

# **ALLIANCE FOR FREEDOM FROM ALIMONY, INC.**

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## **NOTICE OF BOARD MEETING**

### **REPORT TO THE BOARD**

### **MEMBERS UPDATE**

**MAY 15, 2010, OKEECHOBEE FLORIDA**

**Please take notice that the Alliance for Freedom From Alimony, inc. will hold a board meeting on Saturday afternoon, May 15. The location is Beef O' Brady's, 608 S. Parrott Ave (U.S. 441), Okeechobee, Florida. The meeting will start at 1:30 P.M.**

**All members are invited to attend and participate.**

This past year has seen a number of important events with our Alimony Reform program. Bill Cabana has worked to expand our membership by establishing local chapters in 16 different locations in Florida and in 10 other states. Bill heads our national chapters program.

We now have a partner in the Alimony reform movement. Families for Alimony Reform, Inc. headed by Steve Drew, Jay Boner, and Susan Jordan have established a solid base for legislative action and improved membership & marketing programs. Their web site can be seen at: [www.alimonyreform.com](http://www.alimonyreform.com). And ours at: [www.alimonyreform.org](http://www.alimonyreform.org)

Jay Boner heads our legislative program and attached is an update on the legislative front. They have hired Jonathan Killman, as a lobbyist to represent our Alimony Reform program in Tallahassee.

Susan Jordan heads our Florida State chapter development program and also serves as Marketing Director. Susan has scheduled and worked a number of membership drives at different functions in the State to recruit new members and educate the public on what awaits them if they should wind up in Divorce Court.

Susan has prepared a "Business Plan" for our marketing program and this will be discussed and implemented at our upcoming board meeting.

Our "Did You Know" advertisement runs in Woods & Water publication.

We have revised our proposed reform bill which will make changes to F.S. 61.08. This plan closely follows what takes place in Texas, Indiana, and some other states. Attached is a copy of this proposal.

This past summer we produced and distributed approx. 400 legislative presentation folders to our members who had requested them and to all 160 Florida Legislators. A number of our members met with numerous legislators throughout the State. We were able to present our program of Alimony Reform to these legislators. Several have indicated support for our program.

We are also mindful that we may need to make some adjustments to this program as we discuss this with the various legislators. We urge each and every one of you to meet with your legislators and request their support for Alimony Reform.

This is an election year and all of the 120 State Representatives and ½ of our 40 Senators must come before the voters for re-election unless they are "Term Limited". All of you are urged to take an active part in electing those legislators that will pledge to support our Alimony Reform program.

Rep. Jim Frishe from Clearwater and Sen. Thad Altman from Melbourne have, at the request of the divorce lawyers, introduced H.B. 277 and S.B. 1194. These identical bills are designed to increase litigation and further destroy families and persons involved in divorce Court.

There are presently 4 types of Alimony, Temporary Alimony, Lump Sum Alimony, Rehabilitate Alimony, and Permanent Alimony. These bills will add two additional types of Alimony, Bridge the gap or transitional Alimony, and Durational Alimony.

These bills provide no statutory definition of when or why they are to be implemented or for what period of time or what amount.

These bills attempt to override Federal tax code, allows the court to do anything it chooses, provides for "non martial" assets to be considered for Alimony awards and, makes provisions for "dead people" to pay Alimony.

One of the sections of these bills permits permanent lifetime Alimony to be awarded to short term marriages.

It appears the intent of these bills is to be purposely vague, even to the point of being unconstitutional.

These bills if passed as drafted will have the underlying effect of expanding the role of Florida's divorce court by overreaching into the private lives of individuals seeking to end their marriage. It will increase the number of individuals subject to extended court jurisdiction and force previously unaffected individuals into open ended financial marriages for the effect of increasing the level of litigation and transferring wealth to the Lawyers.

We have appeared before several legislative committees and requested that these bills either be amended or killed.

At the time of this writing it appears that these bills may pass. All of you need to contact your legislators and Governor Christ and urge them to defeat these bills.

Steve Martyak & Bill Cabana head our legal team. They are constantly looking for any avenue that will permit us to prevail in court as they challenge the Alimony Scheme.

We have accomplished all of this with a dedicated small "core group" and limited financial strength. We do not send bills for annual dues so if you are due please send it. This, along with any contributions may be made by cash, check, money order, or "Pay Pal" with a credit card.

We need all of you to get involved. So please take an active part in Alimony Reform. We must generate publicity to promote our cause.

And Thanks to all of you

Alliance for Freedom From Alimony, Inc.

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