



FINAL REPORT TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS JANUARY 25, 2017

2017 Commission Officers:

Chair – Raymond Coulter, Palm Beach State College
Chair-elect – Govindah Ramnarain, South Florida State College
Past chair – Jessica Vander Biezen, Santa Fe College
Secretary – John Barbieri, Indian River State College
Treasurer – Cheryl Arpasi – South Florida State College
Best Practice Chair – George Urbano

Annual Conference:

The Facilities Commission provided three professional development sessions at the 67th Annual Conference, with an emphasis on sustainability, teamwork, and leadership. The multiple sponsors we offered were very pleased with the member turnout and expressed interest in continuing their relationships for future events. At the business meeting, new officers were elected (listed above). Past chair Jessica Vander Biezen was presented with a one-of-a-kind Yeti cooler cup, emblazoned with the AFC and Commission logos, thanking her for her two years of hard work and dedication. We exchanged ideas on how to get the current Commission members to become more engaged for the upcoming year and incoming Chair, Raymond Coulter of Palm Beach State College, shared his vision for 2017.

Commission Agenda for 2017:

Low attendance and participation has been a lingering issue for the Commission. In order to end this trend, the Commission will have an increased presence throughout the year. We have requested professional development spots for all five Region Conferences and are planning a collaborative effort for the Student Development Conference. The facilities departments of all six colleges hosting the

above mentioned conferences have been contacted and offered an opportunity to showcase their best practices. This will be a standing offer to the host colleges for all AFC events hosted throughout 2017. We will be partnering with Membership Committee Chair, Tracy Glidden of Eastern Florida State College, on college visits to boost overall membership. Commission Chair Raymond Coulter will also be visiting colleges to make direct contact with those in facilities to increase Commission membership. The Commission has expressed interest in partnering with Region III for its Spring Conference on April 21, 2017, at Eastern Florida State College.

Respectfully Submitted,

Raymond D. Coulter III