



DATES TO REMEMBER

OCT. 26, 2016	CCAOSC ENERGY PROGRAM ANNUAL MEETING , CCAO OFFICES, COLUMBUS
OCT. 28, 2016	CEBCO BOARD OF DIRECTORS , CCAO OFFICES, COLUMBUS
NOV. 3, 2016	CCAOC GENERAL GOVERNMENT AND OPERATIONS COMMITTEE , CONFERENCE CALL
NOV. 9, 2016	HELPING VETERANS ACHIEVE SUCCESS IN OHIO – A CCAO 2 ND WEDNESDAY WEBINAR
NOV. 16, 2016	CORSA BOARD OF DIRECTORS , CCAO OFFICES, COLUMBUS
Nov. 17, 2016	TOP GUN CONSTRUCTION CLAIMS SEMINAR , THE CONFERENCE CENTER AT OCLC, DUBLIN (<i>CCAOC is a seminar co-sponsor</i>)
NOV. 18, 2016	CCAOC BOARD OF DIRECTORS , CCAO OFFICES, COLUMBUS
DEC. 4-6, 2016	CCAOC/CEAO ANNUAL WINTER CONFERENCE , HYATT REGENCY, COLUMBUS
DEC. 6, 2016	PUBLIC RECORDS/SUNSHINE LAW TRAINING , HYATT REGENCY, COLUMBUS
DEC. 9, 2016	CEBCO BOARD OF DIRECTORS , CCAO OFFICES, COLUMBUS
FEB. 5-7, 2017	NEW MEMBER TRAINING SEMINAR , SHERATON COLUMBUS HOTEL AT CAPITOL SQUARE, COLUMBUS
FEB. 25-MAR. 1, 2017	NACo LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE , MARRIOTT WARDMAN PARK HOTEL, WASHINGTON, DC

JULY 21-24, 2017

NACo ANNUAL CONFERENCE, GREATER COLUMBUS
CONVENTION CENTER, FRANKLIN COUNTY (COLUMBUS)

ASSOCIATION NEWS

CCAO/CEAO Annual Winter Conference – registration opens

Registration is now open for the [County Commissioners' and Engineers Associations of Ohio \(CCAO/CEAO\) Annual Winter Conference and Trade Show](#) to be held December 4-6, 2016 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel, 350 North High Street, in Columbus. Join your colleagues to discuss innovative ways to enhance local government to better serve Ohio's counties. [Register here...](#)



Don't miss these events...

Music, dancing and caricature drawing with your colleagues at the opening conference trade show reception! - Join your friends. Dance to the music. Get a caricature drawn for your holiday cards...all at the opening reception at the trade show. After, you still have time to explore the Arena District and Short North for dinner with friends!

Spouse/Guest Brunch - Meet other registered spouses/guests of attendees at a brunch at the Hyatt Regency! Information will be available from Experience Columbus so that you can meet and organize your activities for the day! Transportation will not be provided.

Monday Afternoon Ice Cream Social - Stop by the trade show after the luncheon and top off lunch with ice cream and toppings and a chance to say "thank you" to the exhibitors for participating in the conference.

Monday Reception and Banquet - You've had a busy day. Join your colleagues and enjoy a reception and dinner with a beautiful view of the Columbus skyline!

CCAO Workshop Sessions

- Money Matters
- Elections
- Cyber Security
- Infrastructure Funding
- Opiate Epidemic
- Great Board Meetings and Courthouse Relationships
- Express Idea Exchange:
 - Human Resource Hot Topics and Free Advice
 - Federal Grant and Funding Opportunities
 - Economic Development
 - Juvenile Detention Issues/Funding
 - Job and Family Services

- County Airport Funding
- Worker's Comp Risk Management
- ACA/Wellness

Legislative Update and Expert Advocacy
Public Records/Sunshine Law Training

Legislation authorizes Ohio veteran ID cards

County Advisory Bulletin (CAB) [2016-08 - Ohio Veteran Identification Cards](#) discusses Am. Sub. HB 173 (effective 9-8-16), which grants permissive authority to counties to issue identification cards to qualified veterans. CAB 2016-08 summarizes the new law and details the issuance of the cards, material and design standards, production services and equipment donations.

The cards may be issued by either a county recorder's office or county veterans service office. Boards of county commissioners can designate which office will provide the new identification cards and set any fees, up to \$2 per card, for the new veteran ID card, which will be deposited and credited to the county general fund. The new law required CCAO, the Ohio Recorders Association and the Ohio State Association of County Veteran Service Officers to establish the statewide material and design standards for veteran ID cards. CCAO thanks Commissioners Paul Haller (Jackson) and Brian Stewart (Pickaway) for representing the Association on the Ohio Veteran ID Materials and Design Standards Committee.

Candidates' Briefing Guide discusses top policy issues

CCAO's 2016 [Candidates' Briefing Guide](#) is designed to educate candidates on county government and the policy issues that are important to counties, emphasizes the importance of strengthening the partnership between the state and counties to make a stronger Ohio.

The top policy issues included in this year's guide include:

- **Replace revenue lost from the elimination of the Medicaid managed care sales tax**
- **Partner with counties to replace voting equipment**
- **Protect the county/state sales tax base**
- **Enhance the delivery of public safety services**
- **Address growing pressures caused by the opiate epidemic**
- **Modernize infrastructure funding**



The guide also recommends partnership opportunities between the state and counties, notes recent successes and shares information on county revenue sources and the many important functions that counties perform.

Candidates, county commissioners, executives and councilmembers were mailed copies of the Candidates' Briefing Guide.

As a member of CCAO, you are our most powerful advocate. We hope this will provide a valuable tool that supports your advocacy efforts with current and future state lawmakers over the coming months.

CCAO officer/board member nominations due Oct. 31

The Nominating Committee reminds members that the [CCAO Officer/Board Member Request Form and Nominating Candidate Questionnaire](#) are both due no later than Oct. 31. The Nominating Committee recommends a slate of officers and board members to be elected at the CCAO Annual Business Meeting to be held on Monday morning, Dec. 5 during the CCAO/CEAO Winter Conference. Nominations will also be accepted from the floor. The committee will be nominating candidates for the offices of president, 1st vice president, secretary and treasurer. In addition, seven members will be nominated to serve on the Board of Directors for two-year terms. The Nominating Committee will also fill any vacancies that may exist where members elected to a two-year term will not be returning to office or where a member forfeits office for non-attendance.

New procedures - The Nominating Committee is also governed by the following procedures adopted in 2015:

- The Nominating Committee will place on the ballot the names of all eligible candidates who have requested to be nominated to the office of 2nd vice president. The person receiving the highest number of votes at the election conducted during the annual business meeting will be elected to the office of 2nd vice president.
- The Nominating Committee will automatically nominate the then-sitting 2nd vice president for the office of 1st vice president, and the then-sitting 1st vice president for the office of president.
- Nominations other than the Nominating Committee's for the offices of secretary, treasurer, 1st vice president and president, will only be accepted from the floor at the election.

Also new is a Bylaws amendment that was adopted in 2015 that allows the CCAO president to serve more than one year as long as the years are not consecutive.

Want to know if your term is expiring on the Board? [Click here](#) for more information!

Return the [CCAO Officer/Board Member Request Form and Nominating Candidate Questionnaire](#) by Oct. 31 to the Nominating Committee Chair Mike Halleck, Columbiana County Commissioner, 105 South Market Street, Lisbon, OH 44432-1255, or you may email your form to sdesarro@cccommissioners.org. In addition, mail a copy to CCAO, 209 E. State Street, Columbus, OH 43215-4309, in an envelope marked: NOMINATING COMMITTEE – ATTENTION: KATHY DILLON or you may email your form to kathydillon@ccao.org.

Please contact Kathy if you need assistance or have any questions about the forms. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Mike Halleck at (330) 853-7942 or call CCAO Executive Director Suzanne Dulaney at (614) 221-5627 or (888) 757-1904.

STATE ACTIVITIES

PUCO rules against FirstEnergy proposal

The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO) ruled against FirstEnergy's proposed virtual power purchase agreement on Wednesday, Oct. 12. The order also directs



FirstEnergy to enact a staff recommended Distribution Modernization Rider (DMR) at \$132.5 million per year to be grossed up for federal corporate income taxes annually, which would bring the rider cost up to about \$204 million dollars per year.

The rider is limited to three-years of duration with a chance of a two-year extension if the PUCO were to approve one at a later time. The PUCO is estimating the DMR will cost the average customer about \$3.00 more per month.

FirstEnergy badly wanted the virtual power purchase agreement, but did argue in the alternative for a much larger rider amount if their proposal was rejected. FirstEnergy wanted \$558 million dollars per year for eight years instead of the smaller amount that was passed.

FirstEnergy is evaluating the order and considering what it will do next. FirstEnergy has 30 days to apply for another rehearing, and if that is rejected by the PUCO, could look to the Ohio Supreme Court.

Local Government Safety Capital Grant - round 2 applications open Oct. 31

The [Local Government Safety Capital Grant Program](#) was created by the 131st General Assembly, through Am. Sub. HB 64. The program received an appropriation of \$10,000,000 for FY16 and \$10,000,000 for FY17. The program is administered by the Local Government Innovation Council, who also oversees the Local Government Innovation Program and Local Government Efficiency Program.

The Ohio Development Services Agency will begin accepting applications for Round 2 of the Local Government Safety Capital Grant Program on Monday, Oct. 31. Eligible political subdivisions may apply through Jan. 6. The applications for this highly competitive, \$10 million program will be available on the link above.

For more information, please contact [Mateo Williamson](#), Program Manager, Office of Strategic Business Investments - Business Services Division, Ohio Development Services Agency, at (614) 466-8989.

Draft Water Pollution Control Load Fund plan available

The Ohio EPA [Water Pollution Control Loan Fund \(WPCLF\)](#) has provided more than \$7 billion in below-market interest rate financing to Ohio communities since 1989. The [2017 WPCLF Draft Program Management Plan](#) contains some new ideas to help communities with important public health and water quality improvement projects. These ideas include: a proposed new three-year \$300 million zero-interest program for combined sewer overflow improvements; greater funding for principal forgiveness; and the ability to offer structured repayments and extended-term (possibly up to 45 years) financing.



The Ohio EPA has released the draft plan. A public meeting will be held to answer questions and receive comments on Monday, Nov. 21 at 1:00 p.m. at the Ohio EPA's Conference Center - Lazarus Government Center, 50 W. Town Street – 6th floor - Autumn Room, in Columbus. Comments on the plan must be received until close of business on Monday, Nov. 21. If you have any questions, please contact the Ohio EPA at epa.defamail@epa.ohio.gov or by calling (614) 644-3636.

FEDERAL ACTIVITIES

Ohio ordered to count ballots of infrequent voters

The United States District Court, Southern Division of Ohio, Eastern Division has ruled that Ohioans removed from the voter rolls since 2011 for voting infrequently must be allowed to cast ballots in the November General Election. For the past 20 years, Ohio election officials have deleted voter registrations of people who had failed to cast ballots in the past six years, update their registration or respond to a warning notice. As a result of the ruling in [Ohio A. Phillip Randolph Institute v. Jon Husted in his capacity as the Ohio Secretary of State](#) (Case No. 2:16-cv-303) on Oct. 19, those voters may cast provisional ballots in the General Election, which will count as long as they still reside in the same county. Secretary of State John Husted stated that his process of removing voters from the rolls was consistently applied like his Democrat and Republican predecessors had used for 20 years.

Federal law allows Ohio to remove voters who move to another county or state, who die and those requesting to be removed – but it does not permit removal of voters for not voting. This ruling only applies to ballots cast in this General Election. The Court did not give guidance for a new, legal process for purging voting rolls.

The Secretary of State and Ohio's 88 boards of elections must post information on their websites to explain the court decision to voters who had been deleted. [Click here](#) for a statement on the voter roll maintenance ruling from Secretary Husted and additional information.

NACo ACTIVITIES

Culture of health award applications due Nov. 3

Each year, the [Robert Wood Johnson Foundation \(RWJF\)](#) honors and elevates U.S. communities that are making great strides in their journey to better health and well-being. Communities nationwide are invited to apply for the 2017 RWJF Culture of Health Prize. This annual award honors communities that are creating powerful partnerships and deep commitments that will enable everyone, especially those facing the greatest challenges, with the opportunity to live well with hope and progress for healthier people, families and places. In 2017, up to ten winners will each receive a \$25,000 cash prize and the chance to share their accomplishments and their stories across the nation. Application deadline: Nov. 3. [Read more...](#)

Achievement Award Program – brilliant ideas that work!

The National Association of Counties (NACo) is accepting submissions for the [2017 Achievement Awards](#) program. For 47 years, NACo has recognized innovation in county government through the Achievement Awards Program. The awards provide an excellent opportunity for counties to promote their successes to a larger audience, as well as share best practices with partners and peers across the nation.



As a non-competitive awards program, each application is judged on its own merits and not against other applications received. Awards will be presented in 18 categories during the [2017 NACo Annual Conference and Exposition](#) to be held in Franklin County (Columbus), O-H-I-O. All steps in the application process must be completed and application fees must be paid in full by the Mar. 27 deadline. [Click here](#) for more information or email awards@naco.org if you have any questions.

As part of the 2016-2017 Presidential Initiative of NACo President Bryan Desloge, the association is launching [Counties Matter Challenge: Brilliant Ideas that Work](#), a friendly competition to identify and share 100 examples of visionary county leadership that highlights county innovation at its best. Your entry in the Achievement Award program will be in the running for the Challenge.

EDUCATION

How are Ohio's small and mid-sized legacy cities faring? – Oct. 27

Ohio's older industrial cities weathered a number of challenges in recent years, including population loss, ongoing economic transition and neighborhood instability worsened by the Great Recession and foreclosure crisis. Smaller legacy cities experienced many of these

challenges like their larger neighbors - Cleveland and Cincinnati - but have different opportunities and obstacles to confront in achieving revitalization.

In conjunction with the Ohio CDC Association, the Greater Ohio Policy Center (GOPC) will co-host a free webinar on “How Are Ohio’s Small and Mid-Sized Legacy Cities Faring?” on Thursday, Oct. 27 from 10-11:30 a.m. The webinar will examine how smaller legacy cities, from Akron to Zanesville, have fared over the last 15 years. GOPC will share findings from its [recent report](#) on how these cities’ economic conditions compare to Ohio’s larger legacy cities and Columbus. [Register here...](#)

CCAO to host webinar on helping veterans – Nov. 9

CCAO is pleased to offer a 2nd Wednesday webinar on “Helping Veterans Achieve Success in Ohio” on Nov. 9 at 9:30 a.m. The webinar will focus on achieving success through education and employment opportunities that are available in Ohio.

- The first part of the webinar will provide an overview of the state approving agency followed by on the job training and apprenticeship outreach to veterans.
- In the second part of the webinar, the speaker will discuss Ohio Means Veterans Jobs, veteran demographics and current initiatives to connect veterans to employment in your county.

Our speakers from the Ohio Department of Veterans Services will be Robert Breeckner, Deputy Director of Educational Programs, and Jonathon Field, Workforce Manager.

[Click here](#) to register. If you experience difficulty in registering, please contact [Curt Pratt](#), CCAO Administrative Assistant, and provide him with your name, title, employer and email address. For additional information regarding the topic for this webinar, please contact [Brad Cole](#), CCAO Managing Director of Research, at (614) 220-7981 or (888) 757-1904. [Read more...](#)

Construction Claims Seminar – Nov. 17

Join the law firm of Bricker & Eckler LLP for the 14th annual [Top Gun Construction Claims Seminar](#) on Thursday, Nov. 17 at The Conference Center at OCLC, 6600 Kilgour Place, in Dublin. Topics focus on Transgender Issues for Construction, Beginning a Project – Decision Points, Strategies for Minimizing Claims, Specific Claims, Financing Corrective Work Prior to Recovery and Dispute Resolution.

Tuition: \$199 by Nov. 4 and CCAO members or \$239 after Nov. 4. CCAO is a seminar co-sponsor. Approval of 7.5 CLE and AIA credits is pending. [More information...](#)

Training for collective bargaining newcomers – Dec. 7-8

The [State Employment Relations Board](#) will present the [SERB Academy](#) on Dec. 7-8 at the Crowne Plaza Columbus-Dublin, 600 Metro Place North, in Dublin. The two-day Academy is focused on newcomers to public-sector collective bargaining who need to know how Ohio’s Public Sector Collective Bargaining Law (O.R.C. 4117) governs labor relations in the



public sector. Topics include an overview of representation, dispute settlement, and unfair labor practice matters, covering the law, the administrative rules and the day-to-day procedures of the agency.

Registration: \$200 (includes all sessions, course materials, continental breakfast and lunch). Application for accreditation of this conference has been requested to the Supreme Court of Ohio Commission on Continuing Legal Education for 10.50 total CLE hours of instruction. [Read more...](#)

CLASSIFIEDS

CCAO publishes classified ads on our [website](#) free of charge as a service to counties. Ads will be published until the application deadline. When submitting your ad to CCAO, please provide a link to the online job posting and a deadline date. Email your classified ad to [Mary Jane Neiman](#), CCAO Public Relations Associate.