
ACCF General Meeting Notice

PLEASE NOTE EARLY START TIME

Tuesday, September 2, 2008, 7:00 PM

Hazel Conference Center

Virginia Hospital Center – Arlington

1701 North George Mason Drive

1. **7:00 PM** - Pledge of Allegiance / Moment of Silence for 9/11 (formal start of meeting)
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Approval of Minutes (June 3, 2008)
4. Treasurer's Report
5. Remembering President Frances Finta
6. Succession to Office of President of the Federation
7. **7:25 – 7:40 PM** (estimated) – Election Procedures Update for November 2008 – Linda Lindberg, Arlington County General Registrar (*see page 1*)
8. Introduction and Reading of the Rules for Candidates Night (*see page 1*)

CANDIDATES NIGHT PANELS (*starting times approximate*)

9. **7:45 – 8:20 PM** – U.S. Congress, 8th District
 - Hon. James P. "Jim" Moran (D), Mark W. Ellmore (R) and J. Ron Fisher (IG)
10. **8:22 – 8:55 PM** – Arlington County Board
 - Hon. Barbara A. Favola (D) and John G. Reeder (G)
11. **8:58 – 9:20 PM** – Arlington County School Board
 - Hon. Libby T. Garvey and Emma N. Violand-Sanchez
12. **Adjournment**

Candidates Night Rules & Format

Due to the limited space in our current newsletter format, the Candidates Night Rules and Format are not included verbatim in this newsletter. There will be three separate panels as specified on the agenda for the meeting. When called, each panel of candidates will speak from the front table in the auditorium. The full set of rules will be available at the meeting (on the reverse side of the agenda). The rules are also available prior to the meeting on the ACCF website (www.civfed.org). Finally, the rules will be read during item 8 of the agenda.

Election Procedures – November 2008 Update

We are privileged to have Linda Lindberg, Arlington County General Registrar provide updated information on the revised procedures for the November 2008 election. To see some of what you will hear, see the **Arlington County Election 2008 Survival Guide** (just go to the Arlington County home page at www.co.arlington.va.us and "click" on Voting & Elections link at the bottom – then click the "Elections 2008 Survival guide!"). Much has changed this year, such as absentee ballot procedures, electronic poll books (no more "alpha" lines), and ballot choice (voting machines or paper ballots).

Remembering Frances Finta

By Editor

It is with deep regret that we report on the passing of our beloved Frances Finta who left us on June 19, 2008. Perhaps former ACCF President Jim Pebley best portrayed ACCF's feeling about Frances in his email to the Executive Committee (and parts oft quoted by the press):

Now I will admit Frances could be tough as nails and absolutely fearless in keeping the civic scene afloat -- but she was our core. I thought she would outlast us all and we would never lose her. It's not that I took her for granted when I was Civic Federation president. It's just that you knew that she made all the trains run on time, wound all the clocks, sent out all the newsletters, kept meetings on track and was the soul of the Civic Federation. You never questioned Frances -- she WAS always right and you never conceived how we could get along without her. She was...is...too vital to us all to contemplate.

If I had to have a hero or heroine in the pantheon of civic activism, Frances would have won all the laurels. No questions need be asked.

Presidential Succession

By Executive Committee

We were all deeply saddened by the recent unexpected death of long-time Civic Federation stalwart Frances Finta, elected in June as our President for 2008-2009. We find that neither of the specified potential successors, Stan Karson or Peter Owen, is able to serve as President. Therefore, at our request, Larry Mayer has graciously agreed to assist us by stepping in as President for the remainder of Frances' term. We will confirm the Federation's acceptance of Larry's generous offer at the September meeting. Until then, Stan Karson has agreed to serve as Acting President.



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October Meeting: Tuesday, October 7, 2008

The Major Topic: November Local Ballot Questions
(bond referenda, public-housing authority)

September News deadline: September 15, 2008

Tidbits

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

1. **Executive Committee Positions** – At the June Executive Committee, Peter Owen was elected Chair and Wayne Kubicki was elected Vice Chair.
2. **Appointments** – Made at the June Executive Committee meeting and during the summer. Appointed were: Wayne Kubicki as Revenues and Expenditures Chair; Peter Olivere as Scholarship Chair; Ann Rudd as Banquet Chair; Mileva Hartman as Membership Chair; Larry Mayer as Planning and Zoning Co-Chair (replacing Bill Gearhart); Bob Atkins as ACCF MAPP representative. Some positions are still open – (*see item 4 below*).
3. **ACCF County Fair Booth** – Many thanks to all who helped man the ACCF County Fair “**Show Us Where You Live**” booth in early August! Pictures should be available on our Web site.
4. **Committee Chairs Needed** – Other than changes listed above – all but two Committee Chairs “reenlisted”! We have openings for both a **Cultural Affairs** and **Community Relations** Chair. Please help us avoid a “draft” and volunteer!

Call for Updated Information!

We have worked hard this summer to convert and update our membership database. However, given the conversion and transition to a new system, it is possible that some information might be outdated or in error. We have sent out requests to Presidents of member organizations for updated information. However, you can help! If you received your newsletter at a wrong address or in error, please let us know!

Please know that all information is **strictly** controlled. No information is either sold or provided to other organizations – under any circumstances! Check our Web site for the ACCF privacy policy. Updates and changes are only made by the Membership Chair Mileva Hartman contacted at Mileva@civfed.org or via telephone 703-841-9287.

Finally, we are now requiring provision of your email address – again usage of this will be strictly controlled. If you have not provided us with this contact information, please do so.

Join a Committee & Help Wanted!

Did you know that the Civic Federation is primarily active through its committees? Consider becoming active by joining a Committee or two.” Reactivate” your participation if you have let your activity lapse.

Finally, did you know that any member of a Civic Federation member organization can participate with ACCF committees? As part of our continued outreach, we encourage you to solicit participation from member organization people who are not Delegates or Alternates. Broaden your member group’s horizons - encourage participation in ACCF committees!

Be Prepared for Emergencies

- September is “Preparedness Month”
- Have a family communication plan
- Prepare a family emergency kit
- Review County web site materials
(**look at:**www.co.arlington.va.us)