

Professional Advisory Delegation

Water Challenges, Economics, and Nature-Based Solutions

Hosted by the LAI FL Suncoast Chapter

As a precursor to the February 25 – 27, 2026 [One-by-Land, Two-by-Sea Tours](#), the [Lambda Alpha International](#) (LAI) FL Chapter intends to host a Professional Advisory Delegation (PAD) on **Wednesday, February 25 9 am – 4 pm**. The PAD focus is on local Water Challenges, Economics, and Nature-Based Solutions.

An LAI PAD is a group of prominent members from around the globe that provides expertise and advice on land-related issues. The RiA Magazine article, [Rio Piedras: revitalizing beyond their wildest dreams](#), provides an overview of the first PAD hosted in May 2019.

The *One-by-Land, Two-by-Sea Tours* will bring distinguished participants with diverse land economics expertise to Sarasota; thus, it is synergistic to host a PAD the day prior to the tours.

The tentative agenda consists of four morning speakers followed by a brainstorming session during lunch. After lunch, Jim Musbach, Managing Principal at Economic & Planning Systems and Golden Gate Chapter member, will lead the afternoon strategy session.

Morning speakers will present on the following topics:

- Coastal Water Dynamics
- Surface water – Sarasota Bay, Gulf of Mexico, Inland Waters
- Extreme Weather
- Local & Regional Economics

Land economics is the common thread between the various topics.

With appropriate funding, the LAI FL Suncoast Chapter intends to partner with a local science-based non-profit to produce a formal report on the PAD discussions, conclusions, and recommendations. Additionally, the intent is to continue the partnership with the non-profit for a three-year period to continue the discussions, implement recommendations, and share the PAD reports with local officials and decision-makers.

The intent is to utilize the Power of LAI to provide VALUE to the Sarasota/Bradenton community

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About Lambda Alpha International

LAI is the honorary global network for thought leaders in all fields related to the preservation and sustainable development of land.

LAI is a growing network of chapters in the United States, Canada, Mexico, Europe and Asia. Each chapter offers a wide variety of programs with industry leaders, discussion forums, community service projects and networking events.

Membership is highly selective through a nomination process initiated by an LAI member. Nominees for LAI membership must demonstrate ten or more years of experience in their fields, professional distinction, and outstanding contributions to the community in their field of endeavor.

LAI is committed to excellence and high professional standards to make a difference. A value to members is knowing you are someone who helped make that difference.