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DATES TO REMEMBER

MAY 15, 2013	CCAO SMALL COUNTY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE, CONFERENCE CALL
MAY 15, 2013	CCAO METROPOLITAN & REGIONAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE, CONFERENCE CALL
MAY 16, 2013	CCAO GENERAL GOVERNMENT & OPERATIONS COMMITTEE, CCAO OFFICES, COLUMBUS
MAY 17, 2013	CCAO TAXATION & FINANCE COMMITTEE, CCAO OFFICES, COLUMBUS
MAY 22-24, 2013	NACo WESTERN INTERSTATE REGION CONFERENCE, COCONINO COUNTY (FLAGSTAFF), ARIZONA
JUNE 6, 2013	CCAO BOARD OF DIRECTORS, CCAO OFFICES, COLUMBUS
JUNE 7, 2013	CCAO SUMMER SEMINAR, QUEST BUSINESS CENTER, COLUMBUS
JUNE 12, 2013	CONVENTION & VISITORS' BUREAUS—PROMOTING TOURISM IN OHIO – CCAO 2 ND WEDNESDAY WEBINAR
JUNE 19-21, 2013	NACo LARGE URBAN COUNTY CAUCUS (LUCC) CONFERENCE, FRANKLIN COUNTY (COLUMBUS)
JUNE 28, 2013	CCAO REGIONAL LEGISLATIVE BRIEFING – SENATE DISTRICT 17 – OLD CANAL SMOKEHOUSE, ROSS COUNTY (CHILlicothe)
JULY 19-22, 2013	NACo COUNTY SOLUTIONS & MARKETPLACE (ANNUAL CONFERENCE), TARRANT COUNTY (FORT WORTH), TEXAS
JULY 20, 2013	CCAO CAUCUS RECEPTION (HELD DURING THE NACo COUNTY SOLUTIONS & MARKETPLACE), FORT WORTH CONVENTION CENTER, TARRANT COUNTY (FORT WORTH), TEXAS

ASSOCIATION NEWS

COUNTYWIDE TAX LEVY RESULTS

Thirteen counties had 19 countywide levies on the ballot for Primary Election held on Tuesday, May 7, 2013. Of the 19 countywide levies on the ballot, 15 passed and 4 failed.

Summary of levies: Senior Services – 1 pass, Development Disabilities – 6 pass, Mental Health – 1 fail, Health – 2 pass/2 fail, 9-1-1 – 2 pass, Parks – 1 pass, Soil & Water Conservation Districts – 1 pass, Transit – 1 fail, Sheriff Drug Task Force – 1 pass, County Home – 1 pass.

[Click here](#) to view the details. Please note: these are unofficial results. Contact Mary Jane Neiman, CCAO Public Relations Associate, at (614) 220-7979 or mjneiman@ccao.org with any additions or corrections.

CCAO SUMMER SEMINAR TO BE HELD JUNE 7; ONLINE REGISTRATION OPEN

CCAO invites all county commissioners, county executives and county council members, affiliates and guests to the [CCAO Summer Seminar](#) to be held Friday, June 7, 2013 at the Quest Conference Center, 8405 Pulsar Place, in Columbus. These affiliate organizations will be meeting at the Summer Seminar: County Administrators Association, County Commissioners Clerks and Engineers Administrative Professionals Association, and Ohio County Dog Wardens Association.

Registration for the one-day seminar will open at 7:30 a.m. with sessions beginning at 8:30 a.m. and ending at 3:00 p.m. There will be one registration fee for all attendees that will include conference registration, seminars, continental breakfast, beverage breaks, and lunch.

CCAO is pleased to announce that Ohio Attorney General Mike DeWine will be speaking at the General Session. The educational seminar topics to be held in the morning include:

- What's Trending on the HR Help Line?
- Best Practices: Learn from Your Peers
- Practical Steps for Managing Your Benefits Plan in 2013
- Jail Inspections: Proposed Standards and the Risk Management Perspective
- Communicating with the Media and Your Constituency-Best Practices and Things to Avoid

[Click here](#) to view the complete agenda.

Conference Registration: CCAO encourages you to [register online](#) by May 24, 2013. REGISTRATIONS WILL NOT BE TAKEN OVER THE PHONE. For registration information please contact Ali Redmond, CCAO Accountant, at (614) 221-5627, (888) 757-1904, fax (614) 221-6986, or onlinereg@ccao.org RETURN REGISTRATION FORMS TO CCAO, 209 EAST STATE STREET, COLUMBUS, OH 43215.

Room Reservations: If you would like to arrive the evening before the seminar, a block of rooms has been reserved at the **Fairfield Inn & Suites Columbus/Polaris**, 9000 Worthington Road, Columbus, OH 43082. Cutoff date: **May 24, 2013**. Please make reservations by calling (614) 568-0770 and mention CCAO for the discounted rate or click on one of these links: room rate - [\\$112 standard king \(one bed\)](#) or [\\$112 standard queen \(two beds\)](#)

CCAO TAXATION & FINANCE COMMITTEE TO MEET MAY 17

Daniel Troy, Lake County Commissioner and Chair of the CCAO Taxation and Finance Committee, has scheduled a meeting of the committee on Friday, May 17 at 10:00 a.m. in the CCAO Offices, 209 East State Street, in Columbus. Issues for consideration and discussion include:

- Update on status of legislative issues falling within the purview of the Taxation and Finance Committee
- SB 52 (Coley) – to permit property tax complaints to be initiated only by the property owner
- HB 118 (Roegner) – to revise the ballot language requirements for bond issues
- HB 138 (McClain) – to make changes to the law governing the State Board of Tax Appeals

- Update on issues related to the Local Government Fund

Lunch will be served during the meeting. In order to assure an accurate lunch count, please contact Tanya McComas at (614) 221-5627, (888) 757-1904 or tmccomas@ccao.org by May 15 if you cannot attend the meeting.

2013-14 NACo BOARD OF DIRECTORS NOMINATIONS

NACo's County Solutions and Idea Marketplace (Annual Conference) is rapidly approaching and one of the most important events is the election of officers and Board of Directors members. State associations are asked to nominate representatives to serve on the NACo Board of Directors. The NACo Nominating Committee will review the nominations and prepare a report to be presented at the Annual Business Meeting to be held on Monday afternoon, July 22 in Tarrant County (Fort Worth), TX. The one-year term on the NACo Board of Directors begins the last day of the current annual conference and ends the last day of the next annual conference.

CCAO is entitled to two representatives on the NACo Board of Directors. Currently, the positions are filled by Commissioners Daniel Troy (Lake) and Gary Lee (Union).

Commissioners interested in serving on the NACo Board of Directors should submit a letter of interest to Larry Long, CCAO Executive Director, via fax (614) 221-6986 or llong@ccao.org by **May 29, 2013**.

CCAO STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS

IT'S A GIRL!

Congratulations to CEBCO Wellness Coordinator Tori Sinclair and her husband, Dan, on the birth of their first child, Payton Ann Sinclair! Payton was welcomed on May 9th at 7:01 p.m. at 7 lbs. 15 oz. and 20 inches long. Happy Mother's Day, Tori! The CCAO staff welcomes Payton to the family...we love having "little" additions to our staff!

IN MEMORIUM

LELAND C. WYSE

Former Coshocton County Commissioner Leland C. Wyse (73) died on Thursday, May 2, 2013 from complications of heart issues. Wyse was a native of Fulton County (Archbold) and a graduate of Oregon State University with a double major from the College of Agriculture. He served in the Army for four years, and lived and worked in Africa and Australia, where he worked in the area of agricultural research.

Lee served as a Coshocton County Commissioner from 1993 to 2004, participating on numerous boards in the county and region. He was chairman of the Coshocton Campus Advisory Board from 2003 to 2005, and in 2005 was appointed by the Governor to the Board of Trustees of Central Ohio Technical College in Newark. In 2007 he was appointed by the Judge of the Coshocton County Probate Court as Trustee of the Coshocton Foundation. In addition, Lee had served since 2004 on the Board of Directors of the Jones Metal Products Company. Since 1990, he and his wife, Joy, have owned and operated Rainbow Hills Winery and Bed and Breakfast in northeast Coshocton County. Notes of sympathy may be sent to his widow, Joy Wyse at 26349 Adams Township Road 251, Newcomerstown, OH 43832-9631.

STATE ACTIVITIES

YOST CAUTIONS OHIO PUBLIC OFFICIALS ABOUT ACCURACY IN FINANCIAL REPORTING

This week, State Auditor Dave Yost sent a letter to Ohio government officials concerning accuracy in financial reporting. On May 6, the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) found that the City of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania had violated the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934. The SEC could have issued fines for the violations, and did in fact issue a [cease-and-desist order](#). All issuers of municipal debt in Ohio should pay close attention to this case.

For the first time, the SEC cited public utterances by a politician - notably the State of the City speech by the mayor - as contributing to the city's misrepresentation of its financial condition. Although such "spin" may be considered acceptable in political circles, the SEC's ruling makes it clear that it may be evidence of a material misrepresentation when it comes to financial reporting. Yost suggests that all communications touching on your government's financial condition, as well as the Management Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) portion of your Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR), should be carefully scrutinized for accuracy and candor. [Read more...](#)

LOCAL GOVERNMENT INNOVATION FUND PROGRAM LOAN APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE

The Local Government Innovation Fund (LGIF) offers communities financial assistance to create more efficient and effective service delivery within their area. Projects are expected to facilitate improved business environments and promote community attraction with their plan for efficiency, collaboration, or shared services. Communities will be able to save money and provide more effective services to their constituents with assistance from this program.

The Round 6 Local Government Innovation Fund Program Loan Application is now available on the [Ohio Development Services Agency](#) website. The application form can be downloaded under 'Application Materials' on the left-hand side of the site. Application materials should be downloaded to the online submission site which can be found on the Local Government Innovation Fund website. Once the application is complete, use the online submission form to upload the application and supporting materials. Supporting materials should be combined into one document for submission. Applicants are required to submit both an application and the online submission form.

All applications are due to the Office of Redevelopment by 5:00 p.m. on Monday, June 10, 2013. Please contact Nicole Bent in the Office of Redevelopment at (614) 995-2292 or lqif@development.ohio.gov with any questions.

BEST & WORST STATES TO DO BUSINESS; O-H-I-O MOVES UP 13 PLACES IN 2013

In its ninth annual survey of CEO opinion about the best and worst states in which to do business. Business leaders were asked to grade states with which they are familiar on a variety of competitive metrics that CEOs themselves regard as critical. These include: 1) taxation and regulation; 2) quality of workforce; and 3) living environment. The tax and regulatory grade includes a measure of how CEOs grade a state's attitude toward business, a key indicator.

In the minds of most leaders, a state's friendliness is closely aligned with its tax and regulatory regime. Similarly, workforce quality also measures the perceived cooperativeness of workers with management, as well as the people's general work ethic and education attainment. The living environment metric measures the perceived quality of education and public health facilities, as well as the affordability and quality of real estate, the transportation system and related environmental factors.

For the ninth consecutive year, Texas ranked first, with the California continuing to rank last. Florida, North Carolina, Tennessee, and Indiana place second through fifth respectively—unchanged from last year’s ranking—while Arizona moved into sixth place, up from tenth place in 2012. Virginia and South Carolina follow, with Nevada moving into a solid ninth place up from 12th in 2012. **The most dramatic ranking change was scored by Ohio, which moved up 13 places to 22nd**, and by Delaware, which dropped 13 places. Louisiana, Wisconsin, Kansas, Montana, and Minnesota also advanced in the rankings since 2012. [Read more...](#)

OHIO RURAL FIRE COUNCIL SEEKS CCAO REPRESENTATIVES TO SERVE ON BOARD

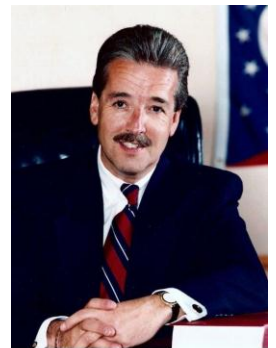
The [Ohio Rural Fire Council \(OCRF\), Inc.](#) was formed in 1993 after receiving a grant from the U.S. Forest Service. Due to federal budget constraints, the OCRF is now affiliated with the Ohio Department of Natural Resources – Division of Forestry. As a non-profit organization, the OCRF’s mission is to provide rural fire departments (serving a population of 10,000 or less) with current and timely information to assist them in their daily operations and to improve and increase information, education and assets for the protection of life, property and natural resources in and around rural communities and regions of Ohio.

Monthly meetings are held the second Saturday of each month (except July and December) at the Division of State Fire Marshall’s Office in Reynoldsburg. The OCRF would like a representative and an alternate appointed by CCAO to serve on their Board of Directors. County commissioners interested in serving on the OCRF Board should submit a letter to CCAO President Gary Lee (Union) via fax at (937) 645-3002 or at glee@co.union.oh.us Please send a copy to Larry Long, CCAO Executive Director, via fax (614) 221-6986 or at llong@ccao.org by Friday, May 24.

FEDERAL ACTIVITIES

HALLECK TESTIFIES ON CAPITOL HILL

On Tuesday, Columbiana County Commissioner Mike Halleck testified before the House Energy and Commerce Committee at the invitation of U.S. Representative Bill Johnson (Dist. 6) whose district includes Columbiana County. Halleck shared what the shale gas boom has meant to his county. He was the only public official while the other five witnesses were experts in an energy or environmental field. Each witness had five minutes to make an opening statement before taking questions to discuss the pros and cons of exporting natural gas.



Halleck said local governments have benefited from the additional revenue and well-paying jobs for people interested in one of the related trades. As a result, for the first time in years, Columbiana County hasn’t been struggling. Property owners have benefitted from the lease money and royalties from the five wells that are currently producing. As for exporting natural gas, Halleck believes this would stabilize prices and keep the gas flowing – not halt production and the economic progress in eastern Ohio.

The 13 full counties that make up the 6th Congressional District include: Belmont, Columbiana, Carroll, Gallia, Guernsey, Harrison, Jackson, Jefferson, Lawrence, Meigs, Monroe, Noble, and Washington. The 6th Congressional District also includes portions of five counties: Athens, Mahoning, Muskingum, Scioto, and Tuscarawas.

U.S. SENATE PASSES MARKETPLACE FAIRNESS ACT

On Tuesday, May 6, in a vote that was years in the making, the U.S. Senate passed bipartisan legislation—the

Marketplace Fairness Act—that grants state and local governments the ability to enforce existing sales tax laws. In a 69-27 vote, the Senate demonstrated strong bipartisan support for the legislation. The focus now turns to the U.S. House of Representatives where it remains unclear how House leaders will proceed with the measure. Please take time to thank Senators Brown and Portman for supporting the Marketplace Fairness Act.

NACo, along with other state and local government groups, has long advocated for the authority to enforce existing sales tax on remote sales. This issue has compounded over recent years due to the extraordinary development of the Internet's use as a retail marketplace. As a result, state and local governments have lost billions of dollars in uncollected sales taxes and main street businesses have been put at a significant disadvantage to online retailers.

The Marketplace Fairness Act does not create a new tax, rather, the legislation would grant the authority for state and local governments to enforce existing sales and use tax laws on remote sellers. The bill simply creates a level playing field no matter the choice of venue for retailers and grants the collection authority only after states have simplified their sales tax laws.

For more information:

- NACo [press release](#)
- NACo [legislative policy brief](#) on the Marketplace Fairness Act
- If you have questions or need assistance, contact Mike Belarmino, NACo Associate Legislative Director, at (202) 942-4254 or mbelarmino@naco.org

NACo ACTIVITIES

LANGSTON TO APPOINT LEADERSHIP TEAM FOR 2013-14

Linda Langston, Linn County (IA) Supervisor and NACo 1st Vice President, will have the privilege of making the following presidential leadership and committee appointments to her 2013-14 Leadership Team. Please note: Steering committee membership is not a part of this application process. The NACo president appoints only the steering committee leadership. CCAO is responsible for nominating the general steering committee members from Ohio. More information about the steering committee nomination process will be available next week.

- **Steering Committee Leadership** – The 11 steering committees will each have a leadership team consisting of a chair and appropriate number of vice-chairs, and subcommittee chairs and vice-chairs. Active members of the steering committees are given first preference. These appointments are for one year. **This does not include steering committee membership nominations. CCAO will process steering committee membership nominations in early June.**
- **Caucus Leadership and Members** – These one-year appointments include the Rural Action Caucus (RAC) and Large Urban County Caucus (LUCC) Steering Committees chair, vice-chairs and members. Active members of the steering committees are given first preference.
- **At-Large Appointments to the NACo Board of Directors** – These ten one-year appointments add diversity to the board (i.e., urban, rural, gender, geography, and minority representation).
- **Standing Committees** – Four committees (i.e., Finance, Information Technology, Programs and Services, and Membership Committees)
- **Ad Hoc Committees** – Eight committees (i.e., Deferred Compensation Advisory Committee, NACo Financial Services Center Advisory Committee, Arts and Culture Commission, Green Government Advisory Board, Healthy Counties Advisory Board, International Economic Development Task Force, Veterans & Military Services Committee, and Cybersecurity Task Force.)

Complete the [Presidential Appointment Application](#) online. **Application deadline: June 5, 2013.** If you have any questions please contact Mary Jane Neiman, CCAO Public Relations Associate, at (614) 220-7979 or mjneiman@ccao.org

2013 COUNTY SOLUTIONS & IDEA MARKETPLACE

The 2013 County Solutions and Idea Marketplace is the new name for the Annual Conference of the National Association of Counties! The Conference will be held July 19-22, 2013 at the Fort Worth Convention Center in Tarrant County (Fort Worth), Texas. The Conference has been reduced to a 4-day program with additional opportunities for you to engage with your peers from across the U.S.! To those who have attended the NACo Annual Conference before – please note the change in programing. [Click here](#) for the new and improved schedule!

Register online to save \$25 off the conference registration fee. Register by June 7 to get the early bird discount! [Click here](#) to register and make your hotel reservations.

CCAO will be hosting a reception on Saturday, July 20 from 5:00-6:30 p.m. at the Fort Worth Convention Center. Please be prompt and arrive by 5:00 p.m., because the following four candidates that are running for NACo 2nd Vice President will address the caucus:

- [Allan Angel](#), Commissioner, Kent County (Dover), Delaware
- [Stan Batmon](#), Commissioner, St. Clair County (Pell City), Alabama
- [Sallie Clark](#), Commissioner, El Paso County (Colorado Springs), Colorado
- [Tim Josi](#), Commissioner, Tillamook (Tillamook), Oregon

The election for the NACo 2013-14 Officers will take place on Monday, July 22. Information about the NACo Credentials Process (voting process) will be sent to all presidents of the Board of County Commissioners and County Executives in May. If you have any questions about the credentials process, please contact Mary Jane Neiman, CCAO Public Relations Associate, at (614) 220-7979, (888) 757-1904 or mjneiman@ccao.org

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

JUSTICE WEBINAR: BETTER FUTURES MODEL

Each year, 7 million individuals are released from local jails and return to local communities. Assisting with their employment needs can reduce recidivism and ease in the re-entry process. One distinctive model, “The Better Futures Model: Improving Employment Opportunities and Outcomes for Justice-Involved Individuals”, a social enterprise in Hennepin County (Minneapolis), MN, is helping to create jobs, achieve better results and reduce public spending for individuals returning to communities from jail or prison. Join NACo on Thursday, May 16, 2013 from 2:00 to 3:15 pm to learn about the model, how it’s been adopted in Hennepin County, and how your county can adopt its principles to achieve better outcomes. For more information, please contact Meghan Levine, NACo Solutions and Innovations Associate, at (202) 942-4279, mlevine@naco.org or [click here](#) to register.

SELECTING PROJECT DELIVERY MODELS & BIDDING FOR PUBLIC CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS

Learn about the new project delivery models available to public owners and the competitive bidding process for public projects at the “Selecting Project Delivery Models and Bidding for Public Construction Contracts in Ohio” workshop on Friday, May 17, 2013 at The Conference Center at OCLC, 6600 Kilgour Place, in Dublin. This workshop is being presented by Bricker & Eckler LLP.

This program blends a traditional morning session of instruction with an interactive afternoon session during which attendees work in groups to experience the delivery model selection and competitive bidding process through a mock project, immediate feedback from the speakers, and questions and answers from the entire class.

CCAO is one of the workshop co-sponsors. Register by Friday, May 10 for the discounted fee of \$199. For more workshop information, please contact Rebekah Richards, Bricker & Eckler, at (614) 227-4811, (800) 750-1525, richards@bricker.com or www.bricker.com/learning-events.aspx

CUYAHOGA COUNTY LOCAL OFFICIALS TRAINING PROGRAM

The Cuyahoga County Council in partnership with Cleveland State University’s Maxine Goodman Levin College of Urban Affairs announces a new strategic alliance to support elected officials. The challenges today require local government officials to possess a broad array of skills to lead effectively. The Local Officials Training Program is designed to equip leaders with the tools and resources needed to meet the evolving needs of communities. These short leadership sessions are designed to provide relevant and practical knowledge on a variety of topics as well as networking opportunities for local officials.

The training will be held on Saturday, May 18, 2013 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. at Cleveland State University, 1717 Euclid Avenue, Urban Building - Room 205, in Cleveland. Please [click here](#) for more information on the training topics, agenda and registration.

ATTORNEY GENERAL OPINION

SYLLABUS

2013-015

Pursuant to R.C. 7.12(A)(5), when a political subdivision is required to make legal publication in a newspaper of general circulation, the publication must be circulated generally by proof of the filing of a United States Postal Service “Statement of Ownership, Management, and Circulation” (PS Form 3526) with the local postmaster, or by proof of an independent audit of the publication performed, within twelve months immediately preceding legal publication.

CLASSIFIEDS

Title /For More Information. . .	Employer/Application Deadline
Dog Warden	May 22, 2013 Mahoning County
Director	May 24, 2013 Belmont County JFS
Chief Building Official	May 31, 2013 Stark County