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Mika Gellinger

President's Corner

Written by Mika Gellinger, Hurlburt VP

Hello ASMC Members!

Some of you may know me from my time at Eglin (2012-2016). I've also been the Ways and Means chair (off and on over the last few years) and was part of a few RPD1 committees. I started out as a non-appropriated fund employee at Kadena AB as an accounting and general ledger technician and crossed over as an APF civilian at F. E. Warren AFB, WY as a budget technician and budget analyst. I first joined ASMC at F. E. Warren's Cowboy Chapter (Wyoming) and immediately transferred my membership to the Gulf Coast Chapter when I arrived at Eglin in 2012. I was the Mission Support Group resource management specialist and ASMC was a great opportunity to meet other FMers. I transferred to Hurlburt Field to work for the AFIMSC Detachment 3 in 2016. In 2018 I transferred to HQ AFSOC/FM and stayed active within ASMC by assisting with several fundraisers and a RPD1.

I am looking forward to meeting more members and working with you at the various ASMC events. As we enter into FY23 and fast approaching the end of calendar year 2022, please take care of yourself and be cognizant of those around us (family, friends, acquaintances, and co-workers). If you took a break from ASMC or are new to the area, do consider joining a committee and support your chapter. I have fond memories of working with Michelle Woolgar for my first RPD1 committee participation and met so many new people to include Dr. Jennifer Miller. Jennifer and I later teamed up to co-chair the Ways and Means committee. When you welcome a new FM personnel (active duty enlisted/officer, APF or non-appropriated/NAF civilian or contractor) into your organization, don't forget to mention the benefits of joining the Gulf Coast ASMC Chapter and the great things we accomplish for our members and community. It's also a great networking opportunity. I encourage everyone to get involve with ASMC and grow outside of your official duties.

V/r,
Mika

Membership News

Chapter Retiree Advisor Committee Established

The Executive Council has approved the establishment of a Retiree Team, effective 1 Nov 22. This team is being chartered to provide opportunities for retired ASMC members to stay actively engaged in our chapter activities and events.

Ken Pickler, a former chapter president, is retiring 31 Oct 22, and has volunteered to lead the effort to stand up the team. He and Bill Rone, former AFSOC/FM director and chapter president, have begun initial discussions with the Exec Council to discuss near term opportunities for effective retiree engagement.

Their initial thoughts include mentoring new members that are willing to fill chapter vacancies, helping recruit speakers for luncheon and Regional Professional Development Institute programs, and assisting with event planning and logistics.

Ken welcomes suggestions for other ways our retired comptrollers can pay it forward to current and future generations. Please e-mail him at hfm2002@cox.net with your ideas, or to join the retiree team.

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- 1. Active:** Open to Active Duty, DoD Civilians, or US Coast Guard who are actively employed in military comptrollership.
- 2. Life:** For those who have been Active, Associate, or individual Corporate Designee Members (excluding Corporations) for 20 consecutive years in good standing. In addition, those who joined prior to 1979 and who became designated Life Members prior to 1 October 1998.
- 3. Retiree:** Retiree Membership recognizes those ASMC members who are “fully retired” and not working in any other profession other than occasionally doing “volunteer” work.
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Events



18 October 2022

1100-1530

Postal Point, Eglin AFB

- **DESSERT & SIDE DISH COMPETITIONS!**
- **MUSIC**
- **GAMES AND PRIZES**
- **FOOD & DRINKS PROVIDED BY LEADERSHIP**

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National News

Senate Reaches a Deal to Avoid a Shutdown, Punts Threat for 10 Weeks

By Eric Katz

Sep 27, 2022

The Senate on Tuesday reached an agreement to keep agencies afloat through Dec. 16, dropping controversial provisions from a stopgap funding bill in order to win bipartisan support.

The continuing resolution, which would keep the government open past the Friday evening expiration of current appropriations, was originally set to include a measure to speed up the permitting process for some major energy projects. After Republican leaders and some Democrats came out against the provision on Tuesday, Democratic leadership agreed to drop the provision to ensure the CR could pass. The Senate on Tuesday evening, by a 72-23 margin, approved the first in a series of votes to move the measure forward.

Sen. Joe Manchin, D-W.Va., who authored the permitting changes, said just before a scheduled preliminary vote on the spending bill Tuesday evening that he did not want to put his permitting reforms up for a vote just to see them fail.

"For that reason, and my firmly held belief that we should never come to the brink of a government shutdown over politics, I have asked Majority Leader Schumer to remove the permitting language from the continuing resolution we will vote on this evening."

Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., who had promised to put the energy project changes into the CR as part of an agreement he struck this summer with Manchin to win his support for the Inflation Reduction Act, said minutes later on the Senate floor he agreed to strip the energy-related measure from the CR. Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., put the death knell into the reform earlier in the day when he called it a "poison pill" and announced he would be voting against any CR that included it. He called on Democrats to put forward a spending measure without the energy provisions, saying such a bill would have bipartisan support. Many Republican lawmakers throughout the day Tuesday echoed that call for a CR vote without the permitting reforms—which they said did not go far enough—and offered their support for the rest of the stopgap bill.

The roughly 10-week spending bill would keep agencies funded at their current levels into the lame duck session of Congress, punting on appropriations until after the midterm elections but creating a new deadline before the new Congress is seated. The measure includes "anomalies" to provide funding increases for certain programs, such as \$400 million to increase hiring at the Social Security Administration; \$20 million for the Army Corps of Engineers to assist with the water crisis in Jackson, Mississippi; and \$1 billion for the Health and Human Services Department's Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program. It also includes more than \$12 billion for Ukraine aid, matching the White House's request, and new funding for disaster relief. It would not provide the requested funds to address monkeypox and COVID-19.

If Congress can avoid a shutdown and pass the CR through Dec. 16, it will have 10 weeks to come up with full-year appropriations or approve another stopgap measure. Democrats and Republicans remain sharply divided on the top-line funding levels for defense and non-defense agencies. Lawmakers in both parties also said Tuesday they would work on bipartisan permitting reform during the lame duck session of Congress.

The White House said on Tuesday it strongly supported the new version of the CR and pledged to work with lawmakers to pass full-year fiscal 2023 spending bills that "make bold, forward-looking investments for the nation's future."

The CR would "keep the federal government open and allow for more time for the Congress to reach a bipartisan agreement on full-year appropriations bills for FY 2023, while ensuring that the critical public services and protections that the American people rely on would continue, uninterrupted."