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ASSOCIATION NEWS

CCAO/NACO TO HOST DIALOGUE ON SALES TAX CHANGES - OCTOBER 3

The County Commissioners Association of Ohio (CCAO) and the National Association of Counties (NACo) will be hosting a briefing for county officials on the Streamlined Sales Tax Agreement in early October. This session is scheduled for October 3 from 2:00 - 4:30 pm at The Columbus - A Renaissance Hotel, 50 North Third Street in downtown Columbus - will be held in conjunction with a meeting of the State and Local Advisory Committee to the Streamlined Sales Tax Agreement.

The council advises the Governing Board (which is composed only of members of the Agreement) on interpretations and amendments to the Agreement. The State and Local Advisory Council is comprised of one representative from each state that chooses to participate in the development and evolution of the Agreement, regardless of whether that state is a member of the Agreement. In addition, its membership includes three representatives each selected by the National Association of Counties, the National League of Cities, the U.S. Conference of Mayors and the Government Finance Officers Association, for a total of 12 representatives of local government.

Join CCAO and NACo to discuss how we can work together with colleagues in other states to ensure that this national movement toward uniform sales tax laws does not leave county finances in the dust. The Streamlined Agreement has already meant changes to Ohio's sales tax including changes in definitions, that has resulted in some reduction in revenue; the elimination of Ohio's decades old bracketed sales tax system and the use of uniform rounding rules that have revenue implications; and, limitations on the timing of the enactment of county permissive sales and use taxes. A current controversy in Ohio deals with the so-called sourcing rules which deal primarily with the rate that is charged when items are delivered to a county different from where the purchase is made. The sourcing rule affects sales of furniture, white goods and other similar items and can cause

some counties in Ohio to lose substantial revenues as a result of the change.

There is no charge to attend this meeting on October 3. For more information, contact Mary Jane Neiman, CCAO Public Relations Associate, at (614) 220-7979, (888) 757-1904 or mjneiman@ccao.org or Alysoun McLaughlin, NACo Associate Legislative Director, at (202) 942-4254 or amclaughlin@naco.org.

STATE AND LOCAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO THE STREAMLINED SALES TAX AGREEMENT MEETING - OCTOBER 4-5

The State and Local Advisory Committee to the Streamlined Sales Tax Agreement will meet on October 4-5, 2006 at The Columbus - A Renaissance Hotel, 50 North Third Street in downtown Columbus. The meeting begins at 8:30 a.m. on October 4 and concludes by 4:00 p.m. on October 5.

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Topics to be discussed at the meeting include: Multiple Points of Use Amendment, bundling rule, digital property definition, definition of fur products, rules to replace issue papers for drop shipments, exemptions, telecommunications definitions and confidentiality, health care definitions and rules, informational reports, sales price and sales for resale, and telecommunications sourcing.

Registration fee: \$200 (includes breakfast, lunch and breaks on both days) or \$250 for onsite registration.

Deadline: September 22, 2006. Register on-line at www.taxexchange.org/meet/1006sales.taf. For more information please contact McLaughlin, NACo Associate Legislative Director, at (202) 942-4254 amclaughlin@naco.org.

Hotel rooms are available at The Columbus for \$159 per night. Mention FTA Streamlined Meeting when making your reservations at (614) 228-5050, (800) 417-1057 or www.renaissancecolumbus.com. Reservation cutoff: September 20, 2006.

NE DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS ASSOCIATION - SEPTEMBER 27

The Northeast District Commissioners Association will meet on Wednesday, September 27 aboard the Goodtime III in Cuyahoga County (Cleveland). Cuyahoga County Commissioners Jimmy Dimora, Peter Lawson Jones and Tim Hagan welcome the Northeast District to see the economic development along the waterfront. Commissioners, county administrators, clerks, spouses and guests are encouraged to attend.

Attendees will board the Goodtime III at 6:00 p.m. and set sail at 6:30 p.m. The meeting and CCAO Legislative update and discussion will commence after dinner. Registration fee: \$25 per person. For more information please contact the Northeast Commissioners Association President Matt Miller, Ashland County Commissioner, 110 Cottage Street, Ashland, OH 44805, (419) 282-4353 or mattmiller@ashlandcounty.org.

CCAO NOMINATING COMMITTEE APPOINTED

The CCAO Board of Trustees approved the appointment of a five member nominating committee at the August 30, 2006, meeting of the CCAO Board of Trustees, which was held in Erie County.

The Committee, appointed by CCAO President Lenny Eliason, will be chaired by Bob Corbett, Champaign County Commissioner. Other members include: Ray Feikert, (Holmes); Paula Brooks, (Franklin); Ben Nutter, (Seneca); Richard Regula, (Stark).

It is the responsibility of the committee to recommend a slate of officers and board members to be elected at the Annual Business Meeting on Tuesday, December 12, 2006, 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, first vice president, second vice president, secretary and treasurer. In addition, seven members will be nominated to serve on the Board of Trustees 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. The seven members whose terms to the Board expire this year include: David Dhume (Madison), Jack Graf (Fulton), Marcia Phelps (Licking), Gerald Potter (Hardin), Peter Lawson Jones (Cuyahoga), Mark Thomas (Belmont) and Mary Walker (Clermont).

The nine members appointed by President Eliason whose one year term to the Board expires at the end of this year include: Mike Adelman (Huron), Paula Brooks (Franklin), Ray Feikert (Holmes), Ron Lane (Paulding), Cheryl Noah (Wayne), Marilyn Reid (Greene), James Tsagaris (Trumbull), Bill Young (Geauga) and Joe Secrest (Guernsey).

In accordance with the CCAO Bylaws, the six most recent past presidents who still hold the office of county commissioner are entitled to a seat on the Board of Trustees. In 2007 those individuals will include: Robert Boggs (Ashtabula), Bob Corbett (Champaign), Lenny Eliason (Athens), Mark Forni (Monroe) and Patricia Geissman (Medina).

The committee must make its recommendations no later than November 17. The report will then be published in the County Information and Data Service and an individual copy of its report will be sent to each commissioner.

On September 15, 2006, CCAO will send to all commissioners at their home addresses an application form for officer of the CCAO or as a member of the CCAO Board of Trustees.

A CCAO Nominating Candidate Questionnaire will also be included. Both forms must be returned to the committee chair: Bob Corbett, Champaign County Commissioner, 1512 S. US 68 - SUITE A100, Urbana, OH 43078-1677. Mail a copy to CCAO, 37 W. Broad Street, Suite 650, Columbus, Ohio 43215, in an envelope marked: **NOMINATING COMMITTEE.**

2006 CCC/ESAO REGIONAL MEETINGS SCHEDULED

For the past three years, the County Commissioners Clerks and Engineers Secretaries Association of Ohio (CCC/ESAO), CCAO's first and oldest affiliate organization, have held a series of very successful regional meetings around the state. The purpose of these meetings was for CCC/ESAO members to share their knowledge with other clerks and secretaries that are unable to attend conferences and workshops.

These informal meetings are open to all commissioners clerks or deputies and engineers secretaries or administrative assistants to discuss various topics of concern in your county. The meeting topics are tailored to meet the needs of each district. All meetings will start at 10:00 a.m. and end at 2:30 p.m. There is no charge to attend. Lunch will be sponsored by CCAO/CEAO. The CCAO Board of Trustees encourages all county commissioners to permit their clerks and other office support staff to attend one of the following meetings.

The last three CCC/ESAO regional meetings to be held in 2006 are as follows:

SEPTEMBER 22, 2006 - HANCOCK COUNTY - REGION 1

LOCATION: Hancock County Agricultural Service Center, 7868 County Road 140, Hancock County (Findlay)

COUNTIES: Allen, Auglaize, Champaign, Defiance, Fulton, Hancock, Hardin, Henry, Logan, Lucas, Mercer, Paulding, Putnam, Shelby, Van Wert, Williams and Wood

RSVP to Kelli Singhaus, Clerk, Allen County Commissioners at (419) 228-3700 ext. 8725 or ksinghaus@allencountyohio.com

OCTOBER 6, 2006 - ROSS COUNTY - REGION 5

LOCATION: Ross County Service Center, 475 Western Avenue, Ross County (Chillicothe)

COUNTIES: Fairfield, Fayette, Franklin, Gallia, Hocking, Jackson, Lawrence, Madison, Perry, Pickaway, Pike, Ross, Scioto and Vinton

RSVP to Flora Butler, Clerk, Butler County Commissioners at (513) 887-3504 or ButlerFR@butlercountyohio.org

OCTOBER 27, 2006 - MONTGOMERY COUNTY - REGION 6

LOCATION: Madison Lakes Learning & Conference Center, 581 Olive Road, Montgomery County (Dayton)

COUNTIES: Adams, Brown, Butler, Clark, Clermont, Clinton, Darke, Greene, Hamilton, Highland, Miami, Darke, Greene, Hamilton, Highland, Miami, Montgomery, Preble and Warren

RSVP to Juanita Hunn, Clerk, Montgomery County Commissioners (937) 225-6491 or hunnj@mcOhio.org or Dianna Harris, Administrative Assistant, Montgomery County Engineer's Office at (937) 225-4904 or harrisd@mcOhio.org.

For more information, please contact the 2006 CCC/ESAO President Dianna Spencer, Administrative Assistant, Preble County Engineer's Office, at (937) 456-4600 or dianna@prebeng.org.

CCAO BOARD OF TRUSTEES MINUTES

Enclosed with this issue of CIDS for county commissioners are the minutes from the June 12, 2006 meeting of the CCAO Board of Trustees. CCAO distributes these minutes after they are approved by the Board.

CCAO POLICY DEVELOPMENT SURVEY

Commissioners and their administrative staffs are being surveyed for their concerns as a part of the CCAO's development of its Legislative Program for 2007-2008. Each commissioner received a copy of the COUNTY LEGISLATIVE NEEDS SURVEY as a supplement to the August 18th edition of CIDS.

We hope you will take time to respond to the survey by indicating any issues which you think the CCAO

ought to address during the next General Assembly. The current Legislative Platform can be reviewed at: http://www.ccao.org/media/Legis_Prog05.pdf.

The surveys were due by Friday, September 8, 2006. Counties that still wish to participate should submit their responses ASAP. Survey responses may be mailed; faxed to (614) 221-6986; or emailed to John Leutz, CCAO Senior Policy Analyst, at jleutz@ccao.org.

CCAO SERVICE CORPORATION PROGRAM NEWS

CCAO FLEXIBLE BENEFITS PROGRAM

The Flexible Benefits Program enables counties to offer employees the opportunity to pre-tax qualified employee benefit premiums that they contribute to health, dental, and life insurance. Flexible benefits are authorized under IRS Section 125. The law also authorizes the same pre-tax advantages for other qualified medical and dependent care expenses. The program is administered by Colonial Supplemental Insurance.

The county may offer a Premium Only Plan, in which employees could pretax any deductions now made from the employee for health, dental and life insurance coverage provided by the county. Under this type of plan, there is no ability to use a flexible spending account for medical and day care expenses.

Counties that also wish to offer flexible spending accounts for medical and day care expenses may offer employees the opportunity to establish Health Care Flexible Spending Accounts and Dependent Care Flexible Spending Accounts. By establishing medical and dependent care reimbursement accounts, employees can pay for, on a pre-tax basis, medical and day care expenses that are not reimbursed. These plans are more complex to administer and require additional employee education, but do provide additional significant tax benefits for employees and counties. The additional education and administration tasks are completed by Colonial Supplemental Insurance.

Colonial Supplemental Insurance will work with the commissioners and county auditor in establishing the program, and will provide necessary administrative services. If the Health Care and/or Dependent Care Spending Accounts are offered, there may be a cost for the administrative services if the county is not capable of administering the reimbursement program with current staff. These costs are nominal and usually are offset with the tax savings to the county with their Section 125 program.

Under the agreement with CCAO, Colonial is also authorized to market the following products to county employees on a payroll deduction basis: disability income protection; accident insurance; cancer insurance; critical illness insurance; hospital intensive care protection; hospital income protection; whole life insurance; and term life insurance. All of these Colonial insurance programs are available to family members on a stand-alone basis. This means that a county employee need not purchase an insurance product in order to insure a family member.

Over 40 Ohio counties are currently active in the program. For enrollment information, please contact Chuck Mers, Public Sector Manager at Colonial Supplemental Insurance, at (800) 272-5025, (614) 882-9307, or chuck.mers@coloniallife.com. For general information, please contact Brent Fisher, CCAO Enterprise Services Manager, at 614-220-7996 or bfisher@ccao.org.

STATE ACTIVITIES

BALLOT ISSUES ASSIGNED NUMBERS

Ballot issue supporters and opponents may now begin urging Ohioans to "vote yes" or "vote no" on Issues 1,2,3,4, or 5, even though only two proposals have yet been cleared for the November ballot.

Secretary of State Ken Blackwell certified the form of the official general election ballot to the county boards on September 8, and issued a directive that assigns numbers to the five measures that may be placed on the ballot:

- Issue 1 is the workers compensation

referendum that would repeal certain provisions of recent legislation changing the way the benefit is awarded (SB7).

- Issue 2 is the "minimum wage" amendment that would increase the state's minimum wage to \$6.85 an hour.
- Issue 3 is "Learn and Earn," a proposed constitutional amendment that would expand legalized gambling.
- Issue 4 is "Smoke Less Ohio," a proposed constitutional amendment that would restrict smoking, while allowing exceptions for bars and certain other businesses.
- Issue 5 is the "SmokeFree Workplace Act," a voter initiated statute that would impose a more rigorous ban on smoking in most public places.

Only Issues 2 and 5 have currently been certified to appear on the ballot, however the SmokeFree proposal still faces a legal hurdle questioning the validity of signatures submitted during the initial round of petitioning.

If the other campaigns fail to collect sufficient signatures to place their proposals on the ballot, the remaining issue numbers will not change.

POLITICAL ACTIVITY OF EMPLOYEES IN THE CLASSIFIED SERVICE

CCAO has received several inquiries about political activity of county employees in the classified service. According to ORC 124.57, employees in the classified service are prohibited from engaging in political activity. Classified service is defined as a person in active pay status serving in the competitive classified civil service of the state, the counties, or the general health districts, whether in certified or provisional status. Unless specifically exempted from the classified service, an employee shall be considered in the classified service. Unclassified service is defined as employees who serve at the pleasure of the appointing authority and are not subject to competitive examination and are not prohibited from engaging in political activity unless specifically prohibited by federal or state

constitutional or statutory provisions. Political activity and politics refers to partisan ballots, or partisan candidates.

Permissible activities for classified employees:

1. Registration and voting
2. Expression of oral or written opinions
3. Voluntary financial contributions to candidates or organizations
4. Circulation of nonpartisan petitions or petitions stating views on legislation
5. Attend political rallies
6. Signing nominating petitions in support of individuals
7. Display political materials at home or on your property
8. Wear political badges or buttons, or display political stickers on private vehicles
9. Serve as a precinct election official under ORC 3501.22

Prohibited activities for classified employees:

1. Candidacy for public office in a partisan election
2. Candidacy for public office in a nonpartisan general election if the nomination to candidacy was obtained in a partisan primary or through circulation of nominating petitions identified with a political party
3. Filing petitions meeting statutory requirements for partisan candidacy to elective office
4. Circulation of official nominating petitions for any candidate participating in a partisan election
5. Service in an elected or appointed office in any partisan political organization
6. Acceptance of a party-sponsored appointment to any office normally filled by partisan election
7. Campaigning by writing for publications, distributing political material, or by writing or making speeches for a candidate for partisan elective office, when such activities are directed toward party success
8. Direct or indirect solicitation of any monetary

or in-kind assessment, contribution or subscription for any political party or candidate

9. Solicit or sale of political party tickets
10. Partisan activities at the election polls
11. Serve as witness or challenger of any party or partisan committee
12. Participation in a partisan political caucus
13. Participation in a political action committee that supports partisan activity

A classified employee is subject to removal if they engage in any of the forbidden activities listed above. Unclassified employees are not forbidden from engaging in political activity unless it is specifically forbidden by federal, state constitutional or statutory provisions. If any person holding public office or employment is convicted of violating ORC 124.57 provisions prohibiting abuse of political influence, their office or position shall be rendered vacant. Please review ORC 124.57 and contact your county prosecutor if you have any questions.

2006 SERB HEALTH INSURANCE SURVEY DUE OCTOBER 4

Under ORC 4117.02 (K)(5), the State Employment Relations Board (SERB) has a statutory requirement to act as a clearinghouse of information related to wages, fringe benefits, and employment practices applicable to the various political subdivisions in Ohio.

Under the same ORC chapter, public employee organizations, public employers, and governmental units are required to provide assistance, services and data to enable SERB to carry out its functions and powers. For the 15th year, SERB is conducting a survey distributed to public employers in an attempt to assess the cost and content of health insurance in Ohio's public sector report.

SERB mailed a copy of the survey to all public employers, but it can also be completed via the internet at <http://vista-survey.com/survey/v1/survey.dsb?ID=8021776306>.

To begin the survey, e-mail or paper, you will need your unique "identification number" which was provided to you by e-mail and through the mailed copy.

SERB is aware that many public employers deal with multiple health care plans and/or multiple unions, please photocopy the survey or follow instructions on-line, and submit separate information on each plan made available to your employees. Please answer all of the relevant questions for each of your county's plans.

Complete and return the survey by October 4, 2006. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Kay Raffo, SERB Researcher, at (614) 466-1123 or KRaffo@SERB.STATE.OH.US or Cheri Alexander, SERB Administrator, (614) 466-1193 or CAlexander@SERB.STATE.OH.US.

TRANSITIONAL WORK GRANTS ENDING DECEMBER 31

The Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation (BWC) recently announced that the Transitional Work Grant Program will be ending on December 31, 2006. The program was initiated in 2001 to educate employers on the positive effects of a transitional work program on injured employees and how it can save employers premiums.

The grant program enabled BWC to assist employers with getting their transitional work programs off the ground and has been a success. BWC states that the program has met its goals of building a strong transitional work foundation in the employer community, and it is a logical time to bring the grants to a close. Counties can still apply for grants and begin development through December 31. Counties enrolled in the program with a balance remaining must use the balance prior to December 31.

If you have any questions regarding the implementation of a transitional work program for your county, you can contact the Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation at (800) OHIOBWC or your BWC representative.

ORC REQUIRES STATE TO PAY ALL COSTS OF SPECIAL ELECTIONS IN THIRD AND EIGHTEENTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS

ORC section 3513.312 ©) requires the state to pay all costs of the special elections held on September 15 in the Third and Eighteenth U.S. Congressional Districts. These elections come under the mandate for special elections to fill vacancies in the U.S. Congress. CCAO is currently in contact with the Office of the Secretary of State to attempt to determine when and how the state reimbursement to counties will be handled.

APPALACHIAN COUNTIES GET \$1 MILLION IN INFRASTRUCTURE AID THROUGH REGIONAL COMMISSION

Five Ohio projects aimed at improving public services and commercial initiatives will receive more than \$1 million in funding through the Appalachian Regional Commission.

U.S. Senator George V. Voinovich announced the funding on Tuesday, September 12. The lawmaker sponsored a measure this year that funds ARC at \$510.9 million for five years.

"The projects funded by these grants will provide potable water to residents, enhance access to quality medical care, support new jobs and the retention of existing jobs and construct new sewer and wastewater systems," he said in a statement. "This funding will improve the quality of life and further bolster the region's infrastructure."

The projects and ARC funding, which is supplemented by more than \$3.2 million from other state, local and federal monies:

- \$250,000 for Vinton County to install two miles of water line and provide potable water service to 40 households in Harrison Township.
- \$139,000 for Ohio University to develop an Electronic Medical Records computer program aimed at improving health care delivery for up to 1,100 diabetic patients.

- \$250,000 for the Ohio Department of Development's Appalachian Training Investment Partnership program to help create 200 jobs and retain 300 positions.
- \$200,000 for Highland Village in Highland County to construct 2.5 miles of sewer lines to serve 113 customers and five businesses of the village and a portion of Fairfield Township.
- \$250,000 for Amesville to construct a decentralized wastewater system for 70 households and 13 businesses and community facilities.

LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITIES

BILLS WITH HOUSE-SENATE CONCURRENCE

HB 336 (Core R-Rushsylvania) – Changes the status of the judge of the Marysville Municipal Court from part-time to full-time, adds one judge to the Delaware Municipal Court, creates the Holmes County Municipal Court in Millersburg, abolishes the Holmes County Court on January 1, 2007, designates the Holmes County Clerk of Courts as the clerk of the Holmes County Municipal Court, and provides one full-time judge for the Holmes County Municipal Court to be elected in 2006. Also adds two judges to the Summit County Court of Common Pleas to be elected in 2008.

Also creates the Joint Committee to Study Court Costs and Filing Fees to review the assessment, collection, and allocation of court costs and filing fees in Ohio and to make recommendations to the Ohio Supreme Court, the General Assembly, and the Governor.

House concurs in Senate amendments. September 12, 2006.

HB 375 (Flowers R-Canal Winchester) – Expands the authority of the State Board of Emergency Medical Services, in specified situations, to suspend certificates to practice emergency medical services, revises the laws and definitions governing air medical transportation, and changes the qualifications and residency requirements for specified members of a municipal hospital board of governors. House

concur in Senate amendments. September 12, 2006.

BILLS RECENTLY INTRODUCED

HB 655 (Sykes D-Akron) – Restores to the Auditor of State the duties related to the drawing of warrants for the payment or transfer of money from the state treasury, that will be transferred to the Director of Budget & Management on December 1, 2006. September 12, 2006.

HB 654 (Seitz R-Cincinnati) Establishes the Office of Immigration Compliance in the Attorney General's office, prohibits the issuance of a concealed carry permit to an illegal alien, prohibits the provision of a bail bond to an illegal alien, restricts the provision of public benefits to an illegal alien, limits the rendering of immigration or nationality services to an illegal alien, and adopts other provisions related to the employment, education and transportation of illegal aliens. September 12, 2006

CONFERENCES/WORKSHOPS

OHPELRA FALL SEMINAR

“Absenteeism and Discipline: Moving from Problems to Solutions” is the theme of the Ohio Public Employer Labor Relations Association (OHPELRA) Fall Seminar to be held on Friday, October 6, 2006 at the Midwest Hotel & Conference Center, 4900 Sinclair Road (I-71 and Morse Road), in Columbus. Registration and the continental breakfast begins at 8:00 a.m. and the seminar concludes at 3:00 p.m.

How can you control absenteeism? What do you do with problem employees? These issues are among the toughest ones that any manager faces. This seminar will give you the skills, resources, and confidence you need.

Registration fee (includes continental breakfast, lunch and conference materials): \$145 (OHPELRA members) or \$245 (non-members). Non-members who indicate a desire to join when registering will be billed the member rate and invoiced separately for membership. For more information please contact

Laura Joy Campbell, OHPELRA Treasurer, Butler County Department of Personnel, 315 High Street - Floor 6, Hamilton, OH 45011-3595, (513) 887-3595, f a x (5 1 3) 7 8 5 - 5 1 9 9 o r campbellj@butlercountyohio.org.

NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION SPECIAL TRAINING OPPORTUNITY

The National Environmental Health Association (NEHA), in cooperation with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency - Indoor Air Division, is offering a significant training opportunity for environmental health professionals working in city, county, or state health or environmental protection agencies. NEHA is providing a comprehensive, 2 ½ day training course that is designed to reflect the new national priorities in addressing indoor air quality and health impacts resulting from indoor air quality (IAQ) contaminants. Recognized authorities in the IAQ field will discuss subjects such as asthma triggers, environmental tobacco smoke, mold spores, and radon. Registrants will be trained to develop and implement a comprehensive community action program.

NEHA will select up to 30 people for training in Washington, D.C. will all expenses paid. The training will be on November 14-16, 2006. Letters of interest must be received no later than the close of business on Friday, October 13, 2006. For application details and more information please check out the following information on the web - <http://www.neha.org/pdf/research/iaq2006.pdf>.

CLASSIFIED ADS

CCAO publishes the County Information and Data Service (CIDS) weekly. Classified ads will be published free of charge as a service to counties. Ads will run for two weeks if space is available. Please provide faxed or e-mailed copy of the classified ad by 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday of each week. Transmit the copy to Mary Jane Neiman, CCAO Public Relations Associate, via fax at (614) 221-6986 or e-mail mjneiman@ccao.org.

