

FACP **Mid-Month Memo**

There Might Still Be Time To Catch a Regional Meeting Near You!

The Fall series of Regional Meetings are now underway! The upcoming meeting dates are listed below and are also available for registration on the FACP website.

As you may recall, the region boundaries were adjusted slightly a few months ago and a new region was added. These regions are designed to be focus areas for meetings and are NOT intended to be boundaries or restrictions. Members are welcome to attend meetings in any region and are welcome to attend multiple meetings, should they desire to do so for additional benefit.

Remaining meetings include:

Central Regional Meeting

Date: 11/19/2014

Time: 8:30 AM TO 11:30 AM

Seminole County Regional Chamber of Commerce
1055 AAA Drive, Suite 153, Heathrow, FL 32746

West Central Regional Meeting

Date: 11/25/2014

Time: 8:30 AM TO 12:00 PM

Greater Tampa Chamber of Commerce
201 North Franklin Street
One Tampa City Center, Suite 201, Tampa, FL 33601

Southwest Regional Meeting

Date: 12/1/2014

Time: 11:30 AM TO 1:30 PM

Bonita Springs Area Chamber of Commerce
25071 Chamber of Commerce Drive
Bonita Springs, FL 34135

Northwest Regional Meeting

Date: 12/16/2014

Time: 10:00 AM TO 2:00 PM

Gulf Power
1 Energy Place, Pensacola, FL 32520



Lindsey Norris, Regional Partnership Manager with **Visit Florida**, shares information about their programs and the current state of tourism with the attendees at the Southeast Regional Meeting in Boca.



Brad Swanson, Vice President Corporate and Strategic

*Partnerships with **The Florida Chamber**, gives a thorough update on the recent election and the potential impacts on the State of Florida.*

Thank you to **The Melbourne Regional Chamber of Commerce** and **The Greater Boca Chamber of Commerce** for serving as hosts of the **East Central** and **Southeast** Regional Meetings, which were held on November 6 and November 12, respectively.

This year's Regional Chairs are listed below for your convenience and a regional map is included inside this issue.

2014-2015 Regional Chairs:

Central: Debbie Cotton, Seminole County
East Central: Rebecca DeLorenzo, Flagler County
Northeast: Dawn Adams, JAX
Northwest: Lance Allison, Panama City Beach
Southeast: Troy McLellan, Boca
Southwest: John Cox, Naples
West Central: Tom Morrisette, Central Pinellas

FACP Member Dues REMINDER

Just a reminder that all membership renewals were due on September 1, 2014. If you need another copy of your invoice, please contact our office at (800) 226-3269 or email director@facponline.com.

For your convenience, renewal invoices can be accessed and paid online under the Member Section of the website.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support of the chamber industry in Florida!



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2015 Spring Conference
MAY 7-8, 2015
in Tampa



Indus Travels, Inc. Extends Invitation to FACP Chamber Execs

FACP Vendor Member **Indus Travels, Inc.** is organizing a Chamber Executive FAM to PERU and has asked FACP to extend the invitation to our member chambers.

The trip departs on 19th Feb, 2015 for 9 days. The FAM trip includes international flight from Toronto or New York to PERU and back, 8 nights deluxe accommodation on single basis, return airport transfers in PERU, daily breakfast with 4 lunches and 1 dinner and comprehensive sightseeing. It will be a small group of 15 executives and attendees can bring along a partner or spouse at reduced rate on room sharing basis.

The trip is a reduced rate trip to showcase PERU to Chamber Executives in the hopes that participating chambers will consider hosting a Chamber affinity group to PERU.

For additional information about the trip, including a detailed itinerary, please [click here](#) or contact Harish Shroff, Indus Travels Inc., at harish@indus.travel or 647 526 0063.

FACP Launches New Chamber Survey Service

Have you been tasked by your Board of Directors to do a **membership survey** and to have it conducted by an independent third-party? If so, we can help!

Using template questions customized for your chamber's needs, FACP will build the survey and will send it to your members on your behalf (using an excel list provided by you). Data will be collected and given to your chamber upon the completion (and throughout) the survey period.

So, how much does this new service cost? In an effort to keep it affordable, FACP member chambers can take advantage of this service for \$200-\$300, depending upon the size of the chamber:

Less than 500 members: \$200
501-999 members: \$250
Over 1000 members: \$300

For more information, please contact director@facponline.com.



The Results Are In.... And Your Questions are Welcomed!

As an FACP member, every Thursday morning brings you another opportunity to share (and later gather) feedback on topics relating to chamber management and operations.

Surveys to date have included questions regarding the following topics:

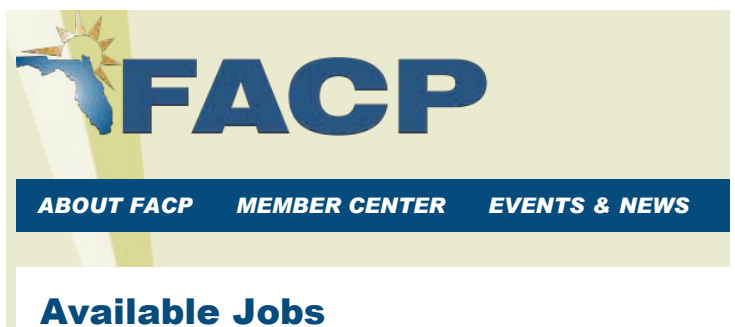
- Leadership Programs (Parts I & II)
- Golf Tournaments
- Social Media
- Membership Directories
- Member Billing - Annual or Anniversary?
- Salary Percentages
- Membership Campaigns
- Membership Retention Figures
- Renewal Staff & Commissions
- Networking Events
- Board Structures
- Board Orientation and Job Descriptions
- Ribbon Cuttings
- Chamber Facilities
- Paid Holidays, Vacation & ETO
- President/CEO/Executive Director
- Website Directory Disclaimers
- Website Management
- Accounting Methods
- Young Professionals Groups
- Membership Dues
- Hob Nobs/Political Candidates
- Board Retreats
- Street and Fun Maps
- Staff Appreciation
- Criminal Background Checks for Staff/Volunteers
- Employee & CEO Evaluations
- Business Expos
- Employee Benefits
- and too many more to list here!

[Click here to view the results](#) of any of the surveys listed above.

Your ideas and suggestions for survey topics are welcome (and needed!). If you have a question or need information, chances are, one of your peers has the same question and would also benefit from the survey responses. Please [click here to submit suggestions](#).



Bay County
Bonita Springs
Brandon
Charlotte County
Clay County
Delray Beach
Destin Area
Flagler County
Gainesville Area
Hispanic/Metro Orlando
Indian River
Lakeland
Melbourne Regional
Miramar-Pembroke Pines
Naples
Ocala-Marion
Panama City Beach
Pensacola
Putnam County
Saint Johns
Sarasota
Sebastian River
South Lake
Greater Tampa
Tampa Bay Beaches
West Orange
Winter Haven



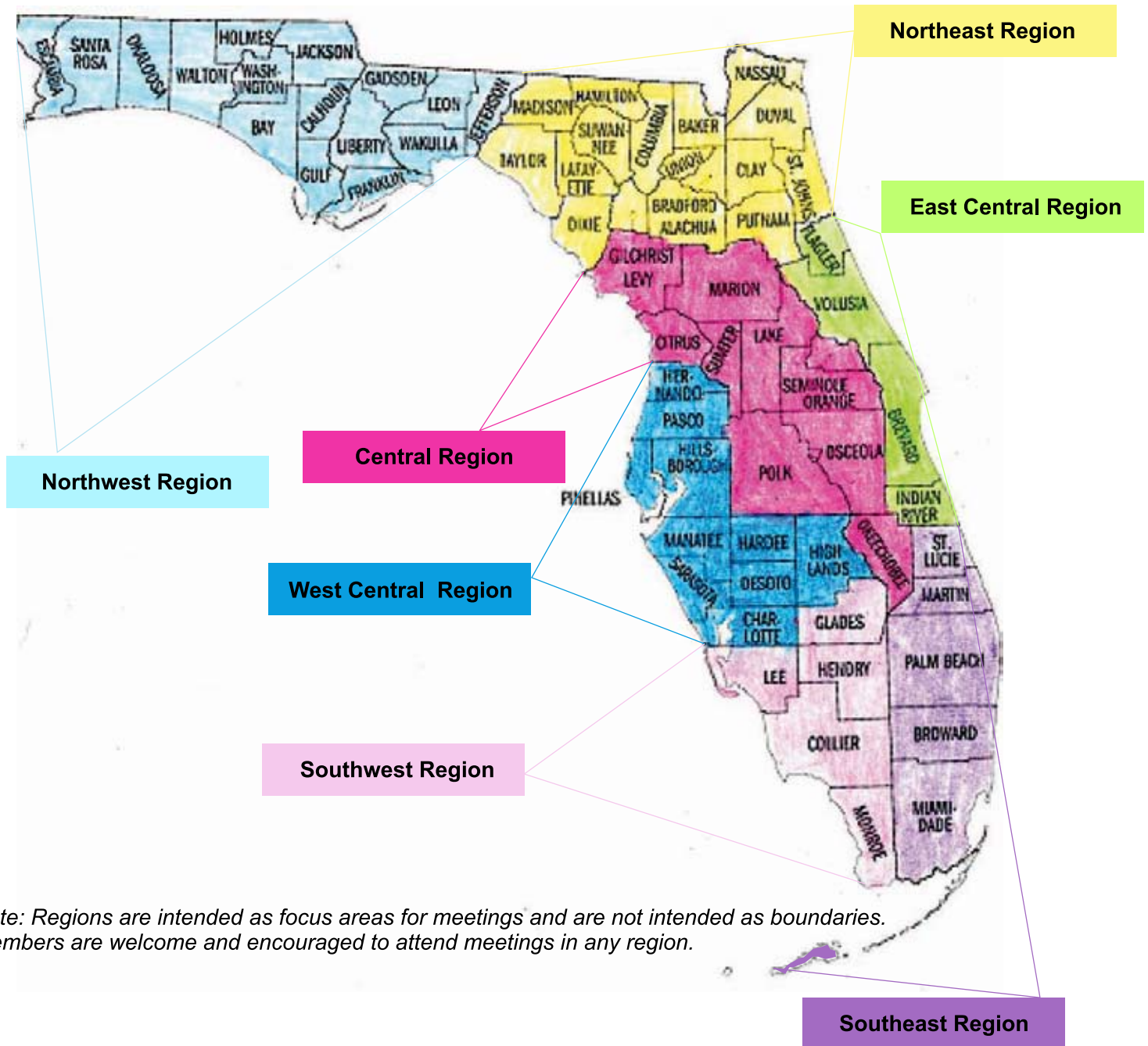
Chamber

South Tampa Chamber
of Commerce

Open Position

[Membership Sales
Manager](#)

2014 Regional Map



Help us grow FACP ...
recommend and refer the
chambers within your region and interested vendors!



Click [here](#) for the online membership application or click [here](#) for membership benefits information.

Feel free to share the links with prospective members or send their contact information to us at director@facponline.com and we will gladly contact them!

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