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Association Committees: The Lifeblood of the Organization



by Lynn Tipton, Executive Director

We have recently sent out notices for FCCMA committee sign-ups. You might have skipped over it, or figured you don't have time to serve. For professional associations, committees are the lifeblood, and as the old saying goes: you truly get out of the association whatever you put into it. Each year, dozens of your colleagues help make this difference for FCCMA. Some years there are task forces or special committees like by-laws that have one specific task, but most of them work on continuous programs and projects. Volunteering a few hours per month for conference calls (our committees do not meet in person to reduce costs) and agreeing to take on certain tasks might seem daunting (especially if you are new to the profession), but it IS rewarding! ([Read more](#))

In Memoriam of Ellen Posivach



With sadness, FCCMA must advise that Ellen Posivach, former city manager of Port Richey and Tarpon Springs passed away this past weekend. A link to her obituary is as follows:

<http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/sptimes/obituary.aspx?n=ellen-s-posivach&pid=170104161&fhid=2358>

Following her receiving a MPA at Old Dominion University in 1978, Ellen embarked on a very successful city management career as follows: [\(Read more\)](#)

FCCMA Communications Committee: Sign Up Today!



This is the second article in a series of articles about the FCCMA committees. Be a part of the great work that FCCMA does through its committees by signing up for a committee that interests you. Most committee work is done via conference call.

The **Communications Committee** is responsible for monitoring the website and advising the staff on any needed changes. [\(Read more\)](#)

March 2014 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. Jason Bowles, District V, Senior Management Fellow, City of Fort Lauderdale, Student Member; Evelyn Calderon, District VI, Master's of Public Administration, Florida Gulf Coast University, Student Member; [\(Read more\)](#)

Fiscal Transparency: A Local Government's Solution



By *T.J.Pletzke*

An excerpt from the Florida State Attorney Generals website states:...
"Government must be accountable to the people. The Florida Constitution, which sets forth our rights as citizens of this great state, provides that the public has the right to know how government officials spend taxpayer dollars and make the decisions affecting their lives. The principle of open government is one that must guide everything done in government for its public."

"In Florida, transparency is not up to the whim or grace of public officials. Instead, it is an enforceable right" -Pam Bondi, Attorney General

While Florida sunshine and Government in the Sunshine are synonymous, the Town of Longboat Key is setting a new standard in open government. [\(Read more\)](#)

Hoggetown Hack



Gainesville's Innovation Academy Team hosted the city's first Hoggetown Hack at the Hippodrome State Theatre on February 22 to promote open government and transparency through the use of its recently launched Open Data Portal. Over 40 local computer science professionals competed in a six-hour app-development challenge, with 14 different ideas pitched to a panel of judges at the end of the day. Hoggetown Hack also was attended by local citizens interested in the open data movement who offered ideas of how the portal

could be expanded to include more datasets of public interest. [\(Read more\)](#)

Gainesville 2014 Onsite Training Session



Don't miss the onsite training session that will be held on March 28, 2014 from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm at the Ironwood Golf Course Clubhouse, 2100 NE 39th Avenue, Gainesville. The topic for this session is **"Outsourcing or**

Consolidating of Services."

The Great Recession is behind us...but the demand for services and the challenges to responsibly fund these services has never been greater. The terms "outsourcing" and "consolidating" create both positive and negative images, depending on one's experience. [\(Read more\)](#)

Supervisor to Leader



In response to popular demand, the Florida Institute of Government is pleased to announce that another series of the From Supervisor to Leader online training program will be held April 1, 2 & 3, 2014.

Normally a three-day long program taught in a seminar setting, the Institute has adapted the Supervisor to Leader curriculum to develop a series of interactive webinar sessions to accommodate those who may not have the time, travel and training funds, or ability to participate in the traditional program. ([Read more](#))

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