

New Ideas to share with the commissions:

- Collaborating within commissions like for example: Technology with Learning Resources.
- Sharing information available online, example: "The Atlantic's Ideas Stage is now live on our [YouTube](#) and [Facebook](#) pages. [Tune in now](#) to hear from some of the biggest voices shaping today's most pressing conversations."
- A job-oriented hub; every single day I receive offers based on my resume that I can share. It can be useful to students.
- As mentioned preparing for certifications like Adobe, it could be Microsoft, Google, etc. At MDC we have through CIOL faculty facilitating webinars for instance, Tommy Demos at MDC and/or another source, or we can have an open invitation throughout the 28 colleges.
- Continue to partnership with publishers and other vendors.
- Fundraising benefiting the Foundation like the Miami 2020 Fun-Raiser Miami Dade County and Exposition Fair benefiting the AFC Foundation which unfortunately, was cancelled due to the COVID-19 PANDEMIC.
- Circles is a perfect way to work in small groups, the problem with AFC Circles is the need to attract participants from other venues like commissions, regions, and chapters. It is the adding of the members as you cannot add members freely. It should be like Facebook is doing by invitation for a pool of members to accept or decline. AFC circles can be more project-oriented creating LEARNING CIRCLES with a goal in mind:

"A learning circle is a highly interactive, participatory structure for organizing group work. The goal is to build, share, and express knowledge through a process of open dialogue and deep reflection around issues or problems with a focus on a shared outcome. Online learning circles take advantage of social networking tools to manage collaborative work over distances following a timeline from the open to close of the circle. Circles have a final project which collects the shared knowledge generated during the interactions. Learning circles is a great way to organize learning in global projects and massively open online course (MOOCs)."

Retrieved from:

<https://sites.google.com/site/onlinelearningcircles/Home/learning-circles-defined>

- As the secretary for the Technology Commission and a proud member-officer of AFC, I'm willing to participate in any spiral committee to make AFC count!
- Membership is not only useful in funding our organization; members are giving us a voice added to our organization and we need that now more than ever. I'm sharing herewith a poem that I composed to attract members including engaging the college administration which can be used to ask for testimonials. See bottom.
We can revamp our website and use the first page to attract and retain our members and communicate with a pizzazz -think of the first page as a billboard add!
- Updated May 31, 2021.

Why Join AFC?

Are you a Florida college employee who longs to grow?
AFC-The Association of Florida Colleges really wants to know.
We have 28 Florida State Colleges from Pensacola to Key West
With 8,000 plus members, and our members are the best!

Join us for learning, networking, and collaborations,
Through the latest workshops, seminars, and conventions.
Active members are entitled to awards and recognition;
Special discounts and privileges are part of your admission.

We have various commissions to suit every interest and population,
From student development, careers, equity, and administration,
To institutional effectiveness, technology, and instructional innovation.

We have a place where you will fit in
And all you have to do is JOIN us to begin:
Go to myafchome.org/JOIN-afc
today

And trust us that you will be here to stay!

We advocate for funding to improve higher education.
Our voice is strong, but add just one, and we can change the nation!
by Bertha C. Cabrera, AFC Retirees MDC Chapter
bcabrera@mdc.edu