



Executive Committee Meeting Schedule

The Executive Committee met via conference call on Wednesday, January 27 to discuss the items outlined in this newsletter. There will be three additional Executive Committee meetings between now and the next Board meeting, scheduled for April. Those three Executive Committee meetings have been scheduled for:

- February 25, 2016, 4:00 pm, ET;
- March 31, 2016, 4:00 pm, ET; and,
- April 13, 2016, 4:00 pm, ET.

For additional information regarding the Executive Committee Meetings, including call information, please visit www.FACRestore.com.

Planning Grant Application Update

One of the major reasons for cancelling the February 4th previously scheduled Board meeting is the fact that there is no additional clarity or certainty to report to the Board on the Gulf Consortium's Planning Grant Application. The application was submitted to the Restoration Council on September 24. Since that time, Consortium staff and consultants have been working with the Restoration Council to achieve closure on the Council's questions and concerns. The Consortium has been in constant communication with the Council since September; has shared volumes of documentation; and answered every question posed. At the request of the Consortium's Chairman, Commissioner Grover Robinson (Escambia) a face to face meeting with DEP, Consortium and Council staff will take place February 12. Any additional information regarding this matter will be published in future newsletters. You can read the Chairman's letter [here](#).

Revisions to the Process for Development of the State Expenditure Plan

Because of some of the [preliminary policy issues](#) that the Board has made with

respect to the process for developing Florida's state expenditure plan, the ESA Consultant Team's approach to that process needs to be revised. The Executive Committee heard the preliminary revisions as developed by the ESA Consultant Team during its meeting on January 27. A draft of the revised process can be found [here](#). Please take some time to review the revisions and provide feedback to the draft process to [Ginger Delegal](#).

The Consortium staff will be compiling all feedback received so that the future iterations of the process reflects the comments, questions and concerns that are raised. Thank you to those of you who have already submitted your comments. In addition, future draft revisions will be shared with each county's RESTORE Act Coordinator for further input. Each of the Executive Committee meetings between now and April will include discussions on any revisions to the process for developing Florida's state expenditure plan.

Officer Elections

At the January 27 meeting, the Executive Committee discussed the upcoming 2016 election of officers, now scheduled for the full Board meeting. Those persons currently serving as officers will remain in office until the April Board meeting. At the election in April, the follow persons, have declared their candidacy for office:

- *Candidates for Chairman:*
 - Commissioner Grover Robinson, current office is Chairman
- *Candidates for Vice-Chairman:*
 - Warren Yeager, current office is Secretary-Treasurer
 - Commissioner Chris Constance, no current office held
- *Candidates for Secretary-Treasurer:*
 - Warren Yeager, current office is Secretary-Treasurer
 - Commissioner George Neugent, current office is Appointed Officer
 - Commissioner Chris Constance, no current office held
- *Candidates for Appointed Officer:*
 - Warren Yeager, current office is Secretary-Treasurer
 - Commissioner Sara Comander, current office is Appointed Officer
 - Commissioner Chris Constance, no current office held
 - Commissioner Jack Mariano, no current office held

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