

Membership Meeting Minutes May 23, 2024 7:00 PM

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(Sign-in is available at 6:45 for your testing and early chatting)

7:00 pm - Welcome and Announcements: Tim Thompson, 1st Vice President
Called to order at 7:08 PM. 15 attending.

Old Business: Election of Officers – Bill Barfield, Chair, Nominating Committee
Bill introduced the Slate (Attachment 1)
The Call for Nominations from the floor was announced – none made
Vote on the entire Slate - 29 Yea (4-3 votes, 6-2 votes, 5-1 vote), 0 Nay.

New Business:

Federation need to **reappoint** three representatives to a Fairfax Board, Agency, or Commission per their respective County Charter:

1. Engineering Standards Review Committee – pending new appointment
2. Northern VA Regional Council of Professional Engineers – Lewis Grimm to be contacted by Jeff; Bill send Jeff Lewis's email
3. One other BAC pending notification

After some clarification and solicitation of volunteers, Tim motioned to table all three appointments and to discuss at Picnic meeting in June - voted Yea unanimous.

Doug B – Introduced a [NY Times article](#) from Jeff describing the issue on **insurance companies** demanding short notice on home “repairs”. He questioned if this a wide-scope problem, should this be brought to a Virginia board of regulators, companies should be required to provide at least 90 day notice and refer to professional inspector. Federation may ask is this a “big” problem in Fairfax. To be further monitored and info gathered by Doug. Jeff to post research or results as an article on Federation Community Services Committee web page. Sue suggest Fed query other member associations, Tim to talk with some BOS members. Luann asks perhaps contact SCC at 804-371-9733 or 1-866-722-2551. Doug, Mark, Jeff to continue research. Other relevant links in Attachment 2 below.

Tim T, et al - **Community association meetings in FCPS facilities** being required to show \$1M insurance to use FCPS facilities. Tim met with a Supervisor and with Dr. Reed (FCPS) who suggested a few work-arounds and was surprised the requirement originated from BOS. Reed & McKay (BOS Chair) to ask for public input and for public orgs to contact local school PTA to “sponsor” the local org and thus may avoid the insurance fee. More county action to follow.

Meal Tax discussion – Mark, Tim – may look at 2014 Fed Issue Resolution and 2025 Budget Resolution again by Budget Committee (Tim, David). Luann noted in the chat that “the proposed meals tax would apply to prepared meals from various outlets, including grocery stores, restaurants, and convenience stores in Fairfax County. The Board of Supervisors has initiated a study to examine the benefits and drawbacks of implementing a tax of up to 6% (or as low as 1%) on these items. Furthermore, the County executive has been told to crunch the numbers and get back to lawmakers. Some estimates say it could raise \$33 million a year. McKay says a decision on whether they will have a meal tax or how big it would be will come in the next fiscal budget”.

Community **Memorial Day** announcements from Patrick and Tim about ceremonies in their respective communities.

Status of **web page development** and updates – Charlotte & Jeff. Updating ongoing to one current site with archive site; funding for new site renewal and pending amount from Charlotte. Upgrading allows PayPal and better security as well as only one site facing public. Bill, Charlotte, Jeff to meet for discussion. Perhaps Venmo <https://venmo.com/send-receive/start/> is better pay method.

Any update on casinos issue – No discussion

Discussion on future dates for **membership meetings**: No meeting in July and August – Next Membership meeting is the June 20 Picnic, then on Sept 26. Newly elected Executive committee will meet per By-Laws after the Picnic and Board will next meet on July 26.

Committee Announcements:

Public Safety - The Federation November, 2024, **Public Safety Program** features the FBI Office of Private Sector presentation, scheduled for Thursday, November 21st, at 7pm in Braddock Hall, located in the Braddock District Supervisor's Office, [9002 Burke Lake Road Burke](https://www.fairfaxva.gov/9002-Burke-Lake-Road-Burke) VA 22015

Member Announcements: (Share some events from your community) - None

Next membership Meeting:

June 20, 2024, Annual **Pot Luck Picnic** 6PM in Mason Park at Picnic Area "B".
Sign-up [here](#). Jeff McKay will administer the Oath of office to newly elected officers & take questions

Adjournment: 8:25 PM

Recorded By: Bill Barfield, Past President, PastPresident@FairfaxFederation.org

Attachments:

Attachment 1 – Slate of Candidates for Federation office

Attachment 2 – Relevant links & info from Luann via chat about Insurance company regulations

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OFFICE and CANDIDATE BIOS

PRESIDENT - TIM THOMPSON

Tim is currently a Federation Past President and is Cochair of the Budget Committee and, as Cochair of the Legislation Committee, frequently represents Federation issues to Fairfax General Assembly members. He served as the Federation delegate to the Fairfax County Redistricting Committee.



FIRST VICE PRESIDENT - MORGAN JAMESON

Morgan has served the Federation currently as Corresponding Secretary and as the Federation representative to and vice chair of the Fairfax County Airports Advisory Board. He previously served as the Federation 1st Vice President and has represented Federation legislative issues to the Fairfax delegation to the Virginia General Assembly in Richmond.



SECOND VICE PRESIDENT - SUE SHUMAN

Sue has served on the Mantua Citizens Association as president, vice president, and parks and environment chair. Sue is the Neighbor Network founder and president. She previously served on the Federation board as co-chair of the Citizen Association Services and as an MCA delegate to the Federation. She was appointed in 2021 to the Fairfax County History Commission and has served as its treasurer. Sue served on the county's Chesapeake Bay Preservation Ordinance Exception Review Committee. Sue worked as a reporter or editor for newspapers including 20 years at the Washington Post, at the former Metro-area Journal daily newspaper chain, in Minnesota and Pennsylvania, and at the American Embassy in Paris.



TREASURER - JEFF PARNES

Jeff Parnes has been active in the Federation for 20 years, including the elected offices of Treasurer (twice), First Vice President, and President. Jeff is the Federation webmaster and chairs the Transportation, Resolutions, and Citizen of the Year committees. He has been active in Providence, Hunter Mill, and Sully, District Councils over his forty-four years in Fairfax County. He served the Sully District Council as its vice-president, president, land use and transportation chair and webmaster. Jeff served as the Greenbriar Civic Association Land Use Committee chair and as President, Treasurer and Civic Affairs Committee chair for the Chantilly Highlands Homes Association. He looks forward to continuing to serve the Federation as Treasurer.



RECORDING SECRETARY - BILL BARFIELD

Bill is a Federation Past President and a Past 2nd Vice President. He is currently Chair of the Nominations Committee, the Citizen of the Year Committee, and Cochair of the Legislation Committee from which he produces the annual Federation Legislative Issues report to the Fairfax delegation to the General Assembly. He has been President of two community associations, Chairman of the Braddock District Council of Community Associations, founding member and Vice Chair of the Braddock District Land Use and Environment Committee, and was 1st Vice President of his current community.



CORRESPONDING SECRETARY - LUANN WHITTENBURG

As a Federation member since 2019, Luann is ready to serve as Federation Corresponding Secretary. In 2023, she served on the Federation's Bylaws Committee. Her other community activities include representing the Fairfax Medical Reserve Corp on the Fairfax Citizens Advisory Council, 2022-present. Her ongoing activities in her community association include creating the Neighborhood Watch and supporting the annual Fairfax National Night Out and community emergency/disaster preparedness events. Luann looks forward to the opportunity to contribute as Federation Corresponding Secretary.



Attachment 2 –Links & info from Luann via Zoom chat about Insurance company regulations

1. Virginia law prevents an insurance company from canceling your owner-occupied homeowner's policy after the first 90 days except for specific reasons.

<https://scc.virginia.gov/getattachment/67855eec-51ad-44ac-b271-7935c77ecf15/Know-Your-Rights-Homeowners-insurance.pdf#:~:text=Also%2C%20you%20should%20know%20that%20Virginia%20law%20prevents,home%3B%20it%20does%20not%20apply%20to%20renters%20policies.>

2. Insurance companies in Virginia must give 30 days' notice prior to cancellation unless it is due to nonpayment, which requires 10 days' notice.

<https://www.policygenius.com/homeowners-insurance/home-insurance-cancellation-laws-by-state/>

<https://www.scc.virginia.gov/pages/Virginia-Homeowners-Insurance-Guide>

3. Here's the phone number for the State Corporation Commission:

SCC Home Property & Casualty information.

Main Office: 804-371-9741

Toll-free: 1-877-310-6560

Email: BureauofInsurance@scc.virginia.gov