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DATES TO REMEMBER

MARCH 22, 2013	CCC/EAPA REGIONAL TRAINING, HURON COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF JOB & FAMILY SERVICES, HURON COUNTY (NORWALK)
MARCH 22, 2013	CCAO HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICE COMMITTEE, CCAO OFFICES, COLUMBUS
MARCH 25, 2013	NW DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS & ENGINEERS ASSOCIATION QUARTERLY MEETING, CHAMPAIGN COUNTY COMMUNITY CENTER, CHAMPAIGN COUNTY (URBANA)
MARCH 25, 2013	CCAO LEGISLATIVE BRIEFING – SENATE DISTRICTS 4, 5 & 6 – MADISON LAKES LEARNING CONFERENCE CENTER, MONTGOMERY COUNTY (DAYTON)
MARCH 25, 2013	CCAO LEGISLATIVE BRIEFING – SENATE DISTRICTS 27 & 28 – JOHN S. KNIGHT CENTER, SUMMIT COUNTY (AKRON)
MARCH 25, 2013	CCAO LEGISLATIVE BRIEFING – SENATE DISTRICT 30 – UNDO'S ITALIAN RESTAURANT, BELMONT COUNTY (ST. CLAIRSVILLE)
MARCH 26, 2013	CCAO JUSTICE & PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE, CCAO OFFICES, COLUMBUS
APRIL 2013	NATIONAL COUNTY GOVERNMENT MONTH
APRIL 5, 2013	CCAO LEGISLATIVE BRIEFING – SENATE DISTRICTS 13, 22 & 27 – BERRY'S RESTAURANT, HURON COUNTY (NORWALK)
APRIL 5, 2013	CCAO LEGISLATIVE BRIEFING – SENATE DISTRICT 19 – BUN'S RESTAURANT, DELAWARE COUNTY (DELAWARE)
APRIL 8, 2013	CCAO LEGISLATIVE BRIEFING – SENATE DISTRICT 12 – LA PIAZZA, AUGLAIZE COUNTY (NEW BREMEN)
APRIL 8, 2013	CCAO LEGISLATIVE BRIEFING – SENATE DISTRICT 29 – CANTON CLUB, STARK COUNTY (CANTON)
MAY 22-24, 2013	NACo WESTERN INTERSTATE REGION CONFERENCE, COCONINO COUNTY (FLAGSTAFF), ARIZONA
JULY 19-22, 2013	NACo COUNTY SOLUTIONS & MARKETPLACE (ANNUAL CONFERENCE), TARRANT COUNTY (FORT WORTH), TEXAS

ASSOCIATION NEWS

LONG ANNOUNCES PLANS TO RETIRE; BOARD ESTABLISHES SUCCESSION PROCESS

CCAO Executive Director Larry Long announced his plan to retire at the end of the year to the Board of Directors at its March 15 meeting. Long has been Executive Director since 1986. He was hired by the Association in May, 1974 under a NACo/Eli Lilly Foundation grant as a Management Specialist. He was promoted to Assistant Director in 1982 and became Executive Director upon the passing of then Executive Director A. R. "Dolph" Maslar. He will celebrate 39 years of service with CCAO this May.

The Board approved a resolution to delegate to the Executive Committee responsibility to screen potential candidates and to retain the services of a consultant and legal counsel to assist in the search for the next Executive Director. While Long's retirement is slated for the end of the year, he will be using accumulated leave time and will actually be leaving his position sometime in the fall. The exact date will depend on when the new Executive Director is selected and begins employment.

In a memo informing staff of his decision Long said: "I know that the development of CCAO into the premier Association representing and providing services to elected officials in Ohio is a result of the foresight, hard work, and commitment of many commissioners through the years." Long continued: "I am even more aware of the role that all staff has played in the progress we have made as an organization. In the end, it is your hard work and dedication that has allowed us to move forward."



Again addressing the staff, Long concluded by saying: "I know that CCAO will continue to move forward and will continue to meet the changing needs of county government. I ask each of you to rededicate yourself to this effort. I look at this as the next chapter in my life. I hope to continue to be involved and engaged in county government and public affairs in new ways, as I begin this new chapter of my life."

CCAO RECOGNIZED BY OEPA/OEFF FOR SOLID WASTE TRAINING

The Ohio Environmental Protection Agency's (OEPA) [Ohio Environmental Education Fund](#) recently recognized CCAO for an "Outstanding Grant Project 2012 Award for the Regulated Community". CCAO had received a \$50,000 grant for "Training for the Solid Waste Management District Regulated Decision Makers (Commissioners, Trustees and Policy Committee Members)".

This training provided governing members of local solid waste management districts with an interactive DVD and formal training sessions to enhance their ability to comply with Ohio EPA regulations. Training presented the core regulatory requirements in solid waste rules and law, best methods for solid waste facility management and oversight, fiduciary responsibilities, contract management, development of solid waste management plans, plan implementation, policy development, rulemaking, facility siting, public hearings, and other solid waste management related responsibilities. Collaborators include the Organization of Solid Waste Districts of Ohio (OSWDO), Eastman & Smith, GE Environmental Inc., Altec Limited, Ohio EPA Division of Solid and Infectious Waste Management, and Ottawa-Sandusky, Seneca Solid Waste Management District.

All the training information has been posted on our website. [Click here](#) to learn more.

CCAO REGIONAL LEGISLATIVE BRIEFINGS

CCAO is hosting Regional Legislative Briefings for the members of the new 130th General Assembly. The purpose of the meetings is to provide legislators, county commissioners, county executives and county council members with an opportunity to discuss legislative issues affecting county government on a regional basis. The Briefings are organized by State Senate Districts and the House Districts contained within them. Commissioners, county executives and county council members received information including a [briefing schedule](#) with times and locations for meetings, a draft press release, and a [registration form](#). Invitations to the members of the General Assembly were sent by CCAO, but members are encouraged to contact your legislators to personally invite them to your Regional Legislative Briefing.

March 25 Senate Districts 4, 5 & 6 – Madison Lakes Learning Conference Center, 581 Olive Rd., Dayton @ 11:30 a.m.
Senate Districts 27 & 28 – John S. Knight Center 77 E. Mill St., - Akron @ 11:30 a.m.
Senate District 30 (*includes House Districts 95 & 96*) – Undo’s Italian Restaurant, St. Clairsville @ 11:30 a.m.

April 5 Senate Districts 13, 22 & 27 – Berry’s Restaurant, 15 W. Main, Norwalk @ 11:30 a.m.
Senate District 19 – Bun’s Restaurant, 6 W. Winter St., Delaware @ 11:30 a.m.

April 8 Senate District 12 – La Piazza, 17 W. Monroe St., New Bremen @ 11:30 a.m.
Senate Districts 29 – Canton Club, 101 Central Plaza South – Floor 12, Canton @ 9:00 a.m.

TBA Senate Districts 7, 8 & 9 - Time & Location TBA *
Senate District 10 - Time & Location TBA *
Senate District 17 – Time & Location TBA (Briefing was cancelled on Feb 22)*
Senate District 3, 15, & 16 - Time & Location TBA *

*Please note: Check updates in CIDS and on the front page of www.ccao.org for details about briefings that are not finalized. In addition, commissioners, county executives and county council members scheduled to attend those briefings will receive additional information via email.

For more information please contact Josh Hahn, CCAO Senior Policy Analyst, at (614) 220-7982 or jhahn@ccao.org

CCAO STAFF NEWS

WELCOME DOUGLAS FOUST

CCAO is pleased and excited to announce a new addition to the CCAO Staff. On April 1, 2013, Doug Foust will be the new CEBCO Managing Director of Health & Wellness. Doug is currently a licensed insurance consultant with the Ohio Insurance Agency Inc. in Plain City. Doug has a wealth of experience in the health insurance field in both the public and the private sector. Doug served as Director of Health Care Services of the School Employees Retirement System of Ohio from 2007 – 2011, and was Assistant Director of Health Care Administration of the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System from 1998 to 2007. In addition to the accomplishments listed above, has over 20 years of experience in the human services arena in the public sector.

Doug holds a BBA in Marketing from the Ohio State University and an MBA in Management & Labor Relations from the Cleveland State University. Doug currently resides in Worthington. After April 1 you can reach Doug at (614) 220-7984, (888) 757-1904 x 104, fax (614) 229-4588, or dfoust@ccao.org.

CCAO AFFILIATE ACTIVITIES

CCC/EAPA REGIONAL TRAINING TO BEGIN ON MARCH 22

The County Commissioners Clerks and Engineers Administrative Professionals Association (CCC/EAPA) will host the first of five regional training sessions will be held on March 22, 2013 at the Huron County Department of Job & Family Services, 185 Shady Lane Avenue, in Norwalk. Please RSVP your attendance to Cheryl Nolan, Huron County Commissioners, at (419) 668-3092 or cnolan@hccommissioners.com.

All the county commissioners' and engineers' office support staff members are encouraged to attend. The topics discussed at the regional trainings vary from the daily operations of the office to recent legislative updates. All meetings will be held on Fridays from 10:00 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. There is no charge to attend. Lunch is provided by CCAO/CEAO.

Information about the CCC/EAPA is available at www.ccc-eapa.org and there is also a yahoo group that is a resource for questions and answers. You can sign up at http://groups.yahoo.com/group/CCC_EAPA. For more information, please contact 2012 CCC/EAPA President Lisa Hawkins, Clerk, Ashtabula County Commissioners, 25 West Jefferson Street, Ashtabula, OH 44047-1092, (440) 576-3754, Fax (440) 576-2344, or LLHawkins@ashtabulacounty.us

STATE ACTIVITIES

CONSTITUTIONAL MODERNIZATION COMMISSION OFFERS NEW PUBLIC INPUT OPPORTUNITY ON WEBSITE

Speaker of the Ohio House William Batchelder and State Representative Vernon Sykes, who serve as co-chairs of the Ohio Constitutional Modernization Commission (OCMC), this week announced that the OCMC website now allows public input in an effort to make the commission more transparent and accessible.

The public is able to submit suggested changes, hot topic issues that need to be addressed, and items that they believe should be added to the Ohio Constitution. The [Submit Your Ideas](#) page can be found on the OCMC [website](#).

The OCMC was established by the passage of HB 188, which was signed into law in July 2011. The Commission is charged with studying the Ohio Constitution, promoting an exchange of suggestions and respecting desired changed in the Constitution, considering the problems pertaining to the amendment of the Constitution, and making recommendations from time to time to the General Assembly for the amendment of the Constitution.

Franklin County Commissioner Paula Brooks is a member of the Commission. The Commission meets on the second Tuesday of every month.

OAG RELEASES 2013 'YELLOW BOOK' AS NATIONAL SUNSHINE WEEK BEGINS

Ohio Attorney General Mike DeWine has released his office's 2013 edition of "Ohio Sunshine Laws: An Open Government Resource Manual," also known as the "Yellow Book." The release of the updated manual coincides with the start of National Sunshine Week, taking place this week from March 10-16.

The Sunshine Laws Manual provides summary of Revised Code provisions and case law regarding Ohio Public Records Law and Open Meetings Law. The 2013 edition includes updates on recent open government legal decisions and law changes. It can be accessed at www.OhioAttorneyGeneral.gov/YellowBook.

The Ohio Attorney General and Auditor of State Offices offer multiple Sunshine Laws trainings throughout the year. Elected officials are required to either attend training or send a records representative to the training once per elected term. These trainings are free to attend and are open to the public and news media. A list of upcoming trainings can be found at www.OhioAttorneyGeneral.gov/SunshineLawTraining or www.auditor.state.oh.us/conferences/hb9/default.htm.

NACo ACTIVITIES

NATIONAL COUNTY GOVERNMENT MONTH HELD IN APRIL

[National County Government Month \(NCGM\)](#) is celebrated each April by the nation's counties to raise public awareness and understanding about the roles and responsibilities of county government. The 2013 NCGM theme is: Smart Justice. Counties participate in NCGM by hosting a variety community outreach events and activities. These include tours of county facilities, recognition ceremonies for county employees and volunteers, distribution of information about county programs and services, sponsoring student essay contests, meetings with business and community leaders, and adoption of resolutions.

TAX-EXEMPT LEASING SURVEY UNDERWAY

To understand how counties, cities and states use municipal leasing and why banks and other financial institutions invest in them, the Equipment Leasing & Finance Foundation has commissioned The Alta Group to study the historic performance of these leases and understand the benefits and risks.

Tax-exempt leases have been a part of municipal budget and debt management for the past 30 years. The tax-exempt nature of the transaction results in significantly lower borrowing costs for the acquisition of municipal equipment and facilities.

County finance officers and others involved in capital budgeting and finance are invited to participate in a survey, available at <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/TaxExemptMunicipalLeaseSurvey> For more information, please contact Bob Neptune at (816) 520-2158 or bneptune@thealtagroup.com.

2013 COUNTY SOLUTIONS & MARKETPLACE

The 2013 County Solutions and Marketplace is the new name for the Annual Conference of the National Association of Counties! The Conference has been reduced to a 4-day program with additional opportunities for you to engage with your peers! To those who have attended the NACo Annual Conference before – please note the change in programming. [Click here](#) for the new and improved schedule! Registration is open. [Click here](#) to register and make your hotel reservations.

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

OPERS WEBINAR: MEMBERSHIP DETERMINATION PROCESS

Recent statutory changes affect prior, current, and future individuals hired as independent contractors, or other classifications for which no retirement contributions were or will be made to the Ohio Public Employee Retirement System (OPERS). Effective January 7, 2013, OPERS public employers are required to provide notifications within pre-determined time frames to individuals who have not had, or will not have OPERS retirement contributions withheld from their earnings.

OPERS has scheduled a webinar that overviews the employer’s obligation under the new statutory requirements. Those attending will also learn about the membership determination process, including how to complete required forms, the guidelines used for determination and the appeal process.

The same webinar has been scheduled at various times throughout 2013 to reach the most attendees. [Click here](#) for a complete schedule. Need help? Please call (800) 263-6317 if you have any issues with registration or joining the webinar on the day of the event.

AMERICA’S COUNTIES BUILD COMMUNITY RESILIENCY THROUGH COASTAL RESTORATION

Counties that undertake coastal habitat restoration are not only aiding the local environment and ensuring water quality; they are enhancing their own economic well-being. Coastal counties rely on revenue from tourism and local coastal industries, as well as the flood-control capacity provided by wetlands. NACo has released America’s Counties Build Community Resiliency through Coastal Restoration, which highlights key economic benefits of restoration and county success stories. Join the webinar on Thursday, March 21, 2013 from 2:00-3:15 p.m. to learn more. [Click here](#) to register. For more information, please contact Cindy Wasser, NACo Associate County Solutions and Innovations, (202) 942-4274 or cwasser@naco.org.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT FINANCE IN A TURBULENT ECONOMY 2013

Local Government budgets will be affected by several economic forces that are beyond the control of local officials. The rate of the national and state economic recovery, the condition of the housing market, and international economic events will all affect both the revenues and the expenses of local governments. More importantly, the duration of the financial stress now facing local governments will be determined, in part, by the duration of these events. Join Michigan State University and Dr. David Schweikhardt for a fiscal sustainability webinar – “Local Government Finance in a Turbulent Economy - Economic Outlook for 2013” on Tuesday, March 26, 2013 from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m.

Registration is required. [Click here](#) to register for the webinar. If you have any questions regarding the webinar, contact Mary Schulz, [North Central Regional Center for Rural Development](#), Agriculture Hall, 446 W. Circle Drive, Room 66, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI 48824, (517) 355-3373.

CLASSIFIEDS

Title /For More Information. . .	Employer/Application Deadline
Director of Utility Oversight	Hamilton County March 26, 2013
LSC Legislative Fellowship Program	Ohio General Assembly – Legislative Service Commission April 1, 2013