PROPOSAL WRITING

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What is a Proposal?

Simply put, a proposal is a written motion, with some detail behind it.

All Sizes:

Proposals come in all sizes. One may be as simple as "Let's have the party on December 13th instead of December 14th. This will allow 6 more persons to attend." One may be a notebook 119 pages thick, detailing everything. Another proposal may be comparing and contrasting two separate prior proposals and thus be two notebooks thick. Some may require photos, drawings and engineering schematics. Some may offer different financial forecasts.

Then there is the Request For A Proposal, such as, "If someone could invent a skyhook, we could hang our beer up wherever we are". A proposal may even be a simple, non-detailed proposal asking for permission and assets to prepare a more detailed proposal.

Your Audience

For the purpose of this paper, our audience is assumed to be for sixty-seven Florida County Assemblies. They will have to rely on the package for most of their understanding of the proposal. Therefore, it should be written clearly, organized, in perfect English; in such a way that they are compelled to read it entirely before boredom sets in.

Your written proposal is the first (and maybe the only) salesman to be sent in, so make it count!

On-Line Tutorial:

This is an excellent tutorial for a proposal to secure grant funding, but the principles are the same as what we are doing.

http://foundationcenter.org/getstarted/tutorials/shortcourse/index.html

General Suggestions:

- 1. Have access to a proposal team to back you up. They will proofread for you, correct English, make suggestions, ease of reading, offer skills you don't have, etc.
- 2. Critique your proposal. Look for all questions the reader may have, and answer it beforehand in the proposal. Foresee the readers concerns and objections and help him through it.

- 3. Keep it simple. If you have to get deep and technical, explain it simply beforehand, then go deep, then summarize simply again.
- 4. Never go it alone. Get others to keep pushing you. You will appreciate the motivation. If those close to you don't understand it then how can a stranger?
- 5. Use page numbers and point numbers or alpha outline form. This way, a reader can communicate quickly where his problem is.
- 6. Place dates on pages that change often, such as budgets. This will keep confusion down.
- 7. Reveal assumptions made.

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Components of a Proposal

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Executive Summary:	umbrella statement of your case and summary of the entire proposal	1 page		
Statement of Need:	why this project is necessary	2 pages		
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Project Description:	nuts and bolts of how the project will be implemented and evaluated	3 pages		
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Budget:	financial description of the project plus explanatory notes	1 page		
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Organization Information:	history and governing structure of the nonprofit; its primary activities, audiences, and services	1 page		
Conclusion:	summary of the proposal's main points	2 paragraphs		

Proposed Motion: Prior Treaties, Compacts and Agreements

Explanation:

The Florida Republic re-inhabited itself on June 25, 2011. That act **MAY** negate all actions done up till that time legally by the elected officials from January 22, 2011. However, that is not definitive at this time. In retrospect, it should have been expressed in the Four Points document used to re-inhabit, but it was not.

The most threatening act done by those officer(s) was the signing of the "Utah" agreement pledging all of Florida to the National republic and Tim Turner perhaps. No one was given a copy of the document, and it was somewhat signed in blank. No copy or discussion of that document has been given to any state as of yet.

The below motion expressly releases this county Jural assembly from that and any other secret agreement.

Proposed Motion:

Prior Treaties, Compacts and Agreements. Any treaties, compacts or agreements entered into by the Florida Republic or by any agent, lawful or unlawful, of the Florida Republic on its behalf, in which the Florida Republic was never provided a hard copy, as of the date of this resolution, are declared to be null and void. This resolution shall specifically apply to, but not be limited to, the "Utah" document. This resolution shall not preclude the entering of any such agreements after this date of this resolution, upon signing and retaining a paper copy of any such agreement by this assembly or the Florida Republic.

Proposal for:

Creation of Regional County Assembly Councils

and a Grand County Assembly Council for the Florida Republic

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In A Nutshell:

Create 10 Regional Councils and one Grand Council to process initiatives, proposals and concepts and run the Florida Republic outside of a constitution, from the Bottom Up.

Proposal:

- A. To create approximately 10 Regional County Assembly Councils with the following features:
 - 1. Composed of approximately 7 members, one from each county assembly in that region.
 - 2. Will receive initiatives (proposals) from their counties, will repackage them if necessary, and submit them to all other counties in the region for approval.
 - 3. Will receive initiatives (proposals) from the Florida Republic County Assembly Grand Council, repackage them if necessary, and submit them to all of the counties in the region for their approval.
 - 4. Officer's terms will expire every six months.
 - 5. Hold Truth Commissions to resolve certain issues.
- B. To create a **Grand County Assembly Council** with the following features:
 - 1. Composed of approximately 10 members, one from each Regional County Assembly Council in Florida.
 - 2. Will receive initiatives (proposals) from a Regional Council, will repackage them if necessary, and submit them to all other Regional Councils in Florida for approval.
 - 3. When 2/3'rds of the Regions have adopted the initiatives, will declare it to be law state-wide, and will forward on the Governor/legislation for

implementation.

- 4. When 2/3's of the Regions have not approved the initiative, will declare it to be region(s)-wide, and will forward on to the Governor/legislation for implementation.
- 5. Will publish all laws region-wide and state-wide.
- 6. Officer's terms will expire every six months.
- 7. Hold Truth Commissions to resolve certain issues.

Benefits:

- 1. Creates jurisdiction in theory, not on land, such that the De Facto need not be feared. When ready to inhabit the land, just make a few By-Law changes and it is done.
- 2. We need not immediately be concerned with which constitution we are under and having to amend that constitution.
- 3. If the current governor and Secretary of State remain in place, no harm is done.
- 4. This is all of the leadership that is required for the Republic to function well.
- 5. Sets standards for new County Assemblies to join the Republic.
- 6. Greatly enhances communication within the Florida Republic.
- 7. Creates Truth Commissions.
- 8. Gets the Florida Republic working NOW.

Suggested County Assembly Resolution:

Resolved: There shall be created Regional County Assembly Councils and a Grand County Assembly Council within the Florida Republic, as proposed by Jim Costa on July 22, 2011.

RESOLUTION To Pay Prior Expenses

WHEREAS, the ?? County Jural Assembly was created to return Florida back to a republic form of government, and in so doing, be in a position to mitigate panic and anarchy in Florida in the event that the De Facto state and federal governments should collapse;

AND WHEREAS, it is most beneficial to the residents of Florida that the assembly be up and running, experienced and prepared to be fully functional at a moment's notice;

AND WHEREAS, the assembly founders may be taking personal risks to pioneer the county assemblies, and are expected to devote time, energy and out-of-pocket expenditures in this endeavor until funding is received, if ever;

IT IS RESOLVED that:

The assembly chief financial officer, iregardless of his title, is authorized to pay back-expenses to all members of the ?? County Jural Assembly, or suppliers, in the course of performing active work for the assembly since January 1, 2011 and to reimburse those persons for expenses incurred, from January 1, 2011, in the course of establishing the county assembly, prior to its funding.

Minimum Salary Rate is defined as \$30,000 per year for all positions. However, if upon funding, the assembly pays assembly members a higher salary rate than \$30,000, then the higher rate shall be paid retroactively.

Active Work is defined as attending two out of three consecutive meetings or conference calls or participating in any other assembly approved methods. A member may be paid only for the times that they were active but not for the times they were inactive. All active members during the month of July, 2011 shall be considered active since they joined the assembly.

Payment Method. All members shall be paid an equal percentage of salaries due them until 100% has been paid out to all members. No member shall draw a higher percentage of payment due over another member. No more than 50% of current salaries can be paid out as long as there are back wages outstanding. This restriction shall not apply to out-of-pocket expenses payable or payments to suppliers. These expenses shall be payable in full prior to any payment for prior salaries to any member.

Liability for Non Payment. In the event that the assembly never pays any of these back expenses, all members hereby agree to forego any legal action against the assembly for these expenses, unless that action is brought by more than 50% of members due such payments.

Expenses Not Covered are expenses incu	irred on beha	If of the state republic only or expenses
incurred in establishing foreign assemblie	es.	
Secretary	Date	Assembly Facilitator