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## President's Message



It is both an honor and a privilege to serve as your 2018-2019 FCCMA President and lead the Board of Directors. Your FCCMA executive committee, district directors and at-large directors have all committed to make the 2018-2019 board year FCCMA's best ever.

The bar has been set very high, year after year each president and board has raised it. As a result, FCCMA is the best state association for city management professionals in the nation.

Being your president, amongst all the professionals who belong and participate in our organization, is a very humbling experience. I will do my best, along with the executive committee and the Board of Directors, to exceed your expectations and improve upon our already great association. To read more, [click here](#).

## Conference Highlights



The 2018 Annual Conference was well-attended with more than 300 attendees. [Click here](#) to

view the photo gallery. Some of the conference session presentations are available [here](#).

The 2019 Annual Conference will be held at the Hilton Orlando Lake Buena Vista, 1751 Hotel Plaza Boulevard, Orlando from May 29 - June 1, 2019. Conference details will be posted on the FCCMA website as they become available.

#### **Program Year 2018 - 2019 Board of Directors**

President: **Mike Cernech**, City Manager, City of Tamarac

For a complete list of your 2018 - 2019 Board of Directors [click here](#).

#### **2018 Years of Service to FCCMA Awards**

Congratulations to **Dick Kelton** for 50 years of service!

For a complete list of service award recipients, [click here](#).

#### **FCCMA 2018 Award Recipients**

Congratulations to **Bill Moss**, 2018 recipient of the Richard (Dick) Simmons Lifetime Achievement Award.

For a complete list of FCCMA award recipients, [click here](#).

#### **2017 - 2018 Newly-Credentialed Managers**

For a complete list of newly-credentialed Managers, [click here](#).

We would like to thank our sponsors and exhibitors for their contributions to the 2018 Annual Conference. The Association appreciates the many years of support. To see the complete list, [click here](#).

## 2018 State of the Association

Click [here](#) to download a PDF of the State of the Association presentation.



## Members News and Updates

### New Members

The following membership applications have been received:

- **Issac R. Brownman**, District VI, Director, Public Works, Town of Longboat Key, Affiliate Member;
- **Cheryl Kleen**, District IV, Bachelor of Public Management, Florida Atlantic University, Student Member; and
- **Karen Nelson**, District II, Deputy City Manager, City of Jacksonville Beach, Full Member.

If no current member comes forth with a reason why these applicants should not be approved as members, they will be invoiced for dues.

## **FCCMA Welcomes Emerging Leaders at First ICMA Student Chapter Summit**

The following article was printed in the ICMA Newsletter, June 6, 2018.

FCCMA organizes a student-only summit developed specifically to engage Florida Master of Public Administration (MPA) students.

The ICMA Student Chapter Summit, a new initiative developed by the Florida City/County Management Association (FCCMA) specifically to engage Florida MPA students, took place at FCCMA's annual conference. The summit - the first of its kind - marked the building of a substantial bridge in the state of Florida between local government leaders and students, current professionals and emerging professionals, and theory and practice. It also solidified FCCMA's commitment to the next generation of local government leaders. To read more, [click here](#).

## **In Remembrance of Francis Thomas Kain**

Francis Thomas Kain passed away at the age of 95 in Daytona Beach on May 31, 2018. He served in local governments throughout Florida and Georgia from 1951 - 1987. He served as deputy clerk in Miami-Dade County, assistant city manager in Vero Beach, assistant public works director, public works director and assistant city manager in Fort Lauderdale, city manager in Boynton Beach, assistant city manager in Daytona Beach, deputy city manager and city manager in Hollywood, and assistant county administrator in Broward County. Donations can be sent to: South Florida National Parks Trust, 1390 South Dixie Highway, Suite 2203, Coral Gables, FL 33416.



## **In Remembrance of Betty Baker**

Betty Baker passed away at the age of 69 in Gainesville on June 24, 2018. She has been a FCCMA member since 2002. She served as administrative services director and deputy county manager before becoming manager in July 2013. She was the first African-American county manager to serve Alachua County. After retiring from Alachua County, she served as Gainesville's chief of staff. She retired from Gainesville in April. Details of her service are not yet available.

# **Professional Management Matters**

## **Celebrating St. Johns County's 25th Anniversary**



On June 5, 2018, FCCMA Member Danielle Judd, city manager, City of Green Cove Springs, presented a certificate to the St. Johns County Commission and County Manager Michael Wanchick. The certificate recognized the county for its 25th anniversary of operation under the commission-manager form of government. Pictured left to right: Commissioner Jay Morris, Commission Vice-Chair Paul Waldron, FCCMA Member Danielle Judd, Commission Chair Henry Dean, FCCMA Past President Jim Hanson, Commissioner James Johns, County Administrator Michael Wanchick and Commissioner Jeb Smith.

### **Celebrating Largo's 105th Anniversary**



On June 6, 2018, FCCMA Member Matt Spoor, city manager, City of Safety Harbor, presented a certificate to the Largo Commission and City Manager Henry Schubert. The certificate recognized the city for its 105th anniversary of operation under the commission-manager form



of government. Pictured left to right: FCCMA Member Matt Spoor, Mayor Woody Brown and City Manager Henry Schubert. Largo was the first city in Florida to implement the commission-manager form of government.

## Amendment 1

The Florida Legislature placed Amendment 1 on the 2018 general election ballot. If approved by the voters, it will expand the homestead exemption and shift the burden to other taxpayers. The impact of Amendment 1 is expected to cost \$644.7 million per year - resulting in either service reductions or tax hikes. Most benefits will only go to a handful of homeowners. Amendment 1 is not what it seems and our residents deserve to understand its costs and consequences!

The Florida League of Cities has prepared several resources to help you effectively educate citizens on these impacts. To read more, [click here](#).

## From Our Partners

### **FCCMA welcomes the Florida Municipal Communicators Association (FMCA)**



A new association dedicated entirely to the communication efforts of Florida's municipal governments officially launched this week. The Florida Municipal Communicators Association (FMCA) is a professional network of individuals providing communications leadership and support in Florida's cities, towns and villages.

The only association of its kind in Florida, the FMCA offers communications professionals opportunities to learn, share and develop innovative solutions for the municipalities they serve. Please share this exciting news with the communications professionals in your organization. Membership dues are waived the first year. [Learn More](#)

### **FLC Center for Municipal Research & Innovation - Here to Help You Get Answers**

Searching for the average surcharge imposed by cities that provide water service to neighboring jurisdictions? Trying to draft an ethics ordinance and wondering which other cities have already done so? The Florida League of Cities Center for Municipal Research & Innovation (CMRI) can help. The most frequently requested datasets and analyses based on the CMRI's recent surveys are available on the Research Data & Statistics - CMRI Reports page of the League's website at [floridaleagueofcities.com](http://floridaleagueofcities.com). If you need additional analyses based on these datasets or can't find a report online for the data you need, contact FLC Research Analyst Liane Schrader at 850-222-9684 or [lschrader@flcities.com](mailto:lschrader@flcities.com) regarding additional analyses available.

### **Florida Redevelopment Association Awards Program**

The 2018 Florida Redevelopment Association Awards Program application is now available online. [Click here](#) to access the application. Go to the [FRA website](#) for a copy of last year's Best Book for inspiration! The winners will be announced at the Sanibel Harbour Marriott Resort & Spa during the 2018 FRA Annual Conference on October 25.

This is a statewide awards program that honors the hard work and dedication of individuals, communities and professionals striving to make Florida a better place. Your projects and

programs are important for growth, innovation and overall redevelopment. If you have any questions, please contact [Carol Westmoreland](#), FRA executive director.

## Events and Training Opportunities

### **FCCMA Webinar: Wellness Programs to Improve Employees' Healthcare Costs: The City of Naples' Experience**

2:00 - 3:00 p.m., Eastern Time, Thursday, July 12

The city of Naples has been nationally recognized as a leader in developing a successful healthcare plan. Designers and administrators of the plan will walk attendees through their process, from collective bargaining to implementation results. The focus of their program is to reduce healthcare costs by improving employee wellness. This program is a must for cities and counties struggling with the challenge of controlling the cost of healthcare. With the uncertainties at the federal level and the volatility of the markets relative to this important benefit, this is a wonderful opportunity for local government officials to come together and discuss options/solutions that may work best for their agency. For more information, [click here](#).

### **Public Records Management and Parliamentary Procedure**

The Florida Institute of Government now has two new courses in its online learning community. Public Records Management Parliamentary Procedure are now available! These two vitally important courses are the first of many that will be launched in the coming months. All courses in the Institute's Online Learning Community are available 24/7. Visit the [IOG website](#) for more information and registration.

### **Free FLC Summer Research Symposium - Disruptive Technology: Impacts on Local Government**

Wednesday, August 15, 8:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., Registration Deadline August 8

The registration deadline for the Florida League of Cities Center for Municipal Research & Innovation's Summer Research Symposium is fast approaching. The symposium will be held on Wednesday, August 15 from 8:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. at The Diplomat Beach Resort in Hollywood.

New technologies are rapidly replacing established methods of doing things in our cities. Innovations such as autonomous vehicles, broadband WiFi, and the sharing economy are all impacting the way residents and visitors interact with city services. Join us as we discuss local and nationwide trends, present options and tools cities can use to work with disruptive technology companies, and explore the impacts - both positive and negative - these technologies are having on our communities.

This free half-day symposium is designed for city managers, innovation officers, municipal attorneys and elected leaders to better understand and cope with the impacts disruptive technologies have on municipal government. Detailed workshop information and registration forms are available on the League's website at [floridaleagueofcities.com/research/events-symposiums](http://floridaleagueofcities.com/research/events-symposiums). The symposium is a free event for League members and research partners, but pre-registration is required. Breakfast and lunch will be provided. For more information on the symposium, contact FLC Research Analyst Liane Schrader at [lschrader@flcities.com](mailto:lschrader@flcities.com) or 850-222-9684.

### **2018 Southeastern Conference for Public Administration**

The Alabama Chapter of the American Society for Public Administration will be hosting the 2018 SECoPA's Annual Conference in Birmingham, Ala., September 20-23. It will be held at the Sheraton, 2101 Richard Arrington Jr. Boulevard, N., Birmingham.

Contact [Casey Seidman](#) for registration information.

### **Affiliate Training Opportunities**

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