



Tuesday, November 13, 2018

I. Policy Intelligence and Education News

- **Congress is back in session this week** – Senators and Representatives from the 115th Congress are back in Washington this week, along with the 92+ Senators-elect and Representatives-elect for the 116th Congress. The former will return to pending legislative business, including the need to pass 7 of the 12 appropriations bills funding government agencies for the fiscal year (FY) that started on October 1. With only a handful of legislative days between now and December 7, when the current extension of government funding for those 7 bills expires, it's possible that there will be at least another extension for at least some of these bills before the 115th Congress wraps up. One of the most contentious issues is how much funding to provide for a southern border wall in the Homeland Security appropriations bills.
- **House leadership elections** – Those who will be in Congress next year will turn to the process of selecting their leaders starting this week. House Democrats will hold their leadership elections on November 28, while House Republicans will hold their elections this week. The lineups will likely be:

House Democratic leadership:

- Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-CA), who is the only person to have officially announced for the position, although there is still a lot of conversation about possible challenges;
- Majority Leader Steny Hoyer (D-MD);
- Majority Whip – Reps. James Clyburn (D-SC) and Diana DeGette (D-CO) have announced for the position;
- Assistant Democratic Leader – Reps. David Cicilline (D-RI) and Ben Ray Lujan (D-NM) have announced for the position;
- Caucus Chair – Reps. Barbara Lee (D-CA) and Hakeem Jeffries (D-NY) have announced for the position; and
- Caucus Vice Chair – Reps. Katherine Clark (D-MA) and Pete Aguilar (D-CA) have announced for the position.

House Republican leadership:

- Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy (R-CA), who is being challenged by Rep. Jim Jordan (R-OH);
- Minority Whip Steve Scalise (R-LA);
- Conference Chair Liz Cheney (R-WY). Current Chair Cathy McMorris Rodgers (R-WA) plans to seek a ranking member position on the Energy and Commerce Committee instead of this leadership post;
- Conference Vice Chair Rep. Mark Walker (R-NC); and

- Conference Secretary Rep. Jason Smith (R-MO).
- **Final notice: nominations to run for CEF's 2019 Board due on Thursday** – If you are interested in serving on CEF's Board next year, please email your nomination form by COB Thursday, November 15, to Claire Shanklin at Shanklin@CEF.org. The explanatory memo and nomination form are attached. The Update on October 4 lays out the process and specifics in detail, and CEF staff is happy to answer any questions.
- **CEF job board** – We are happy to post job vacancies for CEF members on the members-login part of the [CEF website](#). There are a number of openings, including:
 - **National PTA** – [Manager, Government Affairs](#) and [Advocacy Strategist](#)

II. Advocacy

- **CEF letter to OMB Director Mulvaney on FY 2020 budget** – CEF has sent a [letter](#) to OMB Director Mulvaney urging that the President's fiscal year (FY) 2020 budget increases investments in education and raised the austerity-level spending cap on non-defense discretionary (NDD) funding that would otherwise require a \$55 billion cut in NDD funding for FY 2020. We expect one of the early policy discussions in the 116th Congress will center around raising the NDD and defense caps for FY 2020 and FY 2021. CEF will continue to point out the importance and benefits of education investments, despite the President's instructions to all agencies to cut their budgets by at least 5% in the Administration's FY 2020 budget request, which is due to Congress by February 5, 2019.
- **Hill Teams visits resume** – Members of CEF's Hill Teams will meet tomorrow with Adrienne Walker in the office of Rep. Kay Granger (R-TX), one of the Republicans interested in being the Appropriations Committee ranking member next year. We are working to schedule other meetings and will share sign-up information with Hill Teams members once the meetings are set. We won't know until much later which members have been added to the Appropriations Committee and who is newly assigned to the Labor-HHS-Education Subcommittee.

III. Events

- **CEF's upcoming schedule** –
 - **Friday, Nov. 16, 9-11am, at AFSCME, 1625 L St, NW, 1st floor conference room.** Guest speaker: Donni Turner, Senate Budget Committee Democratic staff; (tentative) Steve Townsend, Senate Budget Committee Republican staff.
 - **Friday, Nov. 23**
– No CEF meeting while Congress is in recess for Thanksgiving.
 - **Friday, Nov. 30, 9-11am, at AASCU, 1307 New York Ave, NW, auditorium.** Guest speaker: TBD.
 - **Friday, Dec. 7, 9-11am, at AFSCME, 1625 L St, NW, 1st floor conference room.** Guest speakers: (tentative) Democratic staff of the House Education and the Workforce Committee.

My best,

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CEF Nominations and Elections Procedures 2018 Elections

- 1) Eligible CEF members wishing to be considered for the offices of President, Vice President or Treasurer, or for one of the eight elected seats on the CEF Board of Directors – four of which come up for election this year -- shall complete the attached “Candidate Profile” and submit it to the Committee on Nominations and Elections via the CEF office, **by Close of Business (COB) on Thursday, November 15, 2018.**
- 2) **Individuals serving on the Committee on Nominations and Elections may not file a candidate profile, nor may other individual employed by or representing an organization that is already represented by a member of the committee.**
- 3) Individuals may file a Candidate Profile for more than one office. However, they may not appear on the final ballot for more than one office, so if they are recommended for one office but choose to pursue their candidacy for another, they will not be included on the slate for the original office.
- 4) Please send the candidate profile as a word attachment, or as a pdf file, to Claire Shanklin at CEF: Shanklin@cef.org. Candidates for election are free to campaign in any appropriate manner at any time during the nominations and elections process.
- 5) The Committee on Nominations and Elections will review the submitted candidate profiles and develop a slate to be presented to the CEF membership. The slate will include candidates for President, Vice President, Treasurer and the four elected seats on the CEF Board of Directors that are up for election (four Board members were elected last year to 2-year terms). The Nominations and Elections Committee will develop a slate that contains at least one candidate for President, Vice President, and Treasurer and no less than four candidates for the CEF Board of Directors to be elected by the CEF membership. The Committee on Nominations and Elections may solicit additional candidate profiles to ensure an appropriately balanced slate that is representative of the dues categories and education sectors within CEF’s membership.
- 6) Before the slate is presented to the full CEF membership, the Committee on Nominations and Elections shall contact those members who submitted profiles but who were not included on the slate to determine if they wish to maintain their candidacy and appear on the ballot. **In compliance with the CEF bylaws, the recommended slate, all additional candidates, and the Candidate Profiles of all those up for election will be presented to the full membership by email on November 30, 2018, which is two weeks prior to the CEF Annual Meeting.**

7) Elections will take place during the business session of the CEF Annual Meeting to be held on December 14, 2018.

- a) Each CEF member organization in good standing and also present at the annual meeting shall cast one vote. Proxy voting is not allowed.
- b) Any CEF member who participates in the annual meeting by means of a conference telephone or similar means of communication which allows for those attending the meeting to simultaneously hear each other and participate in the meeting shall be deemed present at the meeting.
- c) The order of elections will be: President, Vice President, Treasurer, and then the Board of Directors.
- d) Voting will be by secret ballot.
- e) If a candidate is unopposed for an office, the election may take place by voice vote if such a motion is approved by unanimous consent. Nominations from the floor are not permitted.
- f) To the extent that paper or secret ballots are used for voting, those who participate by means of a conference telephone or similar means of communication may cast such ballot electronically after their presence is confirmed during the meeting.
- g) Candidates for the offices of President, Vice President, and Treasurer shall be permitted to address attendees of the business meeting for three minutes. Officers shall be elected by a majority of the votes cast by secret ballot. If a runoff is required during any election for officers, the membership shall vote again on the two candidates who received the highest number of votes in the preceding vote.
- h) Candidates for the Board of Directors will be permitted to address attendees of the business meeting for 90 seconds. Candidates receiving the four highest vote totals in rank order shall be elected to the Board of Directors. If candidates are tied for the last seat, a runoff will be held to determine a candidate with the most votes.

8) The Officers and elected Board members take office at the end of the annual meeting.

Committee for Education Funding

2018 Committee on Nominations & Elections

Official Candidate Profile

Deadline: Due to CEF by COB on November 15, 2018

E-mail: Shanklin@cef.org

Name: _____ Title: _____

Organization: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Address: _____

Position(s) sought:

President

Vice President

Treasurer

Two-Year Membership to Board of Directors

Other CEF Organizations you represent:

Candidate Statement:

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