

Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations
Membership Meeting of October 19, 2006
MINUTES

The meeting of FCFCA was held at JR's Restaurant in Tysons Corner. It was preceded by a sit-down dinner and a panel forum jointly sponsored by the Fairfax Committee of 100 and the Federation. The panel forum, "Immigration: Why Should We Care?", included Harris Miller, former president of World Information Technology and Services Alliance and a recent candidate for the Democratic nomination for U.S. Senator, and David Ellis, Fairfax County community building coordinator. Fairfax Committee of 100 President Maria Merenda and Federation President John Jennison also welcomed all attendees to this jointly sponsored session.

The Federation monthly membership meeting followed the conclusion of the immigration panel forum.

Business Meeting —

- a. President John Jennison thanked Bill Hanks for proposing the idea of holding the joint event with the Fairfax Committee of 100 and for working to make it possible. Bill Hanks encouraged those present to consider joining the Fairfax Committee of 100.
- b. The minutes for the September 21 membership meeting were approved unanimously as written.
- c. Carol Hawn introduced Scott Schlegel and nominated him as Federation Treasurer for the 2006-07 year. The nomination was seconded by Bill Hanks. He then moved that the nominations be closed and that the Secretary be instructed to record that a unanimous ballot had been cast for Scott Schlegel. The motion was seconded by Sally Ormsby and carried unanimously.
- d. President John Jennison noted that the Fairfax Committee of 100 has agreed to co-sponsor with the Federation an October 27 pro and con forum on the proposed constitutional amendment on marriage, which will be on the ballot this fall. After the forum was suggested, he checked with members of the Federation Board individually because of the limited time available to make a decision. The majority supported going forward with the forum. He noted that those speaking against would be J. Douglas Koelemay, managing director of Qorvis Communications, and James W. Dyke, Jr., Esq., partner of McGuire Woods, Corporate Services Department, and those in support would be Mrs. Victoria Cobb, executive director of the Family Foundation, and Delegate Robert G. (Bob) Marshall, R-13th District, House of Delegates. He asked for volunteers to help with the event.
- e. The BRAC resolution previously published in the Bulletin was put forward by Sally Ormsby, since Earl Flanagan could not be present. (BRAC stands for the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission, which recommended a very large increase in personnel levels at Fort Belvoir; under current law, this change must be fully implemented by September 15, 2011.) A friendly amendment from Charles Dane was discussed and accepted, having been previously discussed with and accepted by Earl Flanagan as well. The resolution was unanimously approved, as amended.
- f. Carol Hawn reminded those present that the deadline to apply to vote absentee by mail is October 31; satellite voting is available from 3:30 to 8:00 Monday to Friday at most government centers.

Next Membership Meeting: November 16, review of proposed Federation legislative program. (This meeting will be in the usual location at the Packard Center.)

Next Board Meeting: October 27, 2006.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.