

NEFRC Highlights

Monthly Report of the Northeast Florida Regional Council

September 2014

Incoming Officers Will Take the Helm In October

The new slate of Council officers will preside during the October board meeting. President Kenny Eubanks (Putnam County), First Vice President, the Honorable Vernon Myers (Mayor City of Palatka), Second Vice President, the Honorable Cyndi Stevenson (St. Johns County Commissioner) and Secretary/Treasurer Darryl Register (Baker County) represent the Council officers and Executive Committee for the Northeast Florida Regional Council. The Executive Committee will lead the Council in a modified meeting schedule and committee assignments that take effect October 1. The Council appreciates the services of immediate past President, the Honorable Wendell Davis (Clay County), and the services of Mr. Hugh Fish, Jr Secretary/Treasurer (Baker County). For more information, contact Brian Teeple at bteeple@nefrc.org.



President Kenny Eubanks
Putnam County



First Vice President, the Honorable Vernon Myers
Mayor City of Palatka



2nd Vice President, the Honorable Cyndi Stevenson
St. Johns County Commissioner



Secretary/Treasurer Darryl Register
Baker County

Save The Dates! NEFRC Board of Directors Revised Meeting Schedule

The Council and Committees will gather under the newly adopted reduced meeting schedule, starting next month, October 2, 2014. Use the tables below to save these dates on your calendar.

Board of Directors & Committees (Personnel & Finance; Legislative)

October 2, 2014	December 4, 2014	February 5, 2015	April 2, 2015	June 4, 2015
August 6, 2015	October 1, 2014	December 3, 2015		

Executive Committee

November 6, 2014	January 2015	March 5, 2015	May 7, 2015
July 2, 2015	September 3, 2014	November 5, 2015	



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Bringing Communities Together to Advance the Regional Agenda

Region Hosts State American Planning Association (APA) 2014 Conference: Plan in Motion

Council CEO, Brian Teeple and immediate past President of APA Florida, led keynote presentations, panels and leadership awards during the 2014 Plan in Motion conference, held in downtown Jacksonville. He hosted the Friday keynote luncheon, introducing Governor Ed Rendell, Pennsylvania, Mayor Alvin Brown, Jacksonville and Mr. Ben Warner, JCCI. In addition to his leadership, Margo Moehring and Lindsay Haga each presented separate breakout sessions. As the Council's subject matter expert on sea level rise, Margo presented Planning for Sea Level Rise: Case studies in the Gulf Big Bend and Northeast Florida. Lindsay partnered with local land use planner and Jacksonville Planning Commissioner Lara Diettrich to present Discovering Brentwood: Health Impact assessment and Zoning Code Update. Lindsay also served as the 2014 Project Awards Committee Chair, recognizing practice and community leaders for their planning achievements in Florida. The First Coast section of APA Florida is also represented by Council staff: Elizabeth Payne and Eric Anderson; both of whom volunteered during the conference to lead mobile workshops and coordinate breakout sessions. The Council was well represented by this group of certified planners, including Michael Epstein, who contributed personal time to make great communities happen! For more information about the conference or APAFL/First Coast Section activities, contact Brian Teeple at bteeple@nefrc.org.



Pictured L to R: Brian Teeple, NEFRC CEO; Mayor Alvin Brown, City of Jacksonville; Ben Warner, JCCI; Governor Ed Rendell, Pennsylvania; Melissa Zornita, President APA FL

Regional Leader in Economic Development:

Perry Bechtle, DO

During the September Board meeting, the Council received a presentation by the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) chairman, Dr. Perry Bechtle, Mayo Clinic for final action. After providing a summary of the 2014-2019 CEDS plan, the Council recognized Dr. Bechtle for his service, commending him on his "What if, Why not" approach to lead the committee, his role as a graduate of the Regional Leadership Academy (Class of 2013) and as a director of the Regional Community Institute of Northeast Florida. For more information about the CEDS committee work and the adopted CEDS 2014-2019 Plan, contact Margo Moehring at mmoehring@nefrc.org.



Pictured L to R: Council President Wendell Davis; Perry Bechtle, DO; Brian Teeple NEFRC CEO

Regional Community Institute Annual Meeting

On September 22, the Regional Community Institute (RCI) completed its work on Thriving Small Business. Their policy recommendations and recommended action plan will be presented to the NEFRC Board on October 2, 2014. RCI will focus on implementation of this action plan and the recommendations of the "Dipping our Toes in Rising Waters" action plan during the 2015 calendar year.

Council Appoints Regional Community Institute Board of Directors

The Council approved nominations for the Regional Community Institute Board of Directors during the September meeting. The following regional leaders will be the incoming RCI board of directors for 2014/2015:

Bob Page, former NEFRC Board of Directors
Art Graham, RLA class of 2008 (Thriving Small Business committee chairman)
Hon. Jon Netts, NEFRC Board of Directors
Rob Palmer, RLA Class of 2008

Teresa Bishop, RLA Class of 2009
Tracy Nassaro, RLA Class of 2014
Dr. Quinton White, RLA Class of 2007
Wilfredo Gonzalez, RLA Class of 2006

Did you know

In 2013, the Region produced goods valued at \$7.6 billion dollars which were shipped to destinations outside of the United States?

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