

## President's Message



*"It was the best of times, it was the worst of times"* starts the first chapter of a well-known Dickens novel. Metaphorically, that could be considered the juxtaposition of how FLiCRA felt following a

widely criticized 2018 State Legislative Session, with disappointment as far as the fate of the important CCRC Reform Bill, passage of which was so near and yet so far.

Moving on after a brief period of decompression, in the aftermath it seems likely the FLiCRA State Board will focus on the Senate version of the Bill from 2018 as the foundation for filing for the 2019 legislative session. This proposal includes many strengthened protections for Florida's continuing care retirement community (CCRC) residents. The Bill passed through several Senate Legislative Committees and passed two House Committees, but then failed to be placed for floor hearings.

From a new starting point, as an approach it is understood as a fact that the proverbial glass is both half empty and half full, and our first focus first is on the fullness product as represented by the Bill.

FLiCRA meetings with the other stakeholders, including LeadingAge Florida and staff of the Office of Insurance Regulation, are already underway to determine whether any further

amendments or changes to the proposed amendments should be made for the 2019 CCRC Reform Bill.

Senate and House sponsors must be named to file the Bill well before the 2019 Legislative Committees begin meeting very soon after the November 2018 elections. Because of term limits, we are well aware that a number of those Committee members could be from among the newly-elected Senators and Representatives, bringing different dynamics to the process.

Throughout, the FLiCRA State Board will have decisions to make while remaining steadfast to our mission, goals and purpose, with the guidance of FLiCRA's well-structured Bylaws, Policies, and Strategic Plan. It seems I keep using the word "challenge" in most of my Messages, but I can always assure that the Board's leadership is well-equipped for problem-solving, consisting of members who bring to the table valuable assets from a diversity of skill sets, capacities, and experience translated into resources to provide the quality of leadership our membership deserves.

COMMUNICATION with FLiCRA chapters and members continues to take place through: visits with current information presentations to chapter board meetings and chapter and regional annual meetings;

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*"A Resident-Led  
 Association to  
 Ensure Quality of  
 Life in  
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online messages to your email addresses; distribution of FLiCRA's Resident Connection quarterly newsletters; the Legislative E-Newsletter once the 2019 Session opens March 5.

CONNECTION with our members is necessary in recognition of the makeup of FLiCRA's commonly held identity and shared commitment to the best interests of CCRC residents. EXPECT FLiCRA to deliver to you the same optimum level of information in the months ahead in serving as your strong legislative Voice.

Pat Arends  
FLiCRA President



## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

### 2018 Annual Conference & Chapter Delegates Meeting

November 8th, 2018  
Fleet Landing  
Atlantic Beach, FL

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## 2018 FLiCRA State Board of Directors

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positions are open.  
Interested resident members  
may contact  
Bennett Napier, CAE at  
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for more information.

## Information available to Residents under Florida's Public Records Laws

Continuing care retirement community residents have access to a considerable amount of public information about their communities as well as others.

Under Florida Statutes 651, annual reports filed with the Office of Insurance Regulation are already to be publicly accessible onsite at your community. In most cases, they are posted on community bulletin boards, posted in notebooks in CCRC libraries and/or shared with the Resident Council within each community.

There are other documents that are generally public record, which residents can request from the Public Records office. These may include more detailed documentation on community expansion plans, feasibility studies, acquisition documents, corrective action plans (when applicable) and audited financial statements.

To request specific items, you can contact the:  
Public Records Office  
Office of Insurance Regulation  
200 E Gaines Street  
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-4206  
(850) 413-4223  
[PublicRecords@floir.com](mailto:PublicRecords@floir.com)

When making a public records request, be as specific as possible, by sharing the CCRC, what types of documents you are seeking, "what year or years", of reports or data you are seeking. If you are not sure what is available, the best thing to do is call the main number and have a conversation with the staff at the Public Records Office to see what items or reports are available for your CCRC.

Under Florida law, e-mail addresses are public records. If you do not want your e-mail address released in response to a public records request, do not send an electronic mail to the Office of Insurance Regulation Public Records Office. Instead, contact the office by phone or in writing using the contact information above.

Without making a public records request, CCRC residents can view the last market examination reports and findings from the State of Florida on your continuing care retirement community and others by visiting this website:

[https://www.floir.com/Sections/Specialty/OIR\\_ccrc\\_facility\\_exams.aspx](https://www.floir.com/Sections/Specialty/OIR_ccrc_facility_exams.aspx)

Each CCRC is required to file an Annual Statement each year on May 1. On a triennial basis, Market Conduct examinations are conducted subsequent to the review of these filings.

If you are interested in seeing a list of CCRCs by County, visit this website:

[https://www.floir.com/siteDocuments/CCRC\\_HyperlinkMap.pdf](https://www.floir.com/siteDocuments/CCRC_HyperlinkMap.pdf)

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## Call for State Board Nominations

The next slate of the state FLiCRA Board of Directors will be elected November 8th at the 2018 Annual Conference. This year's annual conference will be hosted at Fleet Landing in Atlantic Beach, Florida.

Detailed meeting information will be available in mid-August.

The association is seeking interested members to submit their names for consideration for one of the Regional Director positions or one of the At Large Director seats open for this election cycle.

For FLiCRA Regions, those Regions that have open seats in 2018 are listed below:

Regional Directors will be elected by the chapters within the regions by early fall prior to the Annual Conference following a process outlined in the FLiCRA state bylaws.

Here are the Regions that have open seats:

**Region 1 (covers Leon county and Escambia County)** - This Region is currently vacant. Any member residing in these counties is encouraged to apply.

**Region 4 (covers North Palm Beach, Indian River, Brevard and Martin counties)** - This Region is currently vacant. Any member residing in these counties is encouraged to apply.

**Region 6 (covers Lee, Collier and Charlotte counties)** - This Region is currently vacant. Any member residing in these counties is encouraged to apply.

**Director at Large Seat** – There are two director at large seats open on the board. One individual serving is term limited and cannot sit another term. The other at large seat, the individual is completing their 1st three year term and they are eligible for re-election to

a second term. Any interested candidate (statewide) can submit their name for consideration.

The Board of Directors for FLiCRA consists of twelve members, four of which are Directors at Large. Previous service as a local Chapter Board member is not required but may be helpful in fulfilling the duties of a state Board member.

### Qualities and Duties of FLiCRA Board Members

The members of the FLiCRA Board of Directors are the stewards of the Association and are responsible for reflecting the views and interests of all of our members. The Board also provides leadership, a shared vision and sense of mission for the association and is responsible for the fiscal health of the Association.

A board member must be a current member of the association.

### Proven Performance

Leadership requires knowledge, talent, skill, vitality and the ability to make a difference. In the association environment, that translates into a solid track record of contributing to the success of programs, events or projects.

### Commitment

Serving as an association leader is both an honor and a reward; it requires a demonstrated commitment to the organization and its mission and goals.

### Time and Ability to Serve

Participating fully in association activities requires extra time for attending meetings.

### Understanding of Team Work

Many people contribute their efforts toward the realization of an association's goals and objectives – no one does it alone. Well-developed interpersonal and communication skills are essential to effective teamwork.

### **Sound Judgment and Integrity**

In many instances, popularity brings potential leaders into the limelight of an association; popularity must be tempered with good judgment and integrity when difficult decisions are required.

### **Communication and “Teaching” Skills**

By virtue of their position, current leaders serve as mentors and teachers to future leaders. Enthusiasm – a zest for serving the association is an important ingredient that leaders must possess.

### **Ability to Subordinate Special Interests**

Leaders often emerge because of their special expertise or effective representation of a specific constituency. Leadership, however, may require subordinating those interests for the greater good of the association. In essence, an effective board member brings their expertise and specific experience to the table to provide value, but such experience and expertise should not drive the policy making process for the collective good.

### **Be Strategic Thinkers**

Intuitive and interpretive skills enable leaders to understand the people around them, internalize the data they receive, recognize the relationships that exist between the systems within their world and integrate all these elements into a coherent whole.

Effective boards of directors approach their role focusing on policy making not day to day operations of the organization. Micromanagement of operations is not an effective use of board time nor appropriate to fulfill fiduciary roles.

**FLiCRA Board Service Time Requirements:** Each term on the board is a three year term, and a board member can serve up to two consecutive terms in a director position. Officers are one year terms.

Service on the FLiCRA board requires attendance at up to three in person meetings a year (February – ½ day meeting in person, May – Teleconference or in person, November ½ day in conjunction with the Annual Conference in person).

The FLiCRA state board may also meet by teleconference 2-3 additional times a year if necessary.

FLiCRA board members are reimbursed for travel under the following policy: Board members may be reimbursed for mileage, lodging and meal expenses for attending FLiCRA meetings.

To assist in developing a slate of candidates, all members who are willing to serve for nomination to the state FLiCRA Board of Directors should submit their names, address, phone numbers and a brief career bio to: Nominations Committee Diane Dalsimer by July 23, 2018 c/o FLiCRA 325 John Knox Road, L103 Tallahassee, FL 32303 or by email to [bennett@executiveoffice.org](mailto:bennett@executiveoffice.org).

## **2019 FLORIDA LEGISLATIVE SESSION DATES**

### **August 1, 2018**

Deadline for filing claim bills

### **Friday, January 25, 2019 at 5:00 p.m.**

Deadline for submitting requests for drafts of general bills and joint resolutions, including requests for companion bills

### **Friday, March 1, 2019 at 5:00 p.m.**

Deadline for approving final drafts of general bills and joint resolutions, including companion bills

### **March 5, 2019**

Regular Session convenes, deadline for filing bills for introduction

### **April 20, 2019**

All bills are immediately certified

### **April 23, 2019**

Last day for regularly scheduled committee meetings

### **May 3, 2019**

Last day of Regular Session

## Constitutional Revision Commission Initiatives Submitted to the Florida Secretary of State for the November Ballot

### **P 6001: Rights of Crime Victims; Judges**

Rights of Crime Victims; Judges; A proposal to amend Section 16 of Article I of the State Constitution to revise and establish additional rights of victims of crime; create Section 21 of Article V of the State Constitution to require a state court or an administrative law judge to interpret a state statute or rule de novo in litigation between an administrative agency and a private party and not merely defer to the administrative agency's interpretation; and amend Section 8 of Article V and to create a new section in Article XII of the State Constitution to increase the age after which a justice or judge may no longer serve in a judicial office.

### **P 6002: First Responder and Military Member Survivor Benefits; Public Colleges and Universities**

First Responder and Military Member Survivor Benefits; Public Colleges and Universities; A proposal to amend Section 7 of Article IX of the State Constitution to establish minimum vote thresholds for university boards of trustees and the board of governors to impose or authorize a new fee or increase an existing fee, as authorized by law; create Section 8 of Article IX of the State Constitution to specify the purposes of the State College System and to provide for the governance structure of the system; and create a new section in Article X of the State Constitution to establish the right of survivors of specified first responders and military members to death benefits.

### **P 6003: School Board Term Limits and Duties; Public Schools**

School Board Term Limits and Duties; Public Schools; A proposal to amend Section 4 of Article IX and create a new section in Article XII of the State Constitution to establish a limitation on the period for which a person may be elected as a member of a district school board; to specify which schools are operated, controlled, and supervised by a school board; and to create a new section in Article IX of the State Constitution to require the Legislature to

provide for the promotion of civic literacy in public education.

### **P 6004: Prohibits Offshore Oil and Gas Drilling; Prohibits Vaping in Enclosed Indoor Workplaces**

Prohibits Offshore Oil and Gas Drilling; Prohibits Vaping in Enclosed Indoor Workplaces; A proposal to amend Section 7 of Article II of the State Constitution to prohibit the drilling for exploration and extraction of oil and natural gas in specified coastal waters and amend Section 20 of Article X of the State Constitution to establish a general prohibition on the use of vapor-generating electronic devices in enclosed indoor workplaces.

### **P 6005: State and Local Government Structure and Operation**

State and Local Government Structure and Operation; A proposal to amend Section 3 of Article III of the State Constitution to provide that the Legislature convene for regular session on the second Tuesday after the first Monday in January of each even-numbered year; amend Section 4 of Article IV of the State Constitution to establish the Office of Domestic Security and Counterterrorism within the Department of Law Enforcement; amend Section 11 of Article IV of the State Constitution to require, rather than authorize, the Legislature to provide for the Department of Veterans' Affairs and prescribe its duties by general law and to specify that the head of the department is the Governor and Cabinet; and amend Sections 1 and 6 of Article VIII of the State Constitution to remove authority for a county charter or a special law to provide for choosing specified county officers in a manner other than election and to prohibit a county charter from abolishing specified county officers, transferring duties of a county officer to another officer or office, changing the length of terms of county officers, or establishing any manner of selection of county officers other than by election.

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## New Census Bureau Data Show Steady Increase in Prospective Residents

Most U.S. older adults who make the move to a senior living community do so between ages 75 and 84, according to the American Seniors Housing Association's Where You Live Matters consumer education campaign. Data released by the Census Bureau on Thursday show a steady increase in the number of 75-year-olds from the years 2010 to 2017.

From April 1, 2010, to July 1, 2017, the overall number of 75-year-olds increased, as did the number of 75-year-old men and the number of 75-year-old women, the federal agency said.

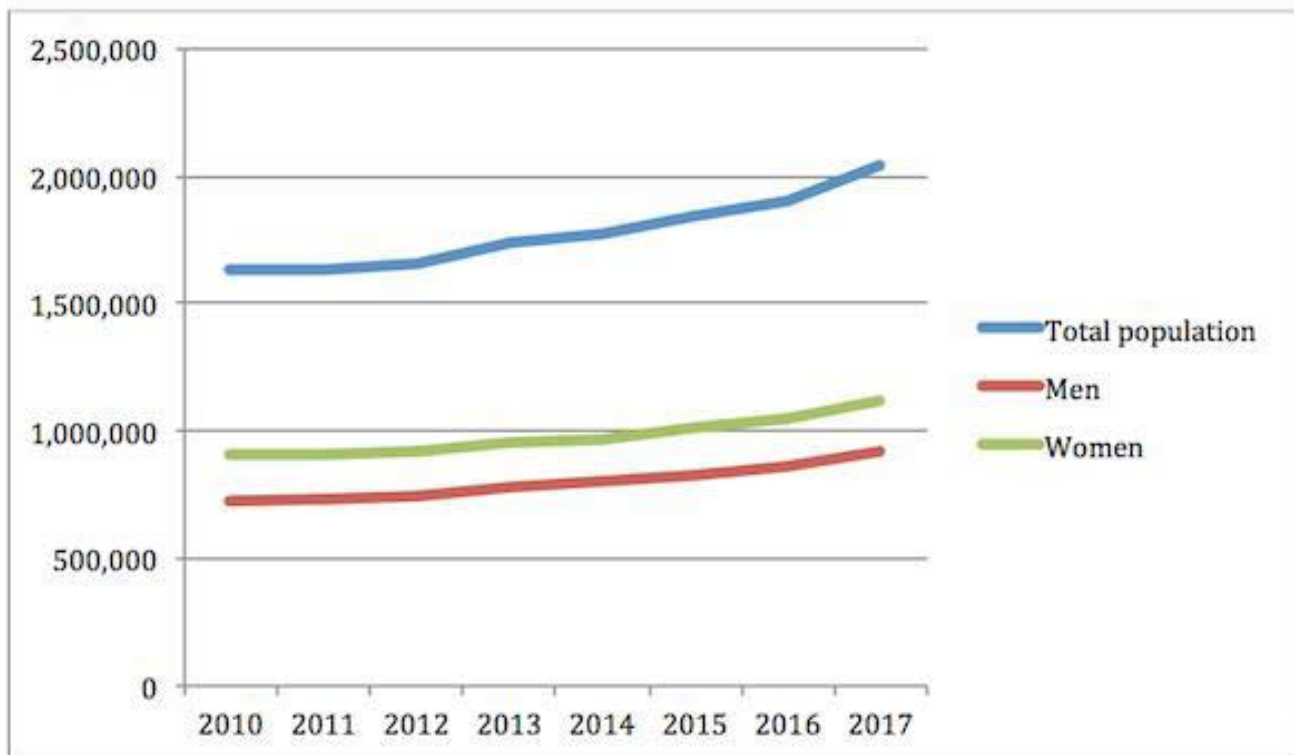
As of July 1, 2017, there were an estimated 2,039,236 Americans aged 75 years. Of this total, 1,115,294 were women and 923,942 were men, according to the Census Bureau.

### Prepare Now to Attend Fall County Legislative Delegation Meetings

Visit the website below to see meeting dates for each county and information on how to sign up to testify.

<http://www.myfloridahouse.gov/Sections/Documents/loadaddoc.aspx?PublicationType=Committees&CommitteeId=2721&Session=2013&DocumentType=General%20Publications&FileName=2013%20Local%20Legislative%20Delegations%20List.pdf>

### 75-year-olds in the United States, 2010 to 2017



McKnight's Senior Living graphic; Source: U.S. Census Bureau

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## **Constitutional Revision Commission Initiatives Submitted Cont.**

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### **P 6006: Property Rights; Removal of Obsolete Provision; Criminal Statutes**

Property Rights; Removal of Obsolete Provision; Criminal Statutes; A proposal to amend Section 2 of Article I of the State Constitution to remove a provision authorizing laws that regulate or prohibit the ownership, inheritance, disposition, and possession of real property by aliens ineligible for citizenship; amend Section 9 of Article X of the State Constitution to provide that the repeal of a criminal statute shall not affect the prosecution of any crime committed before such repeal; and amend Section 19 of Article X of the State Constitution to delete an obsolete provision regarding the development of a high speed ground transportation system.

### **P 6007: Lobbying and Abuse of Office by Public Officers**

Lobbying and Abuse of Office by Public Officers; A proposal to amend Section 8 of Article II and Section

13 of Article V and create a new section in Article XII of the State Constitution to establish certain restrictions for specified public officers and employees regarding the personal representation for compensation of another person or entity before certain government bodies.

### **P 6012: Ends Dog Racing**

Ends Dog Racing; A proposal to create new sections in Article X and Article XII of the State Constitution to prohibit the racing of and wagering on greyhounds and other dogs after a specified date.

**Reference Documents for More Explanation on the Ballot Items Can Be Viewed at:**

<http://flcra.gov/PublishedContent/ADMINISTRATIVEPUBLICATIONS/CRCProposalsRevisions.pdf>

<http://flcra.gov/PublishedContent/ADMINISTRATIVEPUBLICATIONS/CRCFinalReport.pdf>