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BOARDROOM REPORT

News from recent REIS board meetings

Luncheon Programs:

The "Education Revolution" will be addressed by Lee County Schools Superintendent Greg Adkins at the December 13th luncheon, sponsored by [Krise Commercial Group](#). The luncheon will be back in the Pelican Preserve Clubhouse.

Fort Myers Mayor Randy Henderson will be the guest speaker at the January 10th luncheon, sponsored by [Velocity Engineering Services](#).

Lee County's goals and challenges for 2017 will be presented by John Manning, Chairman of the Lee County Board of County Commissioners, at the February 14th luncheon, sponsored by [Roetzel & Andress, P.A.](#)

Lee County Port Authority will report on airport projects and related real estate opportunities at the March 14th luncheon, sponsored by [State Insurance Agency](#).

Leading the invocation and pledge of allegiance at meetings is a great way to get in front of the REIS membership and guests. Contact [Chris Pacitto](#), 239.896.6376, to volunteer.

Scholarship Program:

Scholarships will be awarded at the REIS December luncheon. You may contribute to the scholarship program at any time at the [REIS website](#). 100% of contributions are used to fund scholarships for local students.

The 20th annual Paul Sands Memorial Slaw Dog Invitational golf event will be December 14th and be followed by a party with live music, dinner and fine cigars. Non-golfers may attend the party also. A portion of proceeds support the Paul Sands Memorial - REIS Scholarship program.

Membership:

Renewal notices for 2017 will be emailed in November, so please check the [REIS membership directory](#) to verify that your contact information is up to date.

RECEPTION FOR COMMISSIONERS

REIS hosts a private members-only reception for Lee County Commissioners on December 8th at Edison National Bank on Cleveland Avenue, hosted by Edison National Bank and Henderson Franklin, Attorneys at Law. Reservations are required.

REIS 2017 OFFICERS ELECTED

The REIS 2017 officers and members of the Board of Governors were elected at the annual Social Event on November 17th.

President: Karen Miller, GHD Services, Inc.

Vice President: Bev Larson, CCIM, Lahaina Realty

Treasurer: Alexis Crespo, AICP, Waldrop Engineering

Secretary: Mary Gentile, LandQwest Property Management, LLC

Board of Governors: David Fry, Vantage Construction Services; Mark Morris, VIP Realty - Commercial; and Kent Poli, Busey Bank; elected to 2-year terms.

Returning board members are: Noel Davies, Roetzel & Andress; Arleen Hunter, AICP, City of Bonita Springs; Bill Morris, Morris-Depew Associates; and Chris Pacitto, Velocity Engineering Services.

Amanda L. Brock, Esq., Henderson Franklin Starnes & Holt, P.A., joins the Board as immediate past president.

WATER RESOURCES CONFERENCE

REIS is co-sponsoring the annual Southwest Florida Water Resources Conference, a day-long event January 13th at Florida Gulf Coast University. The conference will showcase how agencies, engineering firms, and non-profit organizations can work together on actions to improve water systems and the environment. The conference brings together researchers, managers, decision-makers, consultants, and other interested parties to discuss ongoing scientific research and innovative projects, share ideas, and increase awareness of water supply, water use efficiency, and watershed health. Registration is on the [American Water Resources Association website](#).



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LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION TO MEET

Lee County Legislative Delegation meets January 19th to consider local bills, funding requests, and public commentary for the 2017 State Legislative Session. The meeting is from 9 to 5 in Florida Southwestern State College Nursing Building, Room AA-177. Bills must be submitted and presentations registered by January 6th with [Charlotte Codie](#). The Delegation includes Senators Lizbeth Benacquisto and Kathleen Passidomo, and Representatives Matt Caldwell, Dane Eagle, Heather Fitzenhagen, and Raymond Rodriguez.

IT'S THE LAW

New state laws that became effective July 1, 2016:

Building Codes (Chapter 2016-129) is a comprehensive update of state building codes. Includes extension of Homeowner's Construction Recovery Fund to single-family homes and requires installation of radio service in all high-rise buildings, including those not in current compliance.

Water Policy (Chapter 2016-1) mandates new data base of conservation lands and annual report on water quality and quantity. Contains 5-year planning process for funding water resource projects.

Growth Management (Chapter 2016- 148) provides for modification of approved projects by permitting reductions in project density and intensity.

State Lands (Chapter 2016-233) revises procedures for appraisal and acquisition of state lands and encourages alternatives to fee simple acquisition of preservation, conservation, and recreation lands.

Community Development Districts (Chapter 2016-94) increases minimum size requirements for creation of Community Development Districts (CDDs) at the county level and provides procedures for merging CDDs.

Ad Valorem Taxes (Chapter 2016-128) revises the procedures for contesting assessments.

Conservation Easements (Chapter 2016-110) provides that a property owner is not required to file a renewal application for a conservation easement.

REIS MEMBERS BRING THE PARTY

REIS members and their guests gathered to enjoy hors d'oeuvres, a full bar, and a rousing good time at the annual Social Event on November 17th in Fort Myers. Mike and Barbara Maxwell provided live entertainment.



The party was sponsored by:

[RE/MAX Commercial](#)
[Grandbridge Real Estate Capital](#)
[Henderson Franklin, Attorneys at Law](#)
[Hans Wilson & Associates](#)
[Forge Engineering](#)
[Maxwell Hendry Simmons](#)



REIS WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS

Please join in welcoming our new members:

Kellie Clark, is project manager with Kimley-Horn and Associates, focusing on storm water planning, wetland restoration, and watershed management.

Tony Mangione, principal and real estate agent with Trinity Commercial Group, is a graduate of FGCU and 2013 recipient of a REIS scholarship.

Tim Schneider, senior associate with Trinity Commercial Group, is formerly president of Commercial Investment Professionals and a member of ICSC.

Tom Daugherty, director of development with Trinity Commercial Group, is a former member of the REIS Board of Governors.

Josh Burdine, ABR, CAM, CIPS, SFR, is a broker associate with Rockstar Realty and serves as secretary of the Royal Palm Coast Realtors Association.



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