**CANDIDATE FOR FEDERATION BOARD**

***Public Candidate Category***

**Name: Steven Merritt Seibert**

**Position: The Seibert Law Firm, Founder**

**Education:** BA, The George Washington University; JD, University of Florida

Steven Seibert is the immediate past chair of the Florida Humanities Council. The *Tampa Bay Times* described Seibert as “a consensus builder with an eye to the future” and as one of Florida’s “significant thinkers.” Steve was elected to the Pinellas County Commission in 1992 -- twice serving as its chair -- where he led efforts to develop regional water and transportation initiatives. In 1996 he was tapped by Governor Jeb Bush to lead the Florida Department of Community Affairs and served in that capacity from 1999 to 2003. Later he served as the executive director of the Century Commission for a Sustainable Florida and as the senior vice president for the LeRoy Collins Center for Public Policy. For the past 12 years Seibert has been a member of the board of directors of the Mosaic Company, one of the world’s leading crop nutrition companies.

Seibert has been a Florida Supreme Court certified mediator for more than 20 years and has gained a statewide reputation for helping to resolve public and private sector disputes. He is a graduate of Leadership Florida (Class XIII), has earned membership in the Association of Professional Futurists, and he has been a respected member of the Florida Bar for over 30 years. Seibert has received notable appointments from the Chief Justice of the Florida Supreme Court and from four different Florida Governors.