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Flagler County commissioners and staff receive multiple recognitions at FAC

July 3, 2018 – The Florida Association of Counties (FAC) honored Flagler County Commissioners Greg Hansen, Nate McLaughlin, Donald O’Brien, and David Sullivan at their Annual Conference & Educational Exposition Awards Luncheon last week.

The commissioners were recognized as 2018 Presidential Advocates for their work to support and protect home rule during the 2018 Legislative Session.

Additionally, Commissioners Greg Hansen, Donald O’Brien, and David Sullivan graduated from the FAC’s Certified County Commissioner (CCC) Program while at the conference.

The CCC Program is a voluntary program of study designed to enhance skills relevant to the duties and responsibilities of county governance, and results in the designation of Certified County Commissioner. It requires the completion of 45 hours of course work, taught by a team of university faculty, government officials, and professional speakers over a period of 12-18 months.

Commissioners Charles Ericksen and Nate McLaughlin are alumni of the CCC Program, as well as the Advanced County Commissioner (ACC) Program, having completed an additional 27 hours of course work focused on the future of Florida. To date, only 204 have graduated from the ACC Program.

At the FAC event last week, Nate McLaughlin also received Torchbearer designation for the third year, signifying continued participation in the FAC’s education programming and service opportunities, in excess of the ACC designation.

Flagler County's Special Projects Coordinator Michael Esposito graduated from the FAC Continuing Government Education Program, another 45-hour program, covering county

Charles Ericksen, Jr.
District 1

Greg Hansen
District 2

David Sullivan
District 3

Nate McLaughlin
District 4

Donald O’Brien, Jr.
District 5

government structure and authority, finance and budget, growth management, ethics, Florida's Sunshine Law, legislative process and more.

County Attorney Al Hadeed received an "Appreciation Award" from the Florida Association of County Attorneys (FACA) for "his tireless work on behalf of Florida local governments before the 2017 and 2018 Florida Legislature on vacation rental legislation."

Non-profit FACA provides a forum for research, advice and discussion in the development of local government law. With attention to current and future issues, they provide mentoring opportunities, continuing legal education, and advice and advocacy on statewide legal issues.

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