

January 6, 2026 - CCREA Executive Board Annual Planning Meeting Agenda

In attendance: Sam Heaton, John Reida, Clark Holton, Judy Sheppard, Dan Streett, Mike Ball, Linda Burke, Julie Arnold

1. We will continue to work with County officials to hopefully have a stipend increase in the 2027 budget. Currently we are scheduling meetings with Finance and Commissioners. **Bill V setting up times for him and Sam to meet with the Commissioners. Only 1,800 of 4,000 retirees are currently getting a stipend, but we don't know all the reasons why. That said, the stipend wasn't created until 2010. We are currently about 45% behind the actual cost of insurance.**
2. CCREA Board members for 2026
 - *Sam Heaton – President
 - *Carolyn Ferrell – 1st VP
 - *Linda Burke – 2nd VP
 - *Julie Arnold – Secretary
 - *Melvin Holton and Mike Ball – co-Treasurers
 - *John Reida – Past President**Discuss future needs for meetings.**
3. Discussions for speakers for next year's meetings. At present we have Jason Harder with Cobb PD to talk about fraud and scams and Steve White for April 15 to discuss property tax assessment and appeals processes. I have a person from Hensler Financial that is interested in talking about personal finances. **Board decided to go with emphasis on wills/trusts.**
4. The Defensive Driving request has come up again. Your thoughts? **Various other ways to take a class. Not a feasible option for the County to sponsor it. May be free through your auto insurance.**
5. Dan Streett has graciously agreed to work with Mike on the audit for 2025. Mike to give overview of CCREA finances. **In 2025, 252 members paid dues, four less than 2024. Total income was \$7,681 including \$1,000 donation. Current balance is \$12,659.38.**

CCREA 2026 Meeting Dates and Speakers

January 21- Jason Harder with CCPD – Fraud, scams, etc.

February 18 – Living Wills/Trusts – Sam working on a person/date

March 18 – Possible discussion about how stipend works. Or talk about anything someone wants to talk about regarding County retiree status. Senior Services may also have a representative to come talk about Medicare vs. Medicare Advantage. Also, open mic if time allows.

April 15 – Steve White and Christine Stinchcomb – Property tax assessments

May 20 – Cook-out and games (corn hole, game tables)

June 17 –

July 15 –

August 19 – BBQ Lunch (KM Davis may sponsor from Sonny's per Linda B)

September 16 – Bill Volckmann and Ty Mitchell

October 21 – Houze & Associates

November 18 -

December 16 – Holiday Luncheon

Possibly Self-Defense for Seniors