

**COBWRA DELEGATES MEETING HIGHLIGHTS • THE CASCADES • DECEMBER 12, 2018**

**WELCOME**

THE CASCADES DELEGATE JACK LEICHER and PRESIDENT DENNIS DEUTSCH welcomed the guests on behalf of their community.

**ELECTED OFFICIALS' REPORTS**

**SCHOOL BOARD DISTRICT 3 REPRESENTATIVE KAREN BRILL:**

- Reported that the passage of the School Tax has resulted in many teachers who currently work in charter schools returning to the School District.

**FIRST RESPONDERS' REPORTS**

**PALM BEACH COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPT. DISTRICT 6 CAPTAIN SHAWN EASTMAN:**

- Reminded the Delegates to be patient on the road and to always leave a little early for appointments during high traffic volume times of the year.
- Explained that "crimes of opportunity" occur when vehicles are left unlocked with items visible on the seat in parking lots/shopping plazas.

**PALM BEACH COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPT. DISTRICT 6 LIEUTENANT BETH KRIVDA:**

- Announced the PBSO Document Shredding Event.
- Invited Delegates to participate in the Citizen's Police Academy, which will run from February 19 through April 9.

**PALM BEACH COUNTY FIRE RESCUE DISTRICT 4 INTERIM BATTALION CHIEF MIKE AMELUNG:**

- Informed the Delegates about the Fire Rescue Care Team, a unit designated to assist emergency responders by providing "emotional first aid" at the scene.
- Announced that The Fire Rescue Mobile International Health Unit works with hospitals to reduce frequent hospital re-admissions.

**PALM BEACH TRANSPORTATION PLANNING AGENCY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR NICK UHREN:**

- Explained that his agency is comprised of 15 local elected officials who direct Federal and State gas taxes to Palm Beach County.
- Encouraged the Delegates to complete the TPA **Online Survey** which will help the Agency determine the best programs for allocation of the funds. To complete the survey go to: [www.PalmBeachTPA.org/Participate](http://www.PalmBeachTPA.org/Participate)



**PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

**COBWRA PRESIDENT PHIL BARLAGE:**

- Announced that Proposed revisions to the COBWRA Bylaws, as recommended for approval by the Bylaws Committee and the COBWRA Board, will be presented, discussed, and voted on by the Delegates at the January 16, 2019 meeting. The meeting will be exclusively for COBWRA Delegates and Alternates. No Elected Officials' or First Responders' reports will be presented.
- Congratulated the **Technology Committee** for their work in developing the new computer registration system and reported that the Electronic Voting System will be introduced in January.
- Announced that the **Water & Wetlands Committee** will be participating in the 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Everglades Day Event on February 9 from 8am-4pm. Volunteers to assist at the COBWRA display both are needed.
- Encouraged Delegates to participate in COBWRA's **Leadership Development Workshop** to be held on January 30<sup>th</sup> at 10am.

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE ELECTION**

In addition to the Bylaws vote at the January, 2019 Delegates meeting, nominations will be accepted for candidates (Delegates or Alternates) to serve on the 2019 Nominating Committee. **FIVE NOMINATING COMMITTEE MEMBERS WILL BE ELECTED.**

If you wish to serve on the Nominating Committee, but will not be present at the meeting, please do the following:

- 1) Ask a fellow Delegate to place your name in nomination.
- 2) Provide the COBWRA Secretary with written confirmation that you would accept the nomination and serve if elected.

**SPECIAL PROGRAM...**

**PALM BEACH COUNTY CONSTITUTIONAL TAX COLLECTOR, ANNE GANNON** discussed a wide range of Tax Collector's Office programs, including Real I.D. Compliance, collection of taxes (\$3.7 billion in 2018) and the issuing of Driver's Licenses. Ms. Gannon also reported that her office is



Pictured: Anne Gannon and Phil Barlage

litigating a case against Airbnb and HomeAway in an effort to collect the Bed Tax collected from short term renters. The \$47 million annual bed tax dollars support the County Sports Authority, Cultural & Arts Programs and advertising Palm Beach County as a travel destination.