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## FCCMA Welcomes New FAC Executive Director Scott Shalley



Scott Shalley became FAC Executive Director of July 1.

*The following paragraph is an excerpt from a letter he sent to the Florida Association of Counties.*

It is my privilege to officially assume the role of Executive Director of FAC. I am truly humbled and appreciative of the opportunity to serve such a prestigious organization. For more than 85 years FAC has fought for Florida's 67 counties and the principle of home rule. I look forward to working with each of you as we carry on FAC's mission to preserve and strengthen home rule.

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### Get to Know Your Board Member: Secretary-Treasurer Jim Hanson



**How long have you been a FCCMA member?** I joined the FCCMA in 1999 when I started work in Florida.

**Are you an ICMA member and if so, how long?** I have been a member of ICMA since 1976 when I began my first job in the public sector after graduate school.

**Please describe your areas of formal/advanced education.** I have a BA in Political Science from Valdosta State College (1974) and a Masters in Public Administration from the University of Georgia at Athens (1977).

**What got you interested in public service?** The early 1970s were politically turbulent times while I was attending college. I started as a math and physics major, but Political Science was a lot more interesting and relevant. [\(Read more\)](#)

### In Memoriam of Pete Witschen

Peter "Pete" Witschen passed away on July 6, 2015, at the age of 65, after a long and courageous battle with cancer.

Pete is survived by his loving and devoted wife Kristi Nicole, his sons Eric



(Melissa), Kyle, Brandon (Katie), daughter Kaylee, and granddaughter Margot (Eric and Melissa), and brother Douglas (Jeanne). Pete was a devoted Husband, Father, Grandfather, Brother, Uncle and friend.

A Memorial Service will be held at a later date. [\(Read more\)](#)

### July 2015 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. **Nicole Renee Evans**, District V, Senior Management Fellow, City of Fort Lauderdale, Student Member; **Melanie M. Neumann Kruszona**, District VII, Masters of Public Administration, Florida Gulf Coast University, Student Member; **Zachary McGinnis**, District V, Senior Management Fellow, City of Fort Lauderdale, Student Member; **Vincent Pastue**, District VIII, City Manager, City of Mount Dora, Full Member; and **Howard Wanamaker**, District II, Commanding Officer, NAS JAX, United States Navy, Affiliate Member.

### FCCMA County Members



Registration is open for the Florida Association of Counties' 2015-16 Policy Committee Conference. The conference will be held at the Hilton St. Petersburg Beach Bayfront from August 26-28, 2015. This event brings together the FAC Legislative Policy Committees to examine the Association's agenda for the next legislative session. You do not have to serve on a policy committee to attend: all commissioners and county staff are encouraged to register! [\(Read more\)](#)

### July 2015 Innovation Edge



*By Sallie Ann Burnett, East Regional Director, Alliance for Innovation*

As any homeowner or contractor would tell you, construction codes and regulations can be a complex web of ever-changing rules and policies that vary from jurisdiction to jurisdiction.

Something that may initially seem like a simple act - pulling a permit for a hot water heater - becomes a daunting task when you're working across an entire region. The time spent visiting a permitting office, waiting in line and filling out an application could be better spent. [\(Read more\)](#)

### Ethics Training at the Center for Applied Ethics at Palm Beach State College

The Center for Applied Ethics at Palm Beach State College is holding several ethics seminars that would meet the FCCMA required ethics training.

#### Ethical Excellence Seminar

This session will be held July 28 from 8:30 am - 12:30 pm or July 31 from 8:30 am - 12:30 pm. This interactive session will provide the tools, skills and strategies to recognize and address a broad range of emerging ethical challenges, blind spots that can derail your decision making, and an action plan for sustained ethics readiness you can apply both at work and at home. [\(Read more\)](#)

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