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Advocacy Column: Legislative Relationships: You Have a Key Role!

The FCCMA Legislative Committee will meet in Tallahassee at the end of the month with selected staff directors of House and Senate committees. We will be building relationships and offering ourselves as resources for local government issues. This is the fourth year the committee has worked to make a presence within the state's legislative committee process for the Association. As the beginning of session approaches on March 5th, many of you are holding final delegation meetings, so this is a great time to remind all FCCMA members of the impact that strong relationships with your Florida Legislators and their staff can provide. [\(Read more\)](#)

January New Members

The following membership applications have been received. If no current member comes forth with a reason why these applicants should not be approved as members, he/she will be invoiced for dues. Terry E. Goswick Jr., District VII, Master's of Public Administration, University of South Florida, Student Member; [\(Read more\)](#)

Canvassing for Nominations for the FCCMA Board of Directors

Canvassing has begun in order to fill positions on the Board of Directors. Letters were sent to eligible full members on November 27. There is one at-large director position and the secretary/treasurer position opening in May. All nominations must be self-nominations. To nominate oneself, a letter expressing interest should be sent to the Nominating Committee, c/o the FCCMA office, PO Box 1757, Tallahassee, FL 32302. In addition to the letter of interest (or included within it) should be a short resume paying particular attention to FCCMA participation and work experience. The self-nomination packet must be received by January 24, 2013. Below are the qualifications required for each position. [\(Read more\)](#)

FCCMA 2013 Awards and Scholarships



It's that time of year again when the scholarship and awards applications are due. Are you a student in public administration or related degree at a Florida-based university? If you will be enrolled in either Summer 2013 or Fall 2013 then you

may be eligible for the B. Harold Farmer Scholarship. The recipient will receive a \$2,500 scholarship and all related costs to attend the FCCMA Annual Conference. The conference will be held May 22-25, 2013 at the Orlando Hilton. The deadline to apply is 5:00 p.m., February 11, 2013. ([Read more](#))

In Memoriam: Richard Black

Richard Black, former range rider, passed away on December 21, 2012. He has been a FCCMA member over 15 years. He served as a range rider from 1994-2001. ([Read more](#))

January 17 Webinar

Don't miss the webinar "Legislative Update - Preparing for the Next Legislative Session" on January 17 from 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Eastern.

Representatives from the Florida League of Cities and the Florida Association of Counties will report on what to expect in the 2013 legislative session and what you can do to help. ([Read more](#))

"Crisis Management: The Sanford Experience"



"Every city and county manager and department head faces daily challenges and every so often a mini crisis that tests their wits and experience. However, some local government managers, when they least expect it, are confronted with a "major crisis" that brings international attention to their agency and the manager is thrust into the middle of the controversy. Sanford City Manager Norton Bonaparte, Jr. faced such a crisis in the Zimmerman case this past year. ([Read more](#))

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