



THE COMMITTEE OF 100

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April 22, 2016

Modernizing Delaware's Coastal Zone Act

The Delaware State Chamber of Commerce is hosting a FREE panel discussion on modernizing the Coastal Zone Act.

Date: 5/4/2016

Time: 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Place: Tidewater Utilities, 1100 S. Little Creek Road, Dover, DE 19901

Panelists:

Moderator: Colin O'Mara, National Wildlife Federation & Former DNREC Secretary

Jeffrey M. Bross, Water Infrastructure Advisory Council

Jerry Esposito, Tidewater Utilities & Diamond State Port Corporation Board of Directors

Joseph McGinn Jr., Sunoco, Inc. & Sunoco Logistics Partners L.P.

David Swayze, Parkowski, Guerke & Swayze, P.A.

Sponsored by:

D.E.E.D (Delawareans for Environmental & Economic Development)

Duffield Associates, Inc.

Parkowski, Guerke & Swayze, P.A.

A continental breakfast will be served.

FREE to attend, but space is limited. RSVP IS REQUIRED - [REGISTER HERE](#).

More Hope Than Despair for Economic Recovery

BRIAN DISABATINO - DELAWARE VOICE – THE NEWS JOURNAL – APRIL 14, 2016

For the past decade, there has been turbulence in our business environment.

This has manifested itself in mergers, dissolutions, downsizings and the dreaded departures. But there are macro indications of recovery, such as employment levels. But seldom do we find employees or employers in Delaware who feel “recovered.” That is probably because of anemic wage growth, the lack of annual announcements of new mega-employers and the persistence of shootings in our most central city.

If there is anything to be learned from Delaware history, it is that nothing stays the same. As much comfort as it brings to hold onto the relics of the past, life seems to bring us surprises. From the shape of our coastline, to the key industries that were the bedrock of our upbringing, everything changes. But equally notable in Delaware history is how Delawareans don't “go gently into that good night” when they begin to see the dying lights of prosperity.

In 2016, the topic of economic development has spurred conversations in classrooms, lunchrooms and boardrooms. I think we should find hope in the following examples of groups taking the conversation into action with creative visions for the sake of our economic future.

For instance – the Reinventing Delaware Program – which is a by-product of the Pete du Pont Freedom Award Foundation. Without any motive other than to create a better landscape for employment, over thirty knowledgeable volunteers are focused on two primary initiatives. First, they have an idea to create “Silicon Valley East” whereby Delaware would become a hub for technology and sciences, much like Silicon Valley in California. They are also working to develop the Arden Plan. This plan hopes to completely eliminate the personal income tax, corporate income tax, gross receipts tax, and the estate and inheritance taxes. This revenue can be replaced by establishing one flat tax of 1.4 percent on all Delaware property.

Another great example includes the Committee of 100, a 50-year-old advocacy group for economic development. They have formed a working relationship with the city of Wilmington to offer the private sector perspective regarding ways to attract private investment. The issues identified run the gamut from the need for a clearly enunciated neighborhood revitalization strategy, to city staff qualifications and attitude, to significant reforms in the city's permitting process, to public safety perceptions, to targeted tax incentives, to visible demonstrations of policy changes in the form of public space and transportation corridor improvements. EDiS has been involved with a working group that has been creating a list of detrimental policies and procedures within L&I that create incentives for developers to choose other municipalities over Wilmington... Read more at delawareonline.com.

2016 Committee of 100 Annual Membership Meeting

The 2016 Annual Membership Meeting of The Committee of 100 took place on April 19th. The following nominees to the Board of Directors were recommended by the Nominating Committee and duly elected for three year terms by voice vote.

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| Alan Brangman | University of Delaware |
| Eugene Delle Donne | Delle Donne Associates |
| Carol DiLuzio | Wheeler, Wolfenden & Dwares |
| Ted Januska | Pennoni Associates |
| Allison Kerwin | M&T Bank |
| Vicky Petrone | Logan & Petrone |
| Paula Swain | Incyte |
| Staci Vernick | Christiana Care Health System |

President Jed Hatfield thanked departing Directors Larry DiSabatino, Pat Fugeman, Rich Gieseler, Rich Julian, Dev Sitaram, Shaun Walsh, Carolann Wicks, and Dave Wolfenden, and presented those in attendance with plaques commemorating their service to The Committee of 100.

Following the Annual Membership Meeting, the new Board met and elected the following Officers for the May 2016 – April 2018 term.

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| Mike Scali | Gellert, Scali, Busenkell & Brown | President |
| Jed Hatfield | Colonial Parking | Immediate Past President |
| Ted Williams | Landmark Science & Engineering | 1st Vice President |
| Pam Scott | Pepeco Holdings, Inc. | 2nd Vice President |
| Greg Ellis | Patterson Woods | 3rd Vice President |
| Nicki Taylor | Artesian Water Co. | Secretary |
| Joe Walker | WSFS Bank | Treasurer |

May Dinner Meeting & 2016 Academic Scholarship Award Presentation

Plan to join your colleagues for our next Dinner Meeting on Tuesday, May 17th from 5:30 – 8:30 p.m. at the University & Whist Club. Our guest speaker will be Stuart Comstock-Gay, new President and CEO of the Delaware Community Foundation. The evening will also feature presentation of the 2016 Academic Scholarship Award.

Stuart joined the Delaware Community Foundation in February 2016 following the retirement of Fred Sears. He comes to Delaware from the Vermont Community Foundation, where he was President and CEO for seven years. Stuart will share his vision for DCF's community leadership and engagement initiatives. You can get to know Stuart in advance of the May Dinner Meeting [here](#).

Register today at [May 2016 Dinner Registration](#)! Please note the new section on the Registration Form where you can “round-up” your reception fee to donate \$4 to the Committee of 100 Scholarship Fund.

Save The Date

***Committee of 100 Annual Auction
December 7, 2016
Hotel Du Pont Gold Ballroom***

***Please contact Jennifer Kmiec by [email](#) or at 302-654-6115
for information about 2016 Auction sponsorship opportunities.***