

Association of Florida Colleges Agenda Item 6.1 - Region I Report

Submitted by Melonie Miner

Region Director: Melonie Miner, Pensacola State College **Director – Elect:** Joc Calloway, Chipola College

Region News:

Region I has three new Chapter Presidents as of July, which is very exciting. Melonie Miner, Region Director, held a Chapter Presidents' conference call on August 8 to meet the new Presidents and get the ball rolling at the Chapter level for the 69th Annual Meeting and Conference in November.

The Chapter Presidents are working to compile a list of chapter delegates who will be attending the conference, soliciting donations for major door prize giveaways at conference and identifying volunteers from their chapter to assist AFC staff during the conference.

The Region Director has also asked the Chapter Presidents to identify their picks for Life Saver and Unsung Hero award recipients from the past year by September 28. This will allow time for the certificates and awards/gifts to be prepared.

Chapter News:

<u>Chipola College – submitted by Chapter President, Evelyn Ward</u>

- Chipola's new officers took their ranks in July. Evelyn Ward will serve as the 18-19
 President, Joc Calloway is the Past President and Secretary and Matt White will serve as
 Treasurer. Eighteen other individuals were added to the Executive Board in the new
 committee structure.
- The Chipola AFC Chapter began the Fall semester hosting the college's annual Back to School Luncheon. This year the luncheon was a "Gold Gala" commemorating Chipola earning a Gold ranking for the second straight year in the state's Performance Funding Model program. Gold tablecloths and centerpieces adorned the Cultural Center. Employees were treated to a lunch of gold-colored food, participated in a gold trivia game, received a commemorative gold mug filled with gold candy, and received a \$25 gift card from Barnes and Noble Bookstore.
- Plans are underway for Fall activities, including attendance at the AFC State Conference in November.

Gulf Coast State College - submitted by Chapter President, Chris Thomes

- The Gulf Coast State College Chapter has had a strong start to the new academic year. During their Welcome Back/Fall Conference activities, the Chapter held a combined new member and member appreciation event the morning of August 16. They invited all employees to a session titled "AFC: Coffee & Conversation" where they enjoyed breakfast from Chick-Fil-A while getting a short presentation about the benefits of membership and what's in it for them. At the session, current members received a new local discount card for free as a member benefit, and it was a great conversation starter for the potential members as they asked about receiving one for themselves. They had paper applications and iPads ready for new sign ups and as of today, they have 27 new members.
- They recently allocated another \$1,000 into the GCSC AFC Chapter Foundation Scholarship, and currently have a balance of \$4,784. In addition, \$300 was raised to assist the victims of the summer wildfires in Franklin County.

Northwest Florida State College, submitted by Chapter President, Pam Walters

June Activities:

• Several issues were addressed including vacant officer positions and plans for the upcoming year. The 2018-2019 Officers are:

President, Pam Walters; President-elect, Vacant; Secretary, Rosemary Riggs; Treasurer, James Adams; Membership Chair, Bree Durham; Historian, Rosemary Riggs; Concessions Stand Chair, Vacant; Social Chair, Tony Chavez; Legislative Liaison, Under Review; Service Project Chair, Alex Webb; Student Life Liaison, LaTosha Pinckney; Social Media Chair, Kiara Celestine; Scholarship Chair, Pamela Walters; Hellos to Heroes, Rosemary Riggs; Faculty Liaison, Jean Mitchell; By-Laws/Parliamentarian, June Gibson; Publications Chair, Vacant

July Activities:

- July 19, 2018 AFC Concessions Fundraising for 2018-19
 AFC is once again collaborating with the NWF State honor society, Phi Theta Kappa, to ensure that the concession stands are covered for the fall/winter games coming up. In exchange for approximately 100 hours of service, we will sponsor a \$1000.00 scholarship for PTK.
- July 25, 2018 New Hire Orientation on the Niceville Campus
 AFC was invited to speak to newly hired employees regarding the Association of Florida
 Colleges and its role in advocating for the college system as well as the benefits
 associated with membership.

August Activities:

- August 14, 2018 AFC Board Meeting
 AFC board members discussed several agenda items and had a very productive meeting.
- August 15, 2018 NWF Fall Convocation

AFC President Pam Walters set up a table in the lobby of the Mattie Kelly Arts Center where the fall convocation ceremony was held. There was a lot of information about joining AFC and schedules of events for the upcoming year.

August 16, 2018 AFC General Membership Meeting

Future Plans:

National Voter Registration Day September 25, 2018

Raider Golf Classic September 28, 2018

Heart Walk September 29, 2018

 We also have two AFC Raider Recognitions to award for July and August. Schedules and the new semester have prevented us from delivering these certificates. I will report on them as soon as they are finalized.

Pensacola State College – submitted by Chapter President, Tammy Henderson

July Activities:

- PSC sent eight members to attend the BIT training, Membership Development conference and Campus Safety Symposium in Daytona Beach.
- The Chapter officers held the first Executive Board meeting of the year to begin planning for upcoming fundraisers and service projects.

August Activities:

- Chapter President, Jonathan Garrett and AFC member, Diane Bracken provided refreshments for the monthly Pensacola State College Board of Trustees meeting.
- The Chapter worked closely with the HR department to provide breakfast for new employee orientation held during convocation.
- The Chapter is preparing travel plans for members to attend the 69th Annual AFC Conference in Orlando. In addition, working with the Region I Director to identify volunteers where needed during the conference and collect donations for large door prizes.

September Activities:

• Chapter President, Jonathan Garrett provided refreshments for the monthly Pensacola State College Board of Trustees meeting.

<u>Tallahassee Community College – submitted by Chapter President, Sharon</u> <u>Walker</u>

July Activities:

- Several members attended the AFC Board Meeting, AFC Membership Development Workshop, BIT Conference and AFC Campus Safety Symposium at Daytona State College.
- Chapter facilitated/sponsored meeting for the "ASKME!" program for incoming students.

August Activities:

- Chapter sponsored and staffed tables for "ASK ME" program to assist students on first two days of Fall semester in finding classes and answering questions.
- Presented at the new employees' orientation, recruiting new members for TCC/AFC.
- Hosted a Back to School supply drive for four Elementary Schools surrounding the Campus.
- Presentation at Faculty senate to recruit faculty for TCC/AFC.