

**LEGISLATIVE WORKSHOP
AGENDA
JANUARY 21, 2006**

Workshop

8:00 to 9:00 AM Continental Breakfast
9:00 to 9:15- Introductions and Opening Remarks John Miliziano
9:15 to 11:00- **Special Guests**.... Senator **Victor Crist** and Representative Bob Henriquez
"The Importance of Political Involvement" Moderator, Jim Warford
11:00 to 11:30- The Florida Retirement System Chris Brown
11:30 to 12:00- 2006 Legislative Issues Juhan Mixon

LUNCH

1:00 to 1:30- How a Bill Becomes Law Juhan Mixon
1:30 to 2:00- Conducting Grassroots Lobbying Juhan Mixon
2:00 to 2:15- Establishing Local Communications Networks John Miliziano
2:15 to 2:30- Establishing Political Action Committees Juhan Mixon
2:30 to 2:45- Closing Remarks Jim Warford
2:45 to 3:00- Workshop Evaluation Forms and Closing Remarks John Miliziano

WORKSHOP EVALUATION SUMMARY AND PARTICIPANT COMMENTS

STATEWIDE LEGISLATIVE WORKSHOP

January 21, 2006

Evaluation is a necessary condition for growth. Your comments about this workshop will be an invaluable aid as future programs are planned. This particular evaluation is open ended—designed to elicit spontaneous response. Creative suggestions and critical comments on any phase of the workshop are encouraged.

1. Workshop Format:

Each category below was rated from 1—5 with 1 being low and 5 high.

Below is the total number for each category based on attendee ratings.

	Low			High	
	1	2	3	4	5
Choice of Activities	0	0	0	10	15
Time Allocation	0	0	0	13	13
Agenda/Program	0	0	0	8	18
Arrangements/Facilities	0	0	1	7	18

(BELOW ARE RESPONSES FROM WORKSHOP ATTENDEES)

- Mr. Mixon's information was excellent and presented with humor - Good Job!
- 9 am-2 pm would be great - or 8:30 am-2 pm
- Tables for materials and taking notes would be desirable.

2. Speakers, Discussion Leaders:

Each category below was rated from 1—5 with 1 being low and 5 high.
Below is the total number for each category based on attendee ratings.

	Low			High	
	1	2	3	4	5
Knowledge - Substance	0	0	0	3	23
Motivation - Zeal	0	0	1	4	21
Commitment - Interest	0	0	0	5	21
Overall Performance	0	0	0	4	22

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- Speeches were excellent and passionate. Legislator's candor was appreciated.
- Again Mr. Mixon - Good information
- I have learned some very useful information today. Food was great, handouts very useful for future reference.
- Great speakers - Enjoyed the sessions.
- Liked enthusiasm of all speakers
- All of today's speakers were passionate, knowledgeable and engaging.
- Well organized workshop
- Good communication of Legislation, Names, Phone Numbers
- Appreciated Senator Crist speaking to group
- Very informative
- Specifics on getting others involved

3. How might this workshop be improved? (BELOW ARE RESPONSES FROM WORKSHOP ATTENDEES)

- Please continue to provide support and leadership to those of us just getting started.
- More thought will be needed to answer this.
- It would be helpful to see the agenda prior to arrival. We were told it would begin at 8:00 am, not at 9:00 am. Those traveling could adjust accordingly.
- Develop committees to begin work across the independent associations (as suggested) to bridge divisiveness; come together as one voice.
- Very informative!
- Perhaps hold it in a different venue, where acoustics are better.
- Bring copies of bills so people can see how many pages are in a bill. Consider having participants practice presenting a bill to legislator.
- Better chairs
- Involve input - best practices from other counties.
- Networking opportunities among counties
- Need to be annual
- Invite more legislators - Chamber of Commerce, education committee members
- Physical arrangement - need a microphone
- Get more administrators into local and state associations
- Have on-line time during workshop to send out messages to our political leaders
- More opportunity to network, perhaps break up into groups to talk about issues.
- You might think about a breakout session to meet with neighboring districts to develop a plan or share ideas or provide some step-by-step directions on how to set up coalitions, set agendas, etc.
- At every meeting, workshop, panel, etc. membership forms to FASA should be displayed for taking.

4. Which workshop activity was most beneficial to you? (BELOW ARE RESPONSES FROM WORKSHOP ATTENDEES)

- All were great!
- Legislative components
- Mr. Warford and Mr. Mixon
- Leg Issues - Mixon was wonderful
- Listening to Senator Crist explain the process and how we can provide change, info, etc.
- Senator Crist's talk.
- Every activity was very informative.
- FRS Discussion
- Retirement Info
- Legislative preparedness
- Retirement information
- Senator Crist
- All were effective
- Mixon and his handout; Senator Crist
- Jim from FASA to show support for this type of networking.
- DROP/ Retirement
- New Information
- DROP presentation
- Lobbyist sharing of Bills and how to network with our political leaders
- Senator Crist / John Mixon
- Retirement / Senator Crist / Information / Legislative information / Networking
- The information on the DROP bill was personally the most interesting.
- Very positive
- Enjoyed it all.

5. Which workshop activity was least beneficial to you?
(BELOW ARE RESPONSES FROM WORKSHOP ATTENDEES)

- All was beneficial
- None - all were good
- Nothing
- All were good.
- Time limits strained presentations
- All good / Thank you for hosting this, well organized, timely
- All were valuable - none were a waste of time
- Establishing local networks was the least because we already have one. I still learned something, however
- It was all equally beneficial - I wouldn't cut anything.