



# THE Civic Voice

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## Meeting Notice

Tuesday, March 5, 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 School Board Program
- 8:40 Energy Plan Program
- 8:55 Old Business
- Special Rule for Budget Report**
- 9:05 New Business
- 9:10 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 February 10, 2012 to plan the agenda for the March 5, 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 March 10, 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**

You are invited to the Arlington County Civic Federation's 97th Annual Banquet and Awards Ceremony on Friday, April 5, 2013. Mr. David Foster will be featured as the speaker.



Mr. Foster

Invitations will be mailed to all delegates and alternates at the end of February. If you do not receive one, or are not a member and would like to attend, here is a copy of the invitation in pdf format ([http://civfed.com/home/wp-content/uploads/2013/02/ACCF\\_2013\\_Banquet\\_Invitation\\_for\\_website.pdf](http://civfed.com/home/wp-content/uploads/2013/02/ACCF_2013_Banquet_Invitation_for_website.pdf)). If you have questions, contact Peter Olivere. Reservations must be made, with payment, no later than March 28, 2013. 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.

### **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).

### **The New Website**

The Federation is happy to announce that we have moved over to the new website. You can still find the Federation at <http://civfed.org> and can find old information on the archived website at <http://civfed.org/index.htm>. There is also a link to the archived website on the home page of the new website and on the side bar of each other page on the site. New information will be placed on the new website, although current and old information will still be accessible from the archived website. While we have moved over to the new website, this is not a stagnant process. We want to hear your feedback about how it works and ways we can make it better. Additionally, the Community Affairs Committee will be reconstituted to help maintain the website and new media. While all posted communications will need the President's approval, these individuals will help maintain the organization's web presence. If you have any comments or questions, or would like to get more involved please email James Schroll at James Schroll at [james@civfed.org](mailto:james@civfed.org).

### **Meeting Program**

#### **School Board Program**

The School Board will be our guest at the March meeting of the Federation. The Board will give some opening remarks for roughly 15-20 minutes. Following these opening remarks, the

the Schools Committee will ask the Board prepared questions. After these prepared questions, the floor will be open for member delegate questions for the remainder of the program. This program will be an hour in length.

Member delegates and alternates are reminded that their questions should be questions and that position statements are not questions. Additionally, questions shall be thirty seconds in length. Lastly, in the interest of fairness and an effort to make sure that all member delegates may ask a question, follow up questions will not be permitted.

## **Program on the New Arlington County Energy Program**

Thirty years ago the Long Range Planning Committee headed by Dr. Joseph Wholey developed the Plan that has today resulted in the R-B Corridor, Crystal City and Pentagon City. Today 85% of the development in the County is concentrated in less than 15% of land and in the Metro transit corridors. This has been described as "smart growth" and others now emulate the planning that was done for this within the "Arlington Way" Process. Now the long-range energy planning effort launched by the County Board in Jan. 2010 and spearheaded by Jay Fisette seeks to make Arlington's development and transportation networks more energy efficient--over the next 40 years. Implementing these far-sighted plans can be very powerful in transforming a community, but it is important to get such proactive plans right. The County staff has developed the draft Community Energy Plan containing Goals and Policies and a companion Implementation Framework with a range of Strategies and Tools that the County Board is slated to act on at its June 2013 meeting.

The program by Rich Dooley at the March meeting of the ACCF will provide insights into how district energy systems, better standards, use of renewables (including photovoltaics & wind), and retrofits to high-rise buildings and homes can help: (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. Completing the survey that the Environmental Committee has developed in cooperation with the County staff and providing feedback during the March ACCF

meeting will help to shape the plan to be responsive to citizen input. To make our input into the study process please complete the survey monkey at <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/VWMP2N3>

## **Unfinished Business**

The 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 in the italicized below. The proposed rule was introduced by the Executive Committee at the February meeting.

Recent changes within the Revenues and Expenditures Committee, especially regarding the leadership of that committee, have altered the manner in which R&E will conduct their work and produce the budget report this year.

**Therefore, the Executive Committee asks that the consideration of the special rule be postponed to the April 9 meeting of the Federation, to allow the Executive Committee to further discuss these issues.**

*R&E will continue to review the proposed County budget from the date of its publication (o/a Feb 23), until the date of the ACCF budget meeting (Apr 9). Following R&E's initial review of the budget, it will advise the ACCF Executive Committee and any affected ACCF Committees of budget items that are of significant concern or, that may be subject to R&E recommendations for significant cuts. This advice should be made no later than two weeks following R&E's initial review of the proposed budget. Following this advice, ACCF standing committees that believe R&E's proposed cuts or the Manager's proposed budget does not adequately reflect the needs of its particular constituency will submit to R&E its prioritized list of proposed changes along with their justifications. The proposed changes must be 'revenue neutral', i.e., proposed additions must be offset by decreases in other categories within the committee's purview, or, by an increase in the tax rate.*

*After submission of above committee requests, R&E will review and advise the requesting committee of its proposed final recommendations ASAP, and in any case no later than five days before presentation of the R&E report to the membership, i.e., on/about April 4. If the proposing committee does not agree with R&E recommendations, they may submit for*

*separate vote to the membership, its recommendation for ONE line item, which must be 'revenue neutral', as stated above. The requesting committee should provide this proposal to the R&E committee and the Executive Committee no later than the Saturday preceding the ACCF budget meeting in April.*

*The final R&E report will consist of its recommendations plus any additional requests by the proposing committees. It is understood that this is an iterative process and prompt communications by all concerned parties is essential.*

*The 'special rule' will be amended to provide for requests by ACCF standing committees. No other changes or amendments will be considered at the budget meeting.*

*At the budget meeting, and following presentation of R&E and Schools Committee recommendations, any ACCF committee proposing changes to the R&E report will be given two minutes to present its case. R&E will be given two minutes to respond to the proposed change.*

*After completion of committee requests, membership will vote on each committee proposal, on a straight up or down vote. The totals will be tabulated and incorporated into the final R&E report, with necessary adjustments.*

## General and Executive Committee Meeting Dates

Month	Primary Program Topic	General Meeting	Executive Committee Meeting
March	School Board Program	Tuesday 5	Sunday 10
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.

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Airport	<i>Chair(s) needed</i>	to be determined
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Revenues and Expenditures	<i>Chair(s) needed</i>	to be determined
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