PLEASE NOTE: Effective September 2015 the Manager newsletter will be sent on a monthly basis instead of weekly. Urgent notices will be emailed to members when necessary; otherwise, please look for the newsletter close to the middle of each month. For the latest membership news, please visit the website at www.fccma.org.

FCCMA Four-Hour Ethics Training Requirement

Just a reminder that you need to complete your four hours of ethics training to maintain your FCCMA membership. This training needs to be completed by September 30 if you joined FCCMA prior to October 1, 2014. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Carol Russell at (850) 701-3607 or email her at crussell@flcities.com.

2015 FCCMA Dinner at the ICMA Conference

FCCMA will hold its annual dinner at the ICMA Annual Conference in Seattle at Sullivan’s Steakhouse, 621 Union Street, Seattle, WA 98101 on Monday, September 28. Dinner is scheduled for 7:00 p.m.

Dinner will include an appetizer, choice of two starters, choice of three entrées and a choice of two desserts. A cash bar will be available. (Read more)

August 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. Frank Abbate, District III, Assistant County Manager, Brevard County, Full Member; Maria T. Aguilar, District VI, Village Manager, Islamorada, Village of Islands, Full Member; Andrew E. Hyatt, District II, City Manager, City of Neptune Beach, Full Member.
Member; **David S. Johnson**, District VIII, Assistant to the City Manager, City of Haines City, Full Member; **John McKinney**, District II, Finance Director, City of Edgewater, Affiliate Member; **Max Stout**, District I, Policy Analyst, City of Tallahassee; Affiliate Member; and **Adam N. Temple**, District V, Code Compliance Director, City of Doral, Affiliate Member. (Read more)

**Memorial Service for Pete Witschen**

A Memorial Service to celebrate the life of Pete Witschen, who served as Fort Lauderdale’s Assistant City Manager from 1986 to 2002, will take place on Monday, August 31, 2015 at 12:00 noon at the Rose & Alfred Miniaci Performing Arts Center, Nova Southeastern University, 3100 Ray Ferrero Jr. Blvd., Davie, FL 33314.

More information can be found on the Fred Hunter’s Funeral Home website at: [http://www.fredhunters.com/obituary/138468/Peter-Pete-Witschen/#bio](http://www.fredhunters.com/obituary/138468/Peter-Pete-Witschen/#bio)

**FCCMA 2015-2016 Internship Program**

Written by **Mike Grebosz, Assistant to the City Manager, City of Deland**

Is your organization in search of an intern? Do you already have an established intern program? Would you like to explore starting an intern program? The FCCMA Student Council Subcommittee is here to help. This year the FCCMA Student Council has put an emphasis on importance of internships as an integral part of developing the next generation of leaders. (Read more)

**Congratulations to Frank Edmunds**

Frank Edmunds recently retired after serving 20 years as City Manager for the City of Seminole. Frank has been an active member in FCCMA serving as his district’s representative for a two-year term, and also served on several committees throughout his 20 years of FCCMA membership, most recently serving on the Professional Management Matters Committee.

District Director VII Micah Maxwell presented him with a resolution at his last council meeting on August 11. (Read more)

**September 2015 Webinar**

The theme of the FCCMA 2016 Conference focuses on the next generation of local government professionals. FCCMA’s first monthly webinar begins this year-long discussion with an outstanding panel of young and seasoned professional managers representing both municipal and county governments. All panelists have been both mentor and mentee in their careers and now employ a mutual mentor/mentee mentality when it comes to their own professional development and their role in preparing the next generation of local government managers in Florida. This is a must-attend webinar for practicing professionals at all stages of their career and for aspiring students who desire to work in local government. Attendees will hear real stories from each of the panelists and will learn how and why preparing the next generation is so critically important in Florida. (Read more)

**FCCMA District V Board Member Daniel Rosemond**

FCCMA District V Board Member Daniel Rosemond was sworn in at the August 12th Board Meeting. He represents the cities and counties in Broward and Miami-Dade counties.
Statement on Diversity and Inclusion

One of President Pleus’ priorities this year was to create a standing committee to work on the issue of diversity and inclusion. Under the leadership of Jill Silverboard and Sally Sherman the Committee developed an association statement which was approved at the August 12 Board meeting and is now posted on the FCCMA website, which reads as: “The Florida City and County Management Association is committed to working with our members, and the communities we serve, to honor the fundamental value and dignity of all individuals. We strive to help organizations manage and create communities that respect diversity and promote inclusiveness.”

August 2015 Innovation Edge

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

Next Big Things: What does it mean for my community?

What might our cities and counties look like in 2036? The Alliance for Innovation Board of Directors set out on a journey to discover the “Next Big Things” facing local governments. We challenged ourselves to look beyond the horizon and imagine what our cities and counties might look like one generation from now. In September the Alliance will launch “Next Big Things.” To kick off NBT, be sure to register for the webinar, “Are You Future Ready?” on Thursday, September 17th at 1:00 pm EDT. If you’re attending the ICMA conference in Seattle, you won’t want to miss What Are the Next Big Things session on Tuesday, September 29 at 3:30pm. While at the conference, stop by and say hello at the Alliance Booth in the Exhibit Hall. (Read more)

Second Annual Great Places in Florida Award Program

The Florida Chapter of the American Planning Association (APA FL) is proud to announce the kickoff of the 2nd annual Great Places in Florida award program! This initiative celebrates Great Places in Florida and the communities that sustain them.

The APA FL Great Places in Florida award program focuses on unique, memorable places that work for the good of their community and attract people to visit them. (Read more)

Freight Regional Listening Sessions

The Florida Department of Transportation will hold several freight regional listening sessions around the state.

- August 26 at Indian River State College from 1:00 pm - 4:30 pm
- August 27 at Estero Community Park Recreation Center from 2:00 pm - 4:30 pm
- September 1 at FDOT District 6 Auditorium in Miami from 1:00 pm - 4:30 pm
- September 2 at FDOT District 7 Auditorium in Tampa from 1:00 pm - 4:30 pm (Read more)

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