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## THE ROLE OF GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE IN THE FUTURE OF WATER MANAGEMENT

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*"The Goldilocks Water Principle: Flood protection must consider the rare but inevitable condition when there is too much water; water supply must consider the rare but inevitable condition when there is too little water; but natural systems depend on getting both the quantity and quality of water just right the rest of the time."*

Many States such as Florida have focused for decades on developing flood protection and water supply regulations and infrastructure. Florida has also been a leader in the regulation of stormwater and water quality. However, for some time there has been a recognition that the current regulations which are 30 years old, may not be sufficient to manage nutrients loads in natural systems. The management of nutrient loads is essential to assuring the health (i.e. biology) of Florida's diverse and invaluable water resources are maintained and if necessary, restored.

In recent years, managing these nutrient loads (primarily nitrogen and phosphorus) which are dependent on both nutrient concentrations (quality) and the annual runoff (quantity) has been the subject of extensive litigation, science, research, and program development in Florida as required under the federal Clean Water Act. These efforts have been incorporated into the statewide watershed assessment and total maximum daily load (TMDL) programs which are much



closer to their infancy than their endpoint which is to say that these programs and the need to manage nutrients will be a major focus for communities in Florida for decades to come.

At the same time green infrastructure (or low impact development) has captured the imagination of many planning and environmental agencies and organizations as a means to manage stormwater runoff. Since green infrastructure is intended to promote the natural hydrologic cycle processes such as infiltration and evaporation, it has great potential for natural systems management by getting the water "just right" between the extreme floods and droughts. The challenge is to adapt the vision of green infrastructure to the unique and diverse hydrogeology of Florida.

Florida also has a solid base of university research for green infrastructure techniques but unfortunately the application of this research and its infusion into the marketplace in a meaningful way has been slow. Reasons and resolutions for this delay are important topics given the growing urgency for communities to make cost-effective investments to address TMDL

impairments, but that is subject for another time. In the meantime, the pictures and table below provide an evolving inventory of green infrastructure techniques which reflect the current state of the art, other techniques are illustrated through pictures below.

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## A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT

It just seemed like yesterday that I penned my first Word from the President. For me, time has just flown by as it has been a busy summer and fall, both with work and personal life. Often it seems that making time for ourselves and looking past our day-to-day responsibilities is wishful thinking.

With development ramping up and staffing lagging at recession era levels, keeping up with the work load is all I seem to be able to do. Sometimes we just need to step away, such as taking time from the work day to attend an educational event or spend time with the family.

On work side, I took a day off to attend the Regional Forum on the changes to the DRI program, hosted by our First Coast Chapter. It was a day well spent, because my work involves DRIs in our county, so the topic was right in line with my job responsibilities. It was also a great opportunity to network with many of our First Coast members and FPZA members from other chapters making the trip to this event. My hat is off to Randy Gallup and his crew for putting together this very interesting and educational forum. Ed Lehman, as the moderator, kept the attendees involved in the discussion in quite the lively manner.

On the personal side, I recently had to choose between taking off from the office to watch my twins play a high school soccer match late one afternoon or to continue plugging away at my to do list. I decided on the former and had the opportunity to watch my girls play, and you know what, work was still there the next day (and I still have a job)! Balancing our work and family life can be difficult, but sometimes we just need to pull away and focus on what is important for our own wellbeing. For me, that day, it was family over work.

I want to thank Branden Roe, our Newsletter Editor, for putting together a very interesting newsletter. As an Executive Board member, I have the opportunity to review the drafts, so I spent some time this past weekend at home with my feet kicked up, sipping on a cold beverage, taking in the articles. Find a quiet moment, as I did, to read this newsletter as the articles are informative, well written, and issues timely.

And, with the holidays coming up, several of our chapters are planning holiday events, and I would encourage all of you to participate. I am looking forward to attending as many of I can, and catching up with as many of you as possible.



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After the holiday cheer is over with, as we begin the new year, please everyone start by marking your calendars for our next upcoming Regional Forum on January 22, 2016, which will be hosted by the Surfcoast Chapter. The Forum will be held in the Volusia Room at the Daytona Beach International Airport, and the topic will be on Community Redevelopment Agencies. The State Board meeting will be held the next morning, January 23, 2015, at the CiCi and Hyatt Brown Museum of Arts in Daytona Beach. I invite you to attend the meeting, and afterwards, check out the history of our state, which is in the form of art at the museum.

To conclude, as we approach the new year, I challenge all of you to take the time to get involved, if you are not already involved, locally in your chapter. If you are involved, think of ways you can make your chapter even stronger. My challenge still stands to all of our chapters to take on a public service activity, such as helping spruce up a park or a local environmental clean-up. And, during the holidays, take some time out for yourself to attend a FPZA event, spend some special time with your family or loved one, or just kick back and catch up on some reading. The Overview is a good start!

## State Board Adopts 2016 Budget

By: Alexis Crespo, AICP, VP Financial Affairs

On September 18, 2015, the State Board adopted the 2016 Annual Budget – a balanced budget of \$54,495.00. As we continue to grow out of the “great recession” it is exciting to see continued growth in our membership and conference revenues, and the corresponding positive impact to our state budget.

First and foremost, FPZA maintains a fiscally responsible, balanced budget (\$54,495 in expenses and matching revenues). Our two (2) primary sources of income continue to be the collection of membership dues and income from the State Conference. In 2016, the First Coast is set to host an action-packed and fun-filled conference in Jacksonville, and we are projecting a great turnout. We have provided the planning committee with the initial funds (seed money) to begin the planning process and we are anticipating another successful conference (stay tuned for more details)! As always, any revenues raised from the state conference will be shared between the local chapter and the state organization.

Our expenses include important programs such as student scholarships, which promote the ability for the future of our organization to attend the State Conference; continuing education credits (AICP credits) to further educational opportunities and growth in the planning field; and our awards program, recognizing the achievements of individuals and organizations leading the way through innovation, creativity, and commitment to our field. We have also bumped up funding of “Chapter Development” to support great programming across the state, especially in Chapters seeking to re-establish events and/or boost membership.

And of course there are traditional operational expenses including administration, website development, newsletter editing, and office expenses. We are fortunate to see a steady projected membership rate to support these expenses, and have provided a very modest and well-deserved raise to our wonderful Administrator, Wanda Classe.

If you should have any questions regarding the budget or if you would like to review it in its entirety, please contact Alexis Crespo, AICP, VP Financial Affairs, at [alexis.crespo@waldropengineering.com](mailto:alexis.crespo@waldropengineering.com).

## STOP TALKING ABOUT US, AND START TALKING TO US! THE MANATEE MILLENIAL MOVEMENT

By: Danielle Walker, Planning Tech, Manatee County

The Manatee Millennial Movement was formed in February 2015. Millennial staff at Manatee County Government, with the support of the county administration, created the Manatee Millennial Movement (M3). The group's first task was to identify why there was a lack of affordable workforce housing in Manatee County. Active participation in government affairs from the area's retired population, and the noticeable lack of Millennials engaged in the same, stood out as the key factor in the County's deficiency of affordable workforce housing.

As alluded to in the title, there has been much talk about millennials, but no one is actually interacting with them and asking how they envision the future of their city or county. Until now, the input that we have obtained from millennials in our area is changing the way local government is planning for the future. We have to be more creative, utilize different outlets, and build partnerships with organizations predominantly made-up of millennials. In addition, it has urged local government to make more of an effort to get out in front of this demographic.

It's our school of thought that government needs to make the effort to promote citizen engagement through non-traditional methods. This means using social media, going to local college campuses, and partnering with businesses to educate citizens on how they can influence the future design and



Simone Peterson, Danielle Walker, Anisley Mena and Ogden Clark; Founding Members

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## “GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE & WATER MANAGEMENT”

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Green Infrastructure	Urban	Suburban	Rural	Comments
Green Roof	X			Premium cost over conventional roof offset by reduced lands set aside for stormwater
Pervious Pavement	X	X		Premium cost over conventional pavement offset by reduced lands set aside for stormwater
Stormwater Landscapes	X	X		Keep simple - degree of landscaping should match maintenance commitment
Tree Canopy	X			Aesthetic and other benefits - native trees can intercept between 10% to 20% of annual rainfall
Stormwater Harvesting		X	X	Cost may be offset by sale of water to meet non-potable (i.e. irrigation) demands
Floating Vegetated Islands		X	X	Roots directly in water column has potential to more effective than standard littoral areas
Biosorption Activated Media	X	X		Used as a passive filter system or as soil amendment for nutrient reduction
Wetland/Stream Restoration	X	X	X	Regional in scale may be eligible for cost share, grants



Green Roof Infrastructure (UCF; Orlando, Florida)



Pervious Pavement (Siesta Key, Florida)



Stormwater Landscape (Naples, Florida)



Tree Canopy Interception (NCF; Sarasota, Florida)



Stormwater Harvesting and Recycling (Venice, Florida)



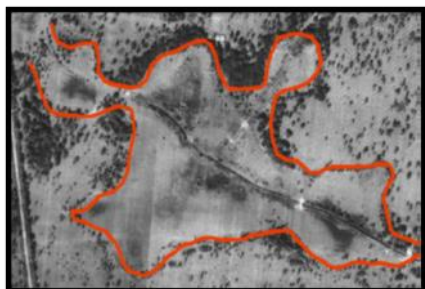
Stormwater Harvesting and Recycling (Sarasota, Florida)



Floating Vegetative Island (Naples, Florida)



Biosorption Activated Media



Pre-Wetland Restoration (Palmer Ranch, Florida)



Post-Wetland Restoration (Palmer Ranch, Florida)

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## 2015 Conference Wrap-Up

By: Kathleen Thompson, AICP, 2015 Conference Co-Chair

Thank you to everyone who participated in the 63<sup>rd</sup> annual FPZA conference this past June in beautiful downtown Bradenton! A successful conference is only possible through the dedication of our local committee, registrants, state board members, and of course, our generous sponsors.

A special "Thank You" to our local chapter committee chairs:

- Stephen Thompson – Conference Co-Chair
- Rachel Layton and Vivian Roe – Registration
- Courtney Mendez and Sharon Tarman – Program
- Stephen Thompson and Brady Woods – Sponsorship

I hope many of you were able to visit the lovingly restored Hampton Inn & Suites and learned a bit of its history. When the hotel originally opened in 1925 it was one of the first buildings in downtown Bradenton to have electric lights and attracted many famous visitors. It is rumored the 7<sup>th</sup> floor is haunted!!

The sessions were held at another historic building – PIER 22 – located at the end of the Bradenton's Memorial Pier which dates back to 1878. The Pier's building was built in 1928 and was officially dedicated to honoring 21 young men from Manatee County who died in WW1.

Please come back and stay awhile in our friendly city! Enjoy our historic downtown, the many sporting events and beautiful white sandy beaches.

Next year's conference will be in downtown Jacksonville hosted by the First Coast Chapter. See you there!

## Fall 2015 Regional Forum Recap

By: W. Randall Gallup, President/Senior Planner, Concurrency Management Consultants, Inc.



On September 18th, the First Coast Chapter hosted the Fall State Forum and Education Seminar at the Northeast Florida Regional Council offices. A three member panel discussed the topic, Implementing the DRI State Coordinated review, by providing their insight from the State, legal and private perspectives.

The featured panel included Ana Richmond, Chief with the DEO, Bob Rhodes, Esq. and Tony Robbins, Senior Planner with Prosser. Over forty from the industry attended the educational forum on an important topic that has impacted large scale projects statewide. The First Coast Chapter thanks our panel members for their expertise on the subject and the attendees for making the fall educational forum a success.

**SAVE THE DATE!**

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**MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW!**



## The Failure of Amendment 1 Implementation by the Florida State Legislature

By: Tom Brooks, Planner, Volusia County



Florida Historic Capitol, Tallahassee

Nearly one year after Florida voters' overwhelming approval by a three to one margin the water and land conservation constitutional amendment, excitement has turned into trepidation over how the governor and Legislature will spend the money. The 75 percent support is a statement that Democrats, Republicans and non party affiliated voters want officials in Tallahassee to reinstate money for conservation programs that had proven records of success for decades before they were defunded by the economic impacts of the Great Recession that began in November 2007.

Those initiatives include Florida Forever, which once received \$300 million annually, the Florida Communities Trust land acquisition fund for local governments and environmental nonprofits, Save Our Rivers and the Surface Water Improvement and Management Program for impaired water bodies.

Will Abberger, the campaign manager of the political committee that launched the voter petition drive to get the ballot referendum, said this in an interview in the *Gainesville Sun*, on 12/13/14.

"Amendment 1 is intended to put additional wildlife habitat and land near water resources into protection and to meet unfunded needs to manage conservation land through ecological restoration, the removal of invasive plant species and the provision of public access, including trail systems. The cleanup of Indian River Lagoon and the restoration of the Everglades are specific large projects in the mix", he said. They equate this potential shift of funds similar to the Florida Lottery where money raised by the lottery to enhance education was in reality a replacement of general revenue dollars spent on education.

The first signs that the Legislature went down the path of the lottery was funding the state environmental bureaucracy with Amendment 1 funds. Only a few of those positions have anything to do with the purpose of Amendment 1. One only has to look at environmental land acquisition funding on the state and local levels before the 2014 referendum. They were not goodie bags to pay for staff, equipment and do anything but fund land acquisition.

Yet that is what the Legislature has done with Amendment 1 money. It has been a rainy day fund designed to bail out the State General Revenue fund. The first raid on diverting dedicated trust funds began with the Sadowski Affordable Housing Trust Funds over 10 years ago. The raid has expanded to so many other trust funds that it is commonly referred to as a "sweep" as though the Legislature was taking a broom to loose change on the floor. If you want to know why the legislature is able to brag that that the state is in good financial shape, it is this ability to divert trust funds into general revenue dollars.

One of the reasons why Amendment 1 was created was to stop this raid in the trust funds into general revenue. They put Amendment 1 and its funding in the Constitution to prevent what happen to the Lottery and the documentary stamp funding of affordable housing. The Constitutional Amendment with its 75 percent approval by the voters was designed to act as a deterrent and warning to greedy Legislative bodies and the Governor that diverting the documentary stamp revenue into the state revenue would have political consequences.

Unfortunately, that warning has been largely ignored the Legislature and the Governor. While most of the state politicians are focused on the state violation of another Constitutional Amendment on redistricting, the lawsuit on Amendment 1 has largely gone unnoticed. One of the difficulties with the Constitutional Amendment process is the single subject rule. It is impossible to draft the Amendment to completely tie the legislature's hands because it will inevitably lead to a violation of the single subject rule and invalidate the amendment. The other option to draft 10 or 20 technical constitutional amendments, get at least 683,149 signatures and qualify with 8 percent of the voter signatures in 14 of the 27 Congressional Districts and win 60 percent of the vote on all 10 or 20 amendments to pass. Needless to say, one amendment is a herculean task by itself. Medical Marijuana failed as an amendment with a majority just under 58 percent.

If nothing is done about the state diversion of Amendment 1 Trust funds, voters will see over 5 billion and perhaps as 6 to 7 billion dollars over the next 20 years (have to figure in inflation and benefit increases) pay nothing but bureaucratic salaries and capital equipment instead of land acquisition. One little known fact about Amendment 1 is that there is sunset provision in the amendment. It was felt by the drafters that every significant endangered land would be purchased by the end of the cycle. If it was not, they would ask the voters to lift the sunset. If the Legislature gets away with its current diversion of funds, why would voters lift the sunset provision?



A Pro Amendment 1 campaign picture from 2014

## 2015 OUTSTANDING PLANNING STUDENT CONFERENCE REFLECTIONS

Each year FPZA provides the students of Florida's state universities with the opportunity to attend the annual conference to immerse themselves in the hot topics of planning within the state, as well as the opportunity to network with planning professionals from across the state. For the second year in a row, four students were awarded the Outstanding Student Award, representing four state universities. This year's winners included three second year Masters students and a Junior undergraduate student. The students all wrote compelling essays on Florida's future, and received high recommendations. Two of this year's Outstanding Student Award winners have shared their thoughts and reflections on their experiences at this year's conference in downtown Bradenton.

### Matrell Everett, The University of South Florida

This past summer I was awarded the Florida Planning and Zoning Association's (FPZA) 2015 Outstanding Student Award. It was a great honor and along with my award, I was invited to partake in the conference and tour the beautiful Downtown Bradenton. The conference was hosted in a beautifully restored Hampton Inn & Suites.

I attended a number of great sessions such as Mobility Planning and Alternative Impact Fees and Growth in the Gulf coast Planning. But what I enjoyed the most was witnessing the strong sense of regional economic development. There were economic developers from City and County Governments discussing the various forms of regional economic development within the Sarasota/Bradenton area.

The conference also opened up my eyes to the many different professions within urban planning. I met many professional planners who worked in various fields and gained some insightful feedback on my future career goals. I am honored and truly grateful to have been awarded this experience.

### Isaac Pinckney, Florida Atlantic University

The FPZA awards banquet was definitely the best banquet that I have been to, and it benefits me in my future career. From the professionalism to the great group meetings, I learned a lot. One of the lessons that I carry with me is making as many connections as possible, because it isn't what you know but who you know. This works in everyday life, including becoming a planner, because you have to be able to communicate with people in the community as well as other planners and political people.

Another thing I learned while at this fantastic banquet is to find a balance of the old with the new while planning for a city project. As a planner it is very hard to please everyone, but you want to be pretty close to doing so. One way of doing this is to connect the community's heritage with the future. Heritage can set a community apart and provide inspiration for a prosperous future. Being able to have a balance and innovate is the key, and it is something that I am going to strive to achieve in the future. For anyone who wants to become an urban planner in their future this is the awards banquet that you want to be a part of. It was an honor to be around great people, and learn from great people, and hopefully one day I will be able to work with these great people.

I would like to thank the committee for choosing me as an award winner, and also thanks for the great opportunity.

## ...TALK TO US!

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growth of Manatee County. Before the Manatee Millennial Movement, when it came to issues that affected this demographic, government was the only entity at the table. Now, there are representatives from various industries. More importantly, millennials are now sitting at the table helping to make decisions by being a part of advisory boards and taking on other leadership roles.

It was a consensus through Manatee County Government that we needed millennial representation as well as engagement. Neighborhood Services along with the other departments in Manatee County Government joined together to form what is now M3. M3 has been crucial in connecting local millennial-driven organizations such as Realize Bradenton, The Chamber of Commerce Young Professionals, and Habitat young professionals to relevant issues being talked about in the county's planning efforts. Through our combined teamwork we have done community engagement events, such as #iSeeManatee, and will continue to do so in the future. These events allow us to capture feedback from the community which is then passed on to commissioners and other community leaders.

In addition, M3 has served as a link of communication and support for the higher education community. Through outreach done by M3 to local universities and colleges, students that have been previously unengaged, are now being made aware of the issues they can influence and play a role in. A major component of this engagement has been M3's efforts to include Millennials in the county's discussions about rewriting Land Development Code. University and college students have been educated on current land development policies and their restrictions on urbanization. Many of the students engaged were found to share similar concerns about the issues identified by previous groups of Millennials spoken to. Traffic woes, lack of affordable housing, and a stagnant job market topped the list of things perceived to be negative about Manatee County. This information has been key in M3's long-range planning and targeting. Moving forward, M3 will strive to cultivate relationships at the universities that will lead to internships and the retention of local talent.

It is our aspiration that M3 would be replicated in other jurisdictions in the future. Our mission statement as well as organizational system have been made broad enough to work in various capacities but honed down to exemplify our core values. Through our efforts other groups in the area have become more active, as well as our issues are being brought up in more settings, but no other organizations have yet been modeled after M3.



2015 Manatee Millennial Movement (M3) members



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### Q. WHERE ARE YOU FROM ORIGINALLY?

A. Originally from Daytona Beach, Florida, although I graduated high school in Phoenix, Arizona. Moved back here in 1994 and went straight in to Planning.

### Q. WHAT COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY DID YOU ATTEND/GRADUATE FROM? PLEASE LIST YOUR DEGREE(S) AND IF YOU HAVE ANY SPECIALIZED TRAINING.

A. I attended Scottsdale Community College.

### Q. HOW DID YOU BECOME INVOLVED IN FPZA AND HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN A MEMBER?

A. I have been a member of FPZA almost continually since 1994. Now I'm a Director!!! Yay!!!

### Q. WHAT IS YOUR CURRENT POSITION AND AREA(S) OF EXPERTISE?

A. I am the President of Land Development Resource group, a planning consulting firm. I opened the firm a little over a year and a half ago. Prior to that, I was the Zoning Officer at the City of Daytona Beach for over 12 years. Back in 1994 I went to work for the City of Ormond Beach in Planning (I thought it was party planning!!) as a Planning Secretary and was there for 5 years. I have been involved in planning and land use for over 20 years and have also worked for local civil engineering firms as well as with land use attorneys.

### Q. WHAT ARE YOUR HOBBIES AND INTERESTS?

A. I love to cook! I love to travel! I hope to begin my life living aboard a boat very shortly!

### Q. WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'D BE DOING NOW IF YOU HADN'T CHOSEN YOUR CURRENT PROFESSION?

A. I have absolutely no idea. I think perhaps I'd be a writer?

### Q. IF A NEW COLLEGE GRADUATE ASKED YOU FOR ADVICE ABOUT YOUR FIELD, WHAT WOULD YOU TELL THEM?

A. Life isn't always black and white. There are many shades of grey.

### Q. WHAT PERSONAL GOALS WOULD YOU LIKE TO ACHIEVE (BEFORE YOU RETIRE)?

A. I would like to secure my AICP! I would also like to grow my company to cover the state of Florida and beyond!

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## SAVE THE DATE

**Florida Planning and Zoning Association**

**Surfcoast Chapter**

## **REGIONAL FORUM**

### **Community Redevelopment Agencies**

Community redevelopment is an economic development strategy which many local governments are currently using successfully to eliminate and prevent conditions of blight in their communities. CRA's provide the tools needed to foster and support this redevelopment. Discussion topics will include information related to programs and funding, cooperative partnerships, brownfields, and economic/redevelopment incentives.

**Friday, January 22, 2016**

**11:00 am to 2:00 pm**

**Volusia Room at Daytona Beach International Airport**



**State Board Meeting**

**Saturday, January 23, 2015**

**9:00 am to Noon**

**CiCi & Hyatt Brown Museum of Arts Conference Room**

**352 S. Nova Road, Daytona Beach, Florida 32114**

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 19, 2015

NORTHEAST FLORIDA REGIONAL COUNCIL - JACKSONVILLE, FL

President Thomson called the meeting to order at 9:30 AM.

The following were present:

**HELEN LAVALLEY – SURFCOAST**

**PAULA MCMICHAEL – CALUSA**

**RANDY GALLUP – FIRST COAST**

**DIANE CHADWICK – SUNCOAST**

**JOHN THOMSON – SURFCOAST**

**PAUL WIECZOREK – SPRINGS**

**ALEXIS CRESPO – CALUSA**

**THAD CROWE – FIRST COAST**

**WANDA CLASSE ATTENDED AS ADMINISTRATOR**

### WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

President Thomson welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending. Introductions were made by each individual stating their name and chapter/state affiliation.

President Thomson thanked the First Coast Chapter for hosting yesterday's forum, the board meeting and providing today's refreshments.

### ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Wanda Classe distributed Agenda, Membership Numbers and Balance Sheet stating that the minutes of the June 13, 2015 meeting were emailed to everyone. Alexis Crespo made a motion to accept the minutes as distributed. Paul Wieczorek seconded the motion; approved.

The Membership Report showed 470 as the total number of members: 139 individual members, 311 members from 75 agencies, 11 students, four honorary students, two Past President Emeritus and three paid Past Presidents Emeritus. Wanda stated that the chapter dues checks were being given out at this meeting and the chapter membership list were emailed to the chapters.

The report showed the August 31, 2015 bank balances to be \$63,809.74 compared to the August 31, 2014 balance of \$58,010.87. She

stated that the chapter checks given out today were written in June so these checks are not reflected in the balances shown.

She stated that the June 30th financial reports have not been received for all the chapters and asked if the board wanted dues checks cut for those chapters who have not sent in the reports. After discussion, the board stated that policy would be respected and checks would be cut when the required materials were received from the chapters.

Wanda Classe stated that the 2014 tax return was filed but was filed with only days to space. She asked that everyone please make an effort to submit the reports on time and submit all requested materials. She also stated that the reports should be totaled and the second half of the year should be submitted as a continuation of the form used for the first half of the year. She also asked them to check and make sure the beginning year balance was the same as last year's ending balance.

### VP FINANCIAL AFFAIRS REPORT

Treasurer Alexis Crespo distributed a budget report for January-August 2015. It was determined that in the changeover of Treasurers, the suggested changes to line items from the June meeting, were not made. The total amounts of income and expense were verified by Wanda's report. Thad Crowe made a motion to accept the financial report contingent on these stated corrections being made. Paul Wieczorek seconded the motion; approved. Alexis and Wanda will bring reports current.

### VP MEMBERSHIP SERVICES REPORT

Helen LaValley stated that she has added 41 new people to LinkedIn, three being



members. This brings the total to 690 with 16 endorsements.

There was a review of the chapters that need to be reactivated. There is a possibility that Jamie Schindewolf, the student representative can assist in reactivating the Tallahassee Chapter. Diane Chadwick stated that she would look into the specifics of possibly sponsoring a luncheon for the Sun Coast Chapter. The board was reminded that there is a small budget for Chapter Development. President Thomson will contact Leigh Kerr regarding the status of his chapter and the chapter's funds. At a previous board meeting, he stated that he would be transferring the funds to the conference.

### PRESIDENT ELECT'S REPORT

Arleen Hunter was not in attendance. President Thomson stated that he would like to see a Florida map on the website showing the boundaries of the chapters. He also stated that he received a comment regarding the possibility of rezoning some of the chapters.

Paul Wieczorek reported that he has been trying to get together with Joe Quinn to plan a meeting for the Springs Chapter. Diane Chadwick stated that her goal would be to

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## MEETING MINUTES CONTINUED

have a Sun Coast meeting in February or March of next year.

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Thomson announced that there are vacancies to be filled for Presidential Appointees. He stated that both Branden Roe from Calusa and Jim Barnes from Gulfstream have agreed to serve as Appointees. He stated that both Central Florida and First Coast chapters are on the re-bound with membership in mind. Randy Gallup stated that there has been turnover of board members in the First Coast Chapter and they are seeking new board members. He will remain President in 2016.

## STUDENT OUTREACH

President Thomson stated that he will ask Jamie Schindewolf's assistance in planning a Tallahassee event. Randy Gallup stated that the University of West Florida is really growing and might be worthy of consider including them in the reach-out for scholarship student.

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Branden Roe was unable to attend however he did send an email outlining the articles he proposed for the next issues. All articles should be received by October 16 with a projected publish date of October 30. The following articles were discussed/proposed: Past President Carol Clark to write an article on Retirement, Alexis will write an article on Healthy Living Impacting Community and Schools, President's Message, Chapter events, minutes from this oard meeting, 2016 conference article—even if its just date and location and Paula stated that she has an article on Low Impact that was not used in a previous issue.

## 2016 CONFERENCE UPDATE

Randy Gallup stated that they are meeting with the Omni Hotel downtown next week as a possible site. The tentative date of June 1-4, 2016 has been set. He stated that there will be an Art Walk on Wednesday night in downtown and could be part of the conference. Paul Wieczorek pledged \$500 sponsorship to the conference with his preference of it going towards hospitality. Thad Crowe also pledged a sponsorship.

As stated in the June minutes, Thad Crowe will again serve as Awards Committee Chair with Paul Wieczorek, Arleen Hunter, Branden Roe and Courtney Mendez as committee members.

## 2016 BUDGET

Treasurer Crespo presented everyone with a proposed 2016 budget. She presented everyone with a paper copy and also had the budget projected from her computer. Each line item was discussed and she made appropriate changes as the line item was discussed. After a review of each line item, Paul Wieczorek made a motion to accept the 2016 proposed budget amended during the meeting. Diane Chadwick seconded the motion; approved. The amount of the approved budget is \$54,495 and Alexis will distribute copies as amended.

## CHAPTER REPORTS

- **Calusa Chapter** – The chapter has a lunch meeting on Friday of next week. Their Holiday Dinner will be held on December 3.
- **First Coast** – Randy reported that they had a chapter meeting in March and July. They will have their Awards & Holiday Event on November 18. He stated now that yesterday's Forum is over, they will spend more time on the 2016 Conference.
- **Springs** – Already discussed trying to set up a meeting.
- **Sun Coast** – Already discussed trying to set up a meeting.
- **Surfcoast** – Helen reported that they held a July meeting on Urban Chickens and 22 attended. October 2 has tentatively been set as a "Member Appreciation" meeting. Their Holiday Gala will be held on December 11.

## FUTURE MEETINGS

January 22/23, 2016 Regional Forum & Board Meeting - Surfcoast

March 2016 Regional Forum and Board Meeting – Central Florida

June 2016 Conference – First Coast/ Jacksonville

ADJORN – with no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:20 AM.

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## MEMBERSHIP IN FPZA

### DUES

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#### INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES

Chapter	State Dues	Local Chapter Dues	Total Dues
Apalachee	\$50	\$10	\$60
Calusa	\$50	\$20	\$70
Central Florida	\$50	\$20	\$70
First Coast	\$50	\$35	\$85
Gulfcoast	\$50	\$15	\$65
Gulfstream	\$50	\$15	\$65
Heartland	\$50	\$10	\$60
Northwest	\$50	\$10	\$60
South Florida	\$50	\$10	\$60
Springs	\$50	\$10	\$60
Suncoast	\$50	\$20	\$70
Surfcoast	\$50	\$25	\$75
Suwannee	\$50	\$10	\$60

#### GROUP MEMBERSHIP (MINIMUM FOUR INDIVIDUALS)

Chapter	State Dues per Person	Local Chapter Dues per Person	Total Dues per Person
Apalachee	\$40	\$8.00	\$48.00
Calusa	\$40	\$15.00	\$55.00
Central Florida	\$40	\$20.00	\$60.00
First Coast	\$40	\$23.00	\$63.00
Gulfcoast	\$40	\$12.00	\$52.00
Gulfstream	\$40	\$15.00	\$55.00
Heartland	\$40	\$7.00	\$47.00
Northwest	\$40	\$7.00	\$47.00
South Florida	\$40	\$7.00	\$47.00
Springs	\$40	\$8.00	\$48.00
Suncoast	\$40	\$13.00	\$53.00
Surfcoast	\$40	\$23.00	\$63.00
Suwannee	\$40	\$7.00	\$47.00

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