

INTERNAL STAFF UPDATE*

Friday, March 11, 2016

Commerce – SEUS-Japan:

The Southeast U.S./Japan Association (SEUS-Japan) was created in 1976 to perpetuate economic and cultural ties between the U.S. and Japan. South Carolina will host the annual SEUS-Japan meeting October 21-24, 2017, in Greenville. We are a member state in the association, along with Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, North Carolina and Tennessee. South Carolina previously hosted the 2002 meeting in Charleston. Minor Shaw of Greenville has agreed to head our 2016 Delegation to Japan and chair the 2017 host committee for South Carolina. Shaw is President of the Micco LLC, and serves as Chair of the Daniel-Mickel Foundation and the Greenville-Spartanburg Airport Commission. She is a board member of the Hollingsworth Funds, South Carolina ETV Communications, Piedmont Natural Gas, Blue Cross Blue Shield of South Carolina and the Columbia Funds.

Emergency Management – Leave with Pay:

An Executive Order granting leave with pay to state employees who missed work as a result of delays in the Upstate during a spell of winter weather in mid-February is prepared for signature on Monday.

Commission on Minority Affairs:

Today, Hal attended the Minority Affairs Commission meeting. The Commission is lobbying for S.279 (Cromer) to acquire the Division of Small and Minority Business Contracting and Certification, currently in DOA's OEPP. The Commission discussed the need to become more familiar with how to promulgate regulations and how much authority it has to promulgate regulations. They discussed wanting to get per diem for the days they worked and discussed, without detail, a board "retreat".

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