolutions, be sure and review this document.

The second is the base set of rules for meetings. In prior years we used Robert's Rules of Order. The new set of procedures is a much shorter and simplified version of Roberts.

There are a few minor changes, but most delegates will not notice the difference. Both procedures will be on the website under the Documents->[Procedures](#) tab.

Details or Questions? Please contact [Eric Cassel](#).

MEMBER ORGANIZATION ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Green Valley Civic Association: Cleanup Events

[Earth Day Clean-Up](#)

Green Valley Neighborhood Clean-Up Day

May 15, 2021 7:00AM to 11:00AM

- Residents can clean out their garages, sheds, basements, etc.

Questions? Please contact [Portia Clark](#), President of the [Green Valley Civic Association](#)

American Association of University Women

On May 17, at 7 PM, the [Arlington Branch AAUW](#) will award the Elizabeth Campbell Arts Scholarship, Arlington Community High School Lunch Bunch Scholarship and the Educator of the Year Award!

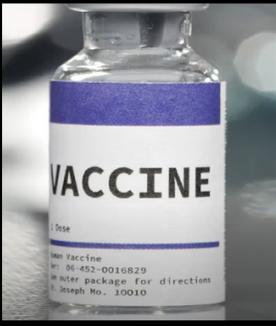
RSVP: presarlvaauw@gmail.com to receive the link to the program.

Arlington County Items

Arlington County Opens COVID-19 Walk-In Clinics

In addition to scheduled vaccine appointments, the County has started walk in-vaccine clinics with no appointments required at Neighborhood Vaccine Clinics. These sites are open to all—not just Arlington residents.

The schedule rotates weekly—check out next week’s clinic schedule on the County [vaccine site](#).

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May 10 thru May 14, 2021	Walter Reed Community Center 2909 16 th Street South (18yrs+)	7 AM to 1 PM			
May 10, 2021	Kenmore Middle School 201 S. Carlin Springs Road (16yrs+)	4 PM to 8 PM			
May 12, 2021	Montessori Elementary School 701 S. Highland Street (16yrs+)	4 PM to 8 PM			
May 13, 2021	Gunston Middle School 2700 S. Lang Street (16yrs+)	4 PM to 8 PM			
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Arlington County Logo

There is much community discussion on Arlington's logo options. Please consider weighing in on [Arlington's Logo](#), the last day to vote is May 26. Members are encouraged to reach out to the County Board directly with any comments.

Police Host 2nd Annual Fill the Cruiser Food Drive to Support AFAC

ACPD is conducting the 2nd Annual Fill the Cruiser food drive in support of the [Arlington Food Assistance Center](#) (AFAC). AFAC serves over 2,400 Arlington households weekly by providing dignified access to nutritious, supplemental groceries, free of charge. Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, AFAC has continued to support a growing number of Arlington households, increasing their need for food donations from the public. These donations help fill the shelves at AFAC and ensure they are able to continue to meet the needs of their clients.

Contactless Drive-Thru Donation Locations

The Community Resources Section will be collecting items at drive-thru donation stations on Tuesday, May 18, 2021 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at three locations:

- Giant Food – 2901 S. Glebe Road
- Safeway – 3713 Lee Highway
- Westover Baptist Church – 1125 Patrick Henry Drive

Suggested Items for Donation

AFAC accepts most unopened, unexpired, and unprepared foods, including perishable items. AFAC is most in need of the following low sodium, low fat and low sugar items:

- Low sodium canned tomatoes
- Low sodium canned tuna
- Low sodium canned soups
- Canned vegetables
- Peanut butter (in plastic jars)
- Low sugar cereal

Further details are available on the [County page](#) for this event

Historic Preservation Master Plan Update

Give Us Five for Historic Preservation

Take five minutes to watch a short video about historic preservation, then provide an anonymous, informal response to a question about Arlington's history and its protection. Your perspective will inform an updated Historic Preservation Master Plan for the County.

[There are four video-question pairings on the County website.](#) Choose one of most interest, or respond to all four. They're an easy way to help guide the County's historic preservation work for the next 10 years.

Please share with your neighbors and other connections!

Questions? Please contact [Arlington County Historic Preservation](#)

Arlington Public Library Time Capsule

The [Center for Local History](#) (CLH) will curate a time capsule, "[2020 UnBoxed](#)," which

will contain objects and material representing the major events and themes of 2020 in Arlington County covering five themes:

- **The 2020 Census**
- **The COVID-19 Pandemic**
- **Racial Justice and Civic Unrest**
- **Arlington County's Naming Centennial**
- **The 100th Anniversary of Women's Suffrage**

[CLH](#) is reaching out to community organizations and leaders over the next nine (9) months to obtain items that represent the major events of 2020. The time capsule will also draw from items donated to the [COVID-19 Archives Project](#).

The time capsule collection will be exhibited online in October during American Archives Month, which celebrates and raises awareness about the value of archives and archivists. The items will then be sealed and deposited in the [Arlington Community Archives](#) for preservation and future research.

Donations? Questions? Contact a [Librarian](#).

[The Civic Federation's Website](#)

2020-2021 Board of Directors

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Member at Large, [John Vihstadt](#)
Member at Large, VACANT

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

2020-2021 ACCF PUBLIC INTEREST COMMITTEES

Cultural Affairs – [Chair Tina Worden](#)
Community Relations – [Chair Nicole Merlene](#)
Diversity Committee – [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](#)
Nominations -- [Juliet Hiznay](#)

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.

LINKS TO MEETING DOCUMENTS

[March 16, 2021 Membership Meeting Minutes](#)

[April 20, 2021 Meeting Minutes](#)

[April 2021 Treasurer's Report](#)

Interested in being an Arlington County Civic Federation Delegate

The Arlington County Civic Federation was founded in 1916. Today, it has 85 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.

ACCF Calendar FY2021

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: Sunday, June 27, 2021, 6PM, via Zoom

!Please Remember!

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