

1-13-2021 5:00 p.m.

Troy Bernier
Ann Murray
Clint Noble
Kim Arnold
Bill Aley
Joey McKinnon
Glenn McGraw
Natalie Kato



Clint introduced Natalie Kato, FAPG lobbyist, and gave her the floor.

Natalie said it was fine to run the newsletter write-up she sent to the membership.

She said that it is currently committee week and everyone is figuring out the COVID protocols. Meetings are not being held in the building. FAPG may need to think about membership engagement via Zoom. Money will be saved by doing virtual meetings.

Manny Diaz has filed a licensing deregulation bill (Senate Bill 344). No House companion bill has been filed yet but one is expected. Traditional health care professions are not included in deregulation bill. The review of regulated professions would occur over a 4-year period for the legislature to decide whether the professions up for review should continue to be regulated. If no action is taken, the profession will be deregulated (“sunset”). FAPG’s priority should be to stop the bill. Blaise Ingoglia and others do not like the bill, according to Natalie. Other affected professions oppose the bill and could form a coalition. The goal should be to defeat the entire bill, not remove selected professions. Individual legislative members are being lobbied right now—Natalie is taking action on the lobbyist level but no action is requested of membership at the moment.

SLIP study: Natalie is working with landscape architects (Las) to devise amendment language. She would like the board to review the proposed rule. Groups are trying to get a meeting with Noah Valenstein (FDEP head).

Petroleum tank clean-up freeze: Glenn has been very active on this front. Natalie has been speaking with other lobbyists to educate legislators in advance of budget action. She may call on FAPG membership to send emails to legislators. Glenn provided further updates on coalition action: another survey by the Florida Specifier is planned. Lay-offs in the affected industry have started. Troy has gotten calls about the FAPG survey. The real estate industry will be affected as well.

Political giving: Natalie would like FAPG to consider political giving. FAPG could set-up a political committee. FAPG could give ~\$1,000 to key legislature members to generate good will, such as Ingoglia, Hudson, Broeder Clint said the board will discuss and review the budget. The legality regarding political fundraising was discussed—emails, PACs, etc. The board discussed whether this may be time for another fundraising effort, which have been successful in the past. Troy reported that approximately \$700 per week was raised with every fundraising email sent. The recurrent donations set-up are still active. Troy encouraged including donor names on emails since people like acknowledgement and it encourages others.

Natalie leaves call.

Bill reported the newsletter has been posted to the AIPG site. It needs to be posted to the FAPG site as well. The website needs to be rehabbed, which would be good for donation solicitations. A volunteer to undertake this is needed.

Next call is scheduled for the second Wednesday of every month. Two meetings may be needed in February given the legislative activity.

Adjourned 5:50