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BOARDROOM REPORT

News from recent REIS board meetings

Luncheon Programs:

The December 8th luncheon will look at the healthcare industry as a catalyst for commercial and residential growth, presented by Dave Kistel, Vice President of Facilities and Support Services with Lee Memorial Health System. [Krise Commercial Group](#) is the sponsor.

The January 12th luncheon will be sponsored by [Velocity Engineering Services](#).

REIS welcomes your suggestions on programs and speakers you would like to see at the luncheons. Please share your ideas with [Amanda Brock](#), 239.344.1269.

Luncheon and Event Sponsorships:

Contact Chairman [Peter Rossi](#), 239.514.4100 for availability and details.

Scholarship:

The Paul Sands Memorial Slaw Dog Golf Tournament takes place December 17th. Last year's event raised \$5,800 for the Paul Sands Memorial -REIS Scholarship Program at Florida Gulf Coast University. Information on REIS scholarship programs is on the [REIS web page](#).

Membership:

Renewal notices for 2016 will be emailed in November, so please verify that your contact information is current in the [REIS membership directory](#).

Real Estate Symposium:

The October educational program continues to receive outstanding reviews. The speakers have generously allowed REIS to post their data-packed presentations on the [REIS web site](#) for your enjoyment.

SW Florida Water Resources Conference:

The 25th annual conference will be January 15th at Florida Gulf Coast University. REIS will be a co-host of the prominent day-long event. The program agenda and registration information will be provided to REIS members in the coming weeks.

REIS 2016 BOARD ELECTED

The REIS 2016 officers and board of governors were elected at the Annual Social Event on November 5th:

President: Amanda Brock, Esq., Henderson Franklin Starnes & Holt, P.A.

Vice President: Karen Miller, GHD Services

Treasurer: Bev Larson, CCIM, Lahaina Realty

Secretary: Alexis Crespo, Waldrop Engineering

Board of Governors: Noel Davies, Roetzel & Andress; Arleen Hunter, City of Bonita Springs; Bill Morris, Morris-Depew Associates; and Chris Pacitto, Velocity Engineering; nominated to 2-year terms, joining returning board members: Bob Bassett, Branch Banking & Trust Company; Mary Gentile, LandQwest Property Management; and Peter Rossi, Forge Engineering. Matt Simmons, Maxwell, Hendry & Simmons, LLC, joins the Board as the immediate past president.

EPA WATER RULE CHALLENGED

On November 3rd, the U.S. Senate failed to pass the Federal Clean Water Protection Act (s.1140), which would stop implementation of the new [Environmental Protection Agency \(EPA\) rule](#), which became effective August 28th, and would set strict standards for rule-making. The House of Representatives had already passed a similar bill.

However, the Senate immediately followed by passing Resolution S.J. 22, which will nullify the EPA rule entirely. The President has threatened to veto any legislation that would block implementation of the new rule. The EPA rule expands the scope of waters regulated by the Clean Water Act in Florida and 36 other states. A federal court ruling has blocked the rule in 13 states that sued the EPA.

REIS WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS

Please join in welcoming our new members:

Michael Lehnert, Henderson Franklin, Attorneys At Law
Kimberly Gaglia, Kova Property Management

Membership details and application are on [REIS website](#)



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REIS AWARDS SCHOLARSHIPS

The Real Estate Investment Society (REIS) awarded the Paul Sands Memorial – REIS Scholarship to Florida Gulf Coast University (FGCU) student Krista Swift. The scholarship provides \$2,000 toward tuition and books. In addition, the REIS Scholarship Foundation awarded \$1,500 scholarships to FGCU student John Doherty and Ave Maria University student Brandon Barnes.



Mark Morris, REIS Scholarship Chair; Christopher Westley, Director of Regional Economic Research Institute at FGCU; scholars John Doherty and Krista Swift; and Tim Allen and Shelton Weeks, professors at Lutgert College of Business at FGCU.

YEAR END FINANCIAL STRATEGY

Please consider contributing to the REIS scholarship programs. The REIS Scholarship Foundation is a 501(C)3 corporation and donations may be tax deductible. Details and online donation form are on the [REIS web page](#).

HOUSING FINANCE REFORM

White House senior housing policy advisor Michael Stegman says that there's no way the administration will support any form of recapitalization and release from conservatorship for **Fannie Mae** and **Freddie Mac**, and that only comprehensive housing policy reform is acceptable. The statement came at the Mortgage Bankers Association convention in October.

LIKE-KIND EXCHANGES ANALYZED

An [in-depth study](#) of the US commercial real estate market highlights the critical role that "like-kind exchanges" or "1031 exchanges" play in stabilizing rents, safeguarding property values and strengthening the economy.

REIS ROCKS THE RIVERFRONT

REIS members and their guests enjoyed a grand sunset, live music, cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, and a rousing good time on November 5th, at PINCHERS / THE MARINA at Edison Ford on the river in downtown Fort Myers. Proceeds will fund scholarships.



The party was generously sponsored by:

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