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### Center for Florida Local Government Excellence Challenge

Past President William Whitson has recently issued a challenge to all FCCMA Members asking that they consider making a donation to the Center for Florida Local Government Excellence. He stated: "There is no doubt that times in Florida are tough and resources are sometimes in short supply; but the leadership and innovation in our state is definitely not! That is why I know you all will join me in contributing to the center." [\(Read more\)](#)

### The Games Begin

Are you ready for a night of fun and excitement? We need YOU! Each district will need a volunteer to compete in the various district games.

The evening will begin with an icebreaker. You can work individually or in a group. The first group to turn in a completed sheet will win. [\(Read more\)](#)

### Executive Director's Article: The Business of Associations

As you know, next week is the annual conference for FCCMA, which is celebrating its 67th year. For associations, these annual conferences are usually more than just the keynote presentations, workshops and networking - it is also the setting for the annual business meeting. With twin goals of transparency and effective communication, the Association posts its charter and by-laws on the website and also includes them each year in the membership directory so that members can be aware of the governing structure and responsibilities of the officers and board of directors. In addition to the charter and by-laws, the board of directors has adopted, and sometimes amended, several different policies over the years that help guide the board's decisions. The Association works within two important calendar cycles: the program year and the fiscal year. [\(Read more\)](#)

### May 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. **Courtney Barker**, District III, City Manager, City of Satellite Beach, Full Member; **Jeanette Genovese**, District IV, Master's of Public Administration, Barry University, Student Member; **Dan**



**Faulkner**, District VII, Business/Management Degree, Western Michigan University, Student Member; **Bruce Hickle**, District VIII, Director of Utilities, City of Bushnell, Full Member; **Glaelle Jacques**, District III, Master's of Public Administration/Nonprofit Management, University of Central Florida, Student Member; and **SunJin Zanker**, District III, Master's of Public Administration, University of Central Florida, Student Member. ([Read more](#))

#### 2013 State of the Association

The annual State of the Association is linked here <http://fccma.org/state-of-the-association/> for member review. This annual summary of the Association's programs, projects and fiscal status are provided in lieu of an annual report, which used to be mailed to each member. This report also substitutes for committee reports at the annual business meeting, which will be held on Friday, May 24 as part of the annual conference. If you have any questions or if the FCCMA staff may be of any assistance to you, please contact us! ([Read more](#))

#### Financial Planning Appointments at Conference

It's never too early to start planning your retirement. Every year FCCMA invites professional financial planners from ICMA-RC to offer personal financial review and planning appointments. You don't have to be a member of ICMA-RC to participate. ICMA-RC offers this review and planning to all FCCMA members. ([Read more](#))

#### ICMA Scholarship for Women

As part of its ongoing commitment to attracting women into the field of local government management and helping develop those women who already work in the field, ICMA is offering scholarships to women to attend the ICMA 99th Annual Conference. Applications are being accepted through Monday, May 20th. Full information on ICMA's conference assistance scholarship program may be found at [www.icma.org](http://www.icma.org). ([Read more](#))

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