

2-17-2021 5:00 p.m.

Clint Noble
Ann Murray
Kim Arnold
Bill Aley
Joey McKinnon
Glenn McGraw
Natalie Kato
Troy Bernier (arrive later in call)



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

Natalie said this is the last week of committee week and then session will begin. She does not think anything will get passed the first week of session.

No hearings have yet been scheduled for the licensing deregulation bill (Senate Bill 344). A House companion bill has been filed by Rep. Rizo from Hialeah. Landscape architects and engineers have met with him regarding the bill. FAPG needs to continue to educate legislators. It would also be good to raise \$2k for Blaise Ingoglia because he will be key for regulated industries and has plans to run for the senate.

Petroleum tank clean-up freeze: There is now \$60 million in the proposed budget for cleanup activities. Other lobbyists with allied groups have been meeting with legislators to ask for increased funding--\$125 million. This is unlikely but a budget of \$80-90 million would be a win. This is still far less than the revenue the trust fund generates. Natalie has been working with Ryan Matthews representing FGWA.

SLIP study: There have not been any good vehicles to introduce amendments yet to include other qualified professions besides engineers as having the ability to sign SLIP studies. We will know all the bills that have been filed within a week and may be able to identify a potential vehicle at that time. Bill suggested amended language similar to what FDEP has used in other places stating something can be signed by an engineer or "other appropriately registered professional."

Political giving: The group talked about potential fundraising for Blaise Ingoglia. Natalie will help craft language regarding fundraising that could be distributed to the membership within the proper guidelines. The group discussed how to package that information for distribution to the membership. Weekly updates from Natalie during session may be beneficial.

Natalie leaves call.

Finances: Clint and Troy discussed taxes. Ann said Christina should be able to help with tax information/documents due. Christina has paid Natalie. FAPG has two main bank accounts, one for general business and one specifically for the lobbyist. Payments made via Paypal go to the lobbyist account.

Officers: Clint Noble is the current FAPG president; Troy Bernier is the immediate past president; Anne Murray is an advisor; Christina Dennis-McCoy is treasurer; Bill Aley is editor; Kim Arnold is secretary; Joey McKinnon is the legislative liaison.

Editor: Bill would like to cleanup the email distribution lists. We should try to reinvigorate student activity and work to engage people who have expressed interest in FAPG. Everyone should work to solicit sponsorships.

Calls are generally scheduled for the second Wednesday of every month. An invitation will be sent for the next call.

Adjourned 5:30