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## Waves of Excellence

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Making preparations for the 2014 AFC Annual Convention.

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## Time Flies



It seems like yesterday when I started my term as your president, and in just a few weeks we'll see the next election of AFC leaders at our annual convention. Time flies!

It was a fast and busy year indeed, but we got a lot accomplished and continued to strengthen the Association and its foundation. Thanks for the extra hours and effort many of you put in to move things forward, create the great memories of an impressive array of events, and help us to make a difference.

Last fall we listened carefully to you, our members; in December we've outlined the strategic framework for 2014 and divvied up the work; in January, our Leadership Conference helped defining our priorities with a thorough SWOT analysis; and during spring and summer several taskforces developed and outlined key change initiatives that our wonderful staff in Tallahassee started to operationalize.

You'll be hearing more about this and all the other stuff that is cooking in the AFC kitchen at our upcoming last annual convention. Yes – you've heard

correctly! In Destin we'll be celebrating the end of our Convention era and will welcome a future that features an Annual AFC Conference instead.

This is not just a cosmetic change, but reflects our drive and the membership's desire to further professionalize the content of all AFC events

with the goal to provide more effective and flexible options for professional development, advocacy support, communications and networking.

We started the year under the motto Achieving Success Together! I think we did and will continue to do so! That's just what the AFC and the Great 28 stand for!

I hope to see y'all in Destin! Thanks for all you do!

Peter Usinger

Your AFC President (for just a little longer)

Thanks for the extra hours and effort many of you put in to move things forward, create the great memories of an impressive array of events and help us to make a difference.

## It's Not the End of the World... but the Times They Are A'Changin'...



In 1987, the Athens, GA band R.E.M. released a song entitled, "It's the End of the World as We Know It (and I Feel Fine)."

The song is sung in a rapid, almost spoken-word cadence and covers the obvious changes in the world in the context of technology, government, morals, etc.

But the subtext of the song as indicated in the tag phrase, "...and I feel fine," spins it all positively and beckons us to embrace the future and its possibilities. To that end, be advised that this will likely be the last AFC Annual "Convention" as we know it. The times they are a' changing here at the AFC, but it's not entirely the end of the world as we know it.

Six years ago I committed to the AFC Board of Directors that hired me that

I would transform the Association into a 21st century organization focused on members, programs, communications, and advocacy. Since then I am proud to say that with the support of a great cadre of association presidents, the Council of Presidents, and a great staff, much of that vision has come to fruition and we

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...I think the Association is as cohesive as it has ever been in its 65 years of existence

now have a new foundation for moving ahead. We have raised the bar on professional development and networking, best practice sharing, and communications. We have been transparent with our advocacy approach and have unified with the college presidents under the mantra of "one system, one voice." I think the Association is as cohesive as it has ever been in its 65 years of existence.

Now, it is time to build upon that new foundation and make a few substantive changes to how we operate. Recently, the AFC Board of Directors approved a change to the Bylaws to go before the Assembly of Delegates on October 31 in Destin.

This change will open voting for AFC executive officers to the entire membership in 2015, and end the delegate-only voting system. With new web-based voting technology available, it doesn't make sense to allow only 300 people to choose AFC leadership on behalf of 8,500 members.

Almost no organizations do it that way anymore. It will also reduce the amount of electioneering at the annual meeting, and allow us to dedicate more time to education and professional development of our members. In that regard, our convention will become a “conference.”

As a conference, we will continue to focus on commission exemplary practices, and conduct the Assembly of Delegates to handle the business of the Association. That will not change. But we will also add another half day of programming and emphasize more pre-conference sessions, as we have done with the Chair Academy recently, and the Division of Florida Colleges. We will also ramp up a general “call for papers and presentations” to garner more academic content presentations, and provide fuel for our “*Visions – AFC Journal of Research and Best Practices*” in Florida’s 28 colleges.

So embrace this 65th Annual Convention of the AFC. But look forward to the *2015 AFC Conference and Annual Meeting*. As the great singer-poet Bob Dylan so aptly stated...

*Come gather 'round people wherever you roam,  
And admit the waters around you have grown.  
And accept that soon you'll be drenched to the bone.  
If your time to you is worth savin',  
Then you better start swimmin' or you'll sink like a stone,  
for the times they are a changin'...*

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## Finding our Voice: The Findings from the 2013 AFC Membership Survey

BY DAN RODKIN, AFC PRESIDENT-ELECT

In 2013, 361 AFC members participated in a survey examining their reasons for joining the association, their level of satisfaction with the association and its events, service, and publications. A Task Force pored through this data and concluded the following:

- Those members who actively participate in the Association report a high level of overall satisfaction and a good value from their membership.
- The principle barriers to full participation are scarce time and financial resources, and AFC needs to commit to find innovative ways to help its members participate, thus derive greater value from belonging.
- The primary reasons for joining are professional development, networking, and legislative advocacy, so innovation should focus on making these items more accessible to the general membership.

Furthermore, the Task Force issued a list of thirteen recommendations for improving the Association and its offerings to increase the value-added by belonging to AFC. The suggestions cover issues related to professional development, advocacy, new member education, chapter support, publications, commissions, and communication. These recommendations were accepted by the AFC Board of Directors and will likely set the direction for this Association for the next few years.

Learn more about the survey, its findings, and the Task Force recommendations at the AFC Convention. Please join me and other members of the AFC Leadership at our Education Session, entitled *Finding our Voice: The Findings from the 2013 AFC Membership Survey*.

# 2014 PROPOSED AFC BYLAWS REVISIONS

## REVISIONS TO AFC BYLAWS

The AFC Bylaws may be amended by the Assembly of Delegates as set forth in Article IV. These proposed changes to the AFC Bylaws were approved by the Board of Directors on September 12, 2014, exactly fifty (50) days prior to the meeting of the Assembly of Delegates as required. Moreover, by this publication, the Chief Executive Officer has made available such proposed changes in written or electronic form to all Association members at least thirty (30) days prior to the annual meeting. A two-thirds vote of a quorum of the Assembly of Delegates is required to amend these Bylaws.

## SUMMARY OF REVISIONS

### Article V: Officers

1. Deletes provision in Section 1(a) that elected officers of the Association be elected by the Assembly of Delegates.
2. Removes redundant language about membership categories from Section 2(a) regarding the appointment of a Parliamentarian by the president
3. Adds Section 4 which delineates membership-wide voting provisions for the election of AFC executive officers

### Article VII: Committees

- Amends Section 3 – Special Committees and creates the Credentials and Tellers Committee and adds Past Presidents Council as an official special committee of the AFC.

## PROPOSED REVISIONS ARE SUBMITTED FOR CONSIDERATION TO THE FOLLOWING ARTICLES

### ARTICLE V: OFFICERS

**SECTION 1 – Officers:** The executive officers of the Association shall be members of the Association and shall be classified as elected or appointed.

- 1) Elected Officers. The elected executive officers shall be the President, President-Elect, the Vice President for Commissions, the Vice President for Regions and Chapters, the Vice President-Elect for Commissions, and the Vice President-Elect for Regions and Chapters. The respective Vice Presidents shall have equal status, as will the respective Vice Presidents-Elect. Each Officer-Elect will assume the designated office at the end of the term as Officer-Elect.
  - a) ~~The elected officers shall be elected by the Assembly of Delegates at the annual convention. Election shall be by ballot with each delegate entitled to one vote.~~
- 2) Appointed Officer. The appointed officer shall be the Parliamentarian.
  - a) The Parliamentarian shall be appointed by the incoming President, ~~and if he/she is an individual, contributing, retiree, or life member in good standing, he/she shall have all the rights of individual, contributing, retiree, life, or honorary life membership.~~ The Parliamentarian shall perform such duties as prescribed in Standing Rule I.

### **SECTION 4 – Election of Executive Officers:**

- 1) The executive officers of the Association shall be elected by a vote of the eligible membership. For the purpose of electing executive officers, a quorum of the eligible membership is not established or required.
- 2) All eligible members who have paid their dues in full or in part through payroll deduction and are otherwise in good standing as of seven (7) calendar days before the commencement of the voting period shall be eligible to vote.
- 3) The Chief Executive Officer or designee shall determine the voting eligibility of each member, and shall notify each member of his/her eligibility to vote no less than thirty (30) calendar days prior to the start of the voting period.
- 4) A voting period of not less than fourteen (14) calendar days or more than thirty (30) calendar days shall be designated annually by the Chief Executive Officer in consultation with the Executive Committee. The designated voting period shall end no later than the day before the annual business meeting.
- 5) Voting may be conducted using web-based technology or systems, or other balloting system as determined by the Chief Executive Officer, in consultation with the Executive Committee. Votes cast shall be verified and securely stored by the Association or its designated elections services provider.
- 6) The Association or its designated election services provider shall record and count the votes. No ballots other than the official Association ballots and no write-in candidate votes will be counted. The number of votes cast for individual candidates shall remain secure and confidential until such time as the election results are transmitted to the Chief Executive Officer at the conclusion of the voting period. Any irregularities, questions, or concerns arising from the receipt of any ballot or vote identified by the Association or its designated election services provider shall be promptly referred to the Nominations Committee for resolution consistent with Association bylaws, policies, and procedures.
- 7) Candidates for executive office who receive a majority of the votes cast for their respective office shall be considered duly elected. A tie in the vote count for any executive office shall be resolved by a coin toss between the two tied candidates, or the drawing of a name in the case of three or more tied candidates, to be conducted by the Chief Executive Officer and the Chair of the Nominations Committee, in the presence of the affected candidates when possible, before the commencement of the Annual Business Meeting.
- 8) Newly elected officers shall be announced no later than the conclusion of the Association annual conference.

### **SECTION 4 SECTION 5: Chief Executive Officer**

### **ARTICLE VII : COMMITTEES**

**SECTION 3 – Special Committees:** Ad hoc committees may be appointed by the President as needed. Duties of the Credentials and Tellers Committee, Journal Editorial Committee, and Tellers/Elections Committee Past Presidents Council are prescribed in Standing Rule III.

Tyler R., Student  
Business. Division I Athlete.

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# MEET THE CANDIDATES

## Mercedes Clement, VP-Elect for Regions and Chapters

The Association of Florida Colleges (AFC) has been growing strong since 1949. I believe that AFC has a great future ahead; however, the association needs members who can make it happen. John M. Richardson, a well-known writer said, "When it comes to the future, there are three kinds of people: those who let it happen, those who make it happen, and those who wonder what happened." AFC members, I would like us to be in the group that "makes it happen." I know you can do it. All you have to do is to join me, and together we will **STEP UP** and serve.

I am Mercedes Clement, senior professor and chair of Library Services at Daytona State College. I have been a member of AFC for over 30 years because I believe in what the association stands for. As you know, this is the only association that supports every group of the 28 colleges: administration, staff, professional and faculty. I served as DSC Chapter President and currently Region III Director. I am also a Certified College Professionals graduate. Now, I am running for the office of VP-Elect for Regions and Chapters. Would you support me in reaching my goal which is to **empower** those who are willing to serve? AFC provides:

- Resources to educate, and help us recruit members
- Certified College Professionals
- Professional development
- Leadership training

All I need is your commitment to serve.

STEP UP AND VOTE FOR MERCEDES CLEMENT  
VP-Elect for Regions and Chapters

**REMINDER: AFC ELECTIONS  
WILL BE HELD FRIDAY, OCT. 31  
AT THE ANNUAL CONVENTION**





## Juanita Scott, President-Elect

I believe that when you are passionate about making a difference in the lives of others, committed to a greater purpose above and beyond your own needs, and willing to commit to a worthwhile endeavor, you must answer the call to service. It is a call that cannot be ignored, delayed, or denied. During the convention last year, so many of you shared your stories of service, dedication and hope for an even greater AFC. In return, I asked for your basic support, yet, I received so much, much more. I have gained new relationships across the state. I have learned even more information about our chapters, commissions, and regions. And I have a renewed appreciation for the individual roles of our Association members. In this regard and after much thought, consideration, and encouragement, I am excited to announce my candidacy for the office of President-elect of AFC. I am asking you to stand with me as together we forge new paths and continue the work of my colleagues to promote a world-class college system. As a former Upward Bound student, I understand and recognize the value of the service we provide to our members, our community and our colleagues. I have served in several capacities in AFC including Vice President of Commissions, Chapter President, Commission Chair, and Chair for Member Services. I have served in leadership roles during some of the most challenging times for our Association. There is no doubt that AFC will continue to face challenges. Nevertheless, as a member of the Board of Directors, I continue to see great accomplishments. I believe when we stay focused on our mission and focus on the needs of our members, we will continue to grow. I believe when we work together to protect the integrity of higher education, we become stronger for the benefit of those we serve. I believe we are more valuable when we embrace the support of our colleagues and engage all members. I believe when we exploit the innovations, best practices, and talent of our members, we sustain our position as leaders in higher education. I believe when we work diligently with the Council of Presidents, the Division of Florida Colleges and other affiliates that share our goals, our opportunities are limitless and our drive for academic excellence is solid. Finally, I believe that if you stand with me as your next President-elect, together we will sustain a world-class college system. I look forward to seeing you at Convention in beautiful Destin, Florida.

Juanita Scott

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...and join the conversation.



## Robert Van Der Velde, VP-Elect for Commissions

I am Robert Van Der Velde, candidate for Vice President-elect for Commissions. I am currently AFC's Parliamentarian, Vice President and Legislative Liaison for the PBSC chapter, and the Region V representative on the Awards Committee. I am also Secretary and immediate past-chair of the Institutional Effectiveness, Planning, and Professional Development (IEPPD) Commission. I am lawyer by education, and an educator by choice. I have been in higher education for twenty years, as a faculty member and administrator at community colleges and universities in Ohio, Alabama, Michigan, and since 2010 as Associate Dean of Academic Affairs at Palm Beach State College.

AFC is a unique organization, which I quickly grasped when I signed up as a member of AFC (then FACC) on my first day on the job at new employee orientation! As the unified voice of all Florida state and community colleges, AFC's membership speaks for over 100,000 employees and over 750,000 of our students in the Florida College system. We have an important role to play in higher education policy in Florida with a strong presence in Tallahassee.

AFC's Commissions are an important link for our members, as for many AFC members Commission events are the only chance to meet and collaborate with others outside their own schools. Commissions are a place for professional development, networking, and fellowship for members sharing common interests and activities. As your Vice President-elect for Commissions, I will work hard to communicate often with all of the commissions, provide support for commissions and especially commission conferences and other events, and be a voice for the commissions on the Board and Executive Committee.

I have the strong encouragement of my administration, and a great staff at my college. Because of this support I will gladly travel throughout the state, spreading the word of AFC and being an advocate for the good work done by AFC Commissions. As an experienced educator and attorney, I will be a strong advocate for all members and the important work that we do.

I humbly ask for your support for Vice President-elect for Commissions.

Thanks!

Bob Van Der Velde





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# Chapters

## COLLEGE OF CENTRAL FLORIDA



Thank you to everyone who participated in the recycled eyeglasses project for the AFC Membership Development Conference. CF donated the greatest number of eyeglasses for this July 2014 Tampa Lions Club community service program!

“What in the World?” was our theme for August and got everyone off to a great start with Marjorie McGee presenting a Power-Point show entitled “AFC 101”. New and returning members received information on what

AFC is all about and how to get involved. As a result of our July and August AFC information sessions, we have gained 25 new members! Way to go Team!



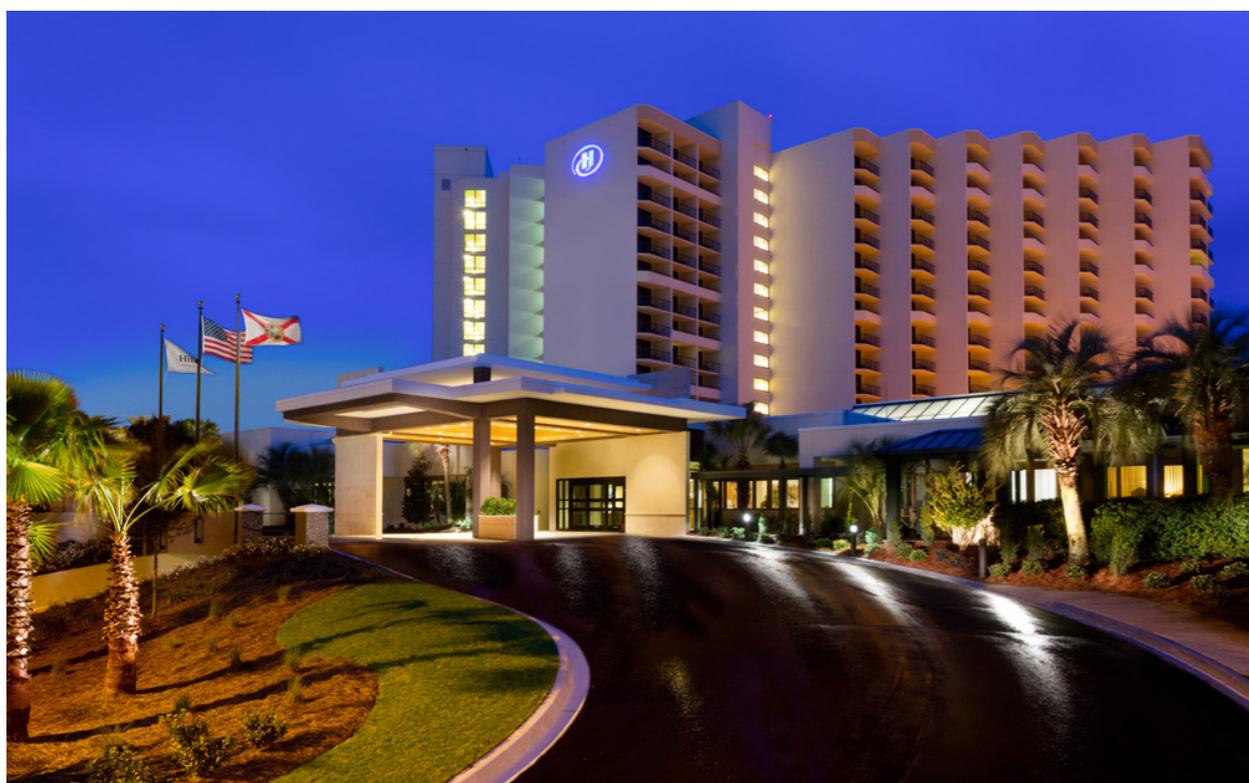
Our back to school service project for College Park Elementary School was a huge success! We were able to provide various supplies to needy children. Ms. Jacqueline Smith in the Guidance office accepted the supplies delivered by Kelly Besser, Mikel James, Judy Menadier, Coley Neveau and Norma Tellez. We learned that the children were so excited to receive their needed supplies.

# Waves of Excellence



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## Hotel Information:



**The Hilton Sandestin**, 4000 Sandestin Blvd. South, Destin, Florida 32550

For Reservations call 1-850-267-9500 during business hours (8am-5pm Central Time) and ask for the AAC (AFC Annual Convention) group rate of \$129.00 per night, single or double occupancy.

Deadline to book at group rate is **October 3, 2014**.

[CLICK HERE](#) to learn more about The Hilton Sandestin.

# SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

## TUESDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2014

10:00 AM-12:00 PM	Executive Committee Meeting
1:00 PM-4:00 PM	Registration Desk Open/Exhibit Hall Open
4:00 PM-7:00 PM	AFC Board of Directors Meeting and Reception
7:00 PM-9:00 PM	AFC Board of Directors Dinner

## WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2014

8:00 AM-5:00 PM	Registration Desk Open
8:00 AM-5:00 PM	Community Service, Door Prizes, Auction Dropoffs
8:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Exhibit Hall Open
8:30 AM-12:00 PM	Awards Committee
9:00 AM-10:00 AM	Bylaws Committee
11:00 AM-1:00 PM	AFC Foundation Board Meeting and Luncheon
11:00 AM-3:00 PM	Internet Room Open
11:45 AM-1:15 PM	Retiree Members Luncheon
12:30 PM-1:15 PM	Chapters Officers Meeting
12:30 PM-1:15 PM	First Timers Orientation
1:00 PM-3:00 PM	Exhibits Open
1:00 PM-4:15 PM	Chapter/Region/Commission/CMC Displays
1:30 PM-3:00 PM	Afternoon Break with Exhibitors
1:30 PM-3:00 PM	AFC Legislative Committee Meeting
1:30 PM-2:45 PM	Region Meetings
3:00 PM-5:00 PM	Opening General Session
5:00 PM-6:00 PM	Welcome Reception with Exhibitors/Sponsors
6:00 PM-7:00 PM	Past AFC Presidents and Council of Presidents Reception
6:00 PM-9:00 PM	Dinner Break (on your own)
9:00 PM-12:00 AM	Welcome Party



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### SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE *TENTATIVE SCHEDULE*

#### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2014

7:00 AM-10:30 AM	Morning Coffee with Exhibitors
7:00 AM-12:00 PM	Exhibits Open
7:00 AM-9:00 AM	Commission Business Meetings
8:00 AM-12:00 PM	Registration Desk Open
8:00 AM-4:00 PM	Community Service, Door Prizes, Auction Dropoffs
8:00 AM-4:00 PM	Internet Room Open
8:00 AM- 4:00 PM	Chapter/Region/Commission Displays and Actions
8:00 AM- 4:00 PM	Communications and Marketing Commission Displays
8:30 AM-12:00 PM	Council Of President's Meeting
9:15 AM- 10:15 AM	Concurrent Workshops
10:45 AM - 11:45 AM	Concurrent Workshops
12:00 PM-1:00 PM	Lunch (on your own)
12:00 PM - 1:30 PM	Council Of President's Luncheon
1:30 PM-2:30 PM	Concurrent Workshops

3:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Concurrent Workshops

4:15 PM-5:30 PM

AFC Bylaws Review and Candidate Forum

5:30 PM-8:00 PM

Silent Auction

5:30 PM- 7:00 PM

Cash Bar Reception

7:00 PM-9:00 PM

Gala

9:00 PM-12:00 AM

Gala (Party)

#### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2014

6:45 AM-7:45 AM

AFC Fun Run

7:00 AM-8:30 AM

Voting for Officers

8:00 AM-8:45 AM

Incoming AFC Commission Chairs

8:00 AM-8:45 AM

Incoming AFC Region Directors

9:00 AM-10:15 AM

Assembly of Delegates Meeting

10:30 AM-12:00 PM

Closing Session



Don't Miss the  
Welcome Social at the AFC Annual Convention

October 29, 2014  
9pm - 12am

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# Annual Convention Service Project

This year as we gather in Destin, our service project will be to support the Ronald McDonald House of Northwest Florida. Our specific project will be to help them with their Santa's Workshop collection for families who have loved ones in the hospital over the holidays.



## Items on the Wish List

### CHILDREN

Sports Equipment  
Pajamas / Slippers  
Baby Clothes (Premie/Newborn)  
Board Game  
Interactive Toddler Toy  
Doll / Stuffed Animal  
DVD: Recent Hits or New Releases  
Lego / Building Set  
Action Figure

### TEENS

DVD: Recent Hits or New Releases  
Camera  
iPod  
Pajamas/Robe  
Slippers  
Blanket  
Costume Jewelry  
Bath & Body Gift Set  
Make Up Kit  
Manicure Set / Nail Polish  
iTunes Gift Card  
Gift Cards

### ADULTS (MEN/WOMEN)

Purse/Tote Bag  
Cookbook  
Tool Kit  
Fashion Watch  
Costume Jewelry  
Jewelry Box  
Blanket  
Pajama / Robe  
Slippers  
Sweatshirt/Hoody  
Sweatpants / Yoga Pants  
Picture Frame  
Photo Album  
Scrapbooks  
Stationery  
Calendar  
Diary / Journal  
Perfume / Aftershave Set  
Bath & Body Gift Set  
Coffee Gift Basket  
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Puzzle Book (Crossword, Sudoku, etc.)  
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THE GALA PARTY IMMEDIATELY  
FOLLOWING THE GALA



# AWARDS BRUNCH

**October 31, 2014 • 10:30am**

The Awards Brunch will feature the announcement of the AFC 2015 Statewide Officers as well as the presentation of the Florida College System Activities Association (FCSAA) 2014 Hall of Fame inductees. Don't miss it!





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### RECENT GRADUATES



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**"The CCP has enhanced my professional skills, increased my knowledge of the Florida College System, and is a great addition to my resume."**

**"The CCP program not only shows you how leadership works, it also lets you gauge if you are ready to step into a leadership capacity. The program not only taught me what it takes to be a leader, but how to look at leadership in a different way."**

**"My participation in the CCP Program and doing the required practicum gave me the confidence to further my own higher education goals by going to graduate school."**

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\*Please see the CCP website for additional criteria.

**And best of all, the core courses (Leadership, Legislative Process and Advocacy, The Florida College System, and Building Community and Customer Service) are offered online. No additional travel or time away from the office is required.**



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# Awards Committee Nominations

Criteria and forms can be found in the AFC Leadership Manual. If you do not have a printed copy of the manual, you can find it on the AFC Website in the Membership Toolbox. [CLICK HERE](#)

## COMMISSION END OF THE YEAR REPORT

Reporting Period is Oct. 1, 2013 – Sept. 30, 2014.  
All nominations must be received by Oct. 15, 2014.

*The Commission End of the Year Report will now be used in the judging process for the Outstanding Commission of the Year. In the hopes of soliciting more participation in the awards program, the report has been streamlined. The purpose of the report is still to offer Commission chairs a measurable tool to use in planning and implementing a successful year in compliance with the Commission Vitality Report found in the AFC Bylaws, Article VIII, Section 2.*

## REGION END OF THE YEAR REPORT

Reporting Period is Oct. 1, 2013 – Sept. 30, 2014.  
All nominations must be received by Oct. 15, 2014

*The Region End of the Year Report will now be used in the judging process for the Outstanding Region of the Year. In the hopes of soliciting more participation in the awards program, the report has been streamlined. The purpose of the report is still to offer Region Directors a measurable tool to use in planning and implementing a successful year.*

## CAP AND GOWN AWARD COMING 2015!

### COLLABORATION AND PARTNERSHIP FOR GROWING OUR WHOLE NETWORK AWARD

*The purpose of the **Collaboration and Partnership for Growing Our Whole Network (CAP and GOWN)** Award is to encourage innovative cross-commission, cross-regional, and cross-chapter initiatives by colleges.*

#### CRITERIA:

*For the inaugural year, all project participants must be members of the Association of Florida Colleges prior to September 1. For subsequent years, project participants must be members for at least three months. The collaboration/partnership project must meet the mission of the Association and at least two of its values: Professional growth and development, Advocacy, Leadership, Community, Innovation, Networking. Must include three or more commissions or chapters.*

#### PROCEDURE:

*Each nomination must include:*

- A completed nomination form
- A brief (not to exceed 1,000 words) summary of the collaborative/partnership project, including information which supports the criteria
- Any supporting documentation

*The Awards Committee will select the most deserving project from the nominations received. The winner will receive \$1200. The results will be announced at the AFC Annual Convention.*

## ALL NOMINATIONS ARE TO BE SUBMITTED TO:

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# Calendar

## September

Council of President's Business Meeting	September 25, 2014
Trustee Commission Annual Meeting	September 25-26, 2014

## October

Executive Committee Meeting	October 28, 2014
Board of Directors Meeting	October 28, 2014
65th Annual Convention	October 29-31, 2014

## December

Council of Presidents Teleconference	December 4, 2014
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### Deadline and Publication Dates

**CURRENT Submission Deadlines:**  
November 24, 2014

**CURRENT Publication Dates**  
December 12, 2014

Email your submissions for the next issue of Current to **Tina Ingramm** ([tingramm@myafchome.org](mailto:tingramm@myafchome.org)) for consideration in the next publication.

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