

Dear Board Members:

Thank you for your service over the last year, particularly our Directors and Committee Chairs who had a great deal to juggle. The term has not been without challenges, but we hopefully will soon hold elections and a new team will take the baton. I write "hopefully" because we continue to face a paucity of individuals willing to run for FCCJ office or lead its committees, likely because of outside commitments that may impact schedules, but also possibly because potential volunteers may be frightened off by time lost to individual agendas or animosities. Moreover, my main wish for the next Board regardless of who is elected is that it can avoid dysfunction and quickly unite in purpose.

On Monday we will have a variety of presentations on ways to better promote the Club and its heritage, as well as how to improve our long-term financial position. The fundraising campaign is a direct result of the work the Task Force and the Finance Committee have undertaken, and is proposed at their suggestion. I have begun contacting potential campaign members, but to date have received no replies from the willing, so this will be a much tougher enterprise than just launching the project. We will have more details on next steps at the June AGMM.

I will be MC-ing the Noda press event, so my apologies in advance for the time change and the need to close the meeting on his arrival. We will try to cover all key business matters early in our session. Again, I greatly appreciate your dedication to our organization and look forward to making an even better Club ahead.

Best Regards,

Dan Sloan