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# Florida Association of Nonprofit Organizations The Heart of the Florida Nonprofit Community

#### Atlanta Conference

On Thursday morning the FANO team was back at work, attending sessions on Disaster 101: Applying New Ideas, Does Form Matter, The Impact of New Organizational Types, Tax Incentives: Who Really Benefits, Sharing Knowledge, Sharing Success and, finally, Partnering with Government: Opportunities and Realities. Post-sessions, Marina met with corporate leaders from IBM and American Express.

By the end of the day, the FANO group was ready to celebrate at the inspirational John W. Gardner Leadership dinner where Darrell Hammond, CEO of Ka-BOOM and Mrs. Alma J. Powell and General Colin L. Powell, both leaders of America's Promise Alliance were honored.

FANO's participation was recognized notably when Board Member Naomi Wright was interviewed on video by the Independent Sector for her thoughts on the conference. A tired, but happy and inspired FANO team returned to South Florida the next day, ready to continue contributing to FANO's mission and long-standing dedication to the nonprofit community.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**NOV 2**—FREE GOVERNANCE WEBINAR

**NOV 10**—FREE SAFETY SEMINAR—PENSACOLA

NOV 10—FREE PRSA MARKETING WKSP – MIAMI

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#### FANO Partners with Independent Sector

**Forging a Stronger Future Together** FANO made headlines at the national level as one of only seven Conference Partners for the Independent Sector's 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Annual Conference. Four representatives from FANO attended the conference: FANO Vice Chair Naomi Wright, Co-Chair of Minority Affairs Committee Alyce Zahniser, FANO's Program Director Jorie Rose and President Marina Pavlov.

Representing Florida at this National Conference, FANO's representatives diligently networked and attended seminars pertinent to Florida and of concern to FANO members at the Independent Sector gathering.

FANO's dynamic team helped

- raise FANO's profile at the national level
- make contacts with grant-makers
- renew longstanding relationships
- forge new friendships with national leaders from around the country
- raise the nonprofit world's awareness of Florida's issues/concerns and brought back information on nonprofit practices/procedures.

FANO's national conference involvement means added value for FANO members as we leverage new contacts into exciting collaborations, pursue new funding sources, offer additional cost-saving member benefits, and provide the most up-to-date information about nonprofit issues through our newsletter and website.

FANO has already posted a national advocacy update from the Public Policy Action Institute. We urge you to take advantage of this current information and learn about the issues before the next Congressional session that will affect the health and efficacy of the

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FANO will be in forefront, protecting the interests of the charitable sector in both the state and national arenas. We urge all of our members to be aware of the wider issues that affect their wellbeing and contribute their voice to the state and national dialog to ensure a strong nonprofit community here and throughout the country.

Here's just a sample of what FANO's team participated in at the National IS Conference.

Our FANO representatives attended a stirring opening plenary session on "American Democracy at a Crossroads" which examined the dramatic challenges faced by our country today and proposed how nonprofits can help overcome the gridlock that paralyzes Congress. The presenter was the talented actress and professor Anna Deavere Smith and the moderator was Rey Ramsey of Technet. Panelists included Gara LaMarche, president and CEO of Atlantic Philanthropies, and Norman Ornstein, resident scholar, American Enterprise Institute.

The opening plenary was followed by breakout sessions. Marina Pavlov and Jorie Rose attended a workshop on Setting the Nonprofit Community's Policy priorities for the Next Congress with Marina joining a roundtable discussion on Advocacy for the First Amendment and Jorie connecting with Grace Mastalli of the National Coalition on Healthcare for a one-on-one dialog on pressing healthcare issues. Meanwhile, Alyce attended Insider Info: Tips for Accessing Capital and Naomi participated in Game Changing Strategies for Achieving Success.

The evening was capped off by a Host Reception at the World of Coca-Cola where conference attendees had the opportunity to network in a jovial and relaxed atmosphere.

