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### DATES TO REMEMBER

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| JANUARY 31, 2014  | CEBCO BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING, CCAO OFFICES, COLUMBUS  |
| FEBRUARY 10, 2014 | CCAO METROPOLITAN AND REGIONAL AFFAIRS CONFERENCE CALL  |
| FEBRUARY 12, 2014 | HOW TO RUN A SUCCESSFUL LEVY CAMPAIGN – A CCAO 2 <sup>ND</sup> WEDNESDAY WEBINAR                                      |
| FEBRUARY 14, 2014 | CORSA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING, CCAO OFFICES, COLUMBUS  |
| FEBRUARY 28, 2014 | CCAO JUSTICE & PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE CONFERENCE CALL  |
| MARCH 1-5, 2014   | NACo <b>LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE</b> , WASHINGTON HILTON & TOWERS, WASHINGTON, D.C.                                     |
| APRIL 2014        | NATIONAL COUNTY GOVERNMENT MONTH  |
| MAY 15-16, 2014   | OHIO COURTHOUSES SYMPOSIUM, DOWNTOWN COLUMBUS   |
| MAY 21 - 23, 2014 | NACo <b>WESTERN INTERSTATE REGION CONFERENCE</b> , ANCHORAGE BOROUGH (ANCHORAGE), AK                                  |
| JULY 11-14, 2014  | NACo <b>COUNTY SOLUTIONS AND IDEA MARKETPLACE</b> , MORIAL CONVENTION CENTER, ORLEANS PARISH (NEW ORLEANS), LOUISIANA |

### ASSOCIATION NEWS

#### ADDITIONAL CCAO LEADERSHIP POSITIONS APPROVED

Additional Members of the CCAO Executive Committee, Standing Committee chairs and one-year presidential appointments to the Board of Directors named by CCAO President Nick Kostandaras (Summit) were approved at the organizational meeting of the CCAO Board of Directors that was held today in Columbus.

#### ADDITIONAL MEMBERS OF THE CCAO EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Gary Lee, Union County Commissioner and CCAO Past President  
Deborah Lieberman, Montgomery County Commissioner

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS: ONE-YEAR PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTMENTS

Mike Crabtree, Scioto County Commissioner  
Julie Ehemann, Shelby County Commissioner  
Greg Hartmann, Hamilton County Commissioner  
Ted Kalo, Lorain County Commissioner  
Tommie Jo Marsilio, Portage County Commissioner  
Glenn Miller, Henry County Commissioner  
Joe Moroski, Ashtabula County Commissioner  
Todd Sands, Muskingum County Commissioner  
Tom Whiston, Morrow County Commissioner  
[Click here](#) for a complete listing of the CCAO Executive Committee and Board of Directors.

## STANDING COMMITTEE LEADERSHIP

### **Agriculture & Rural Affairs**

Chair: Chris Abbuhl, Tuscarawas County Commissioner  
Vice Chair: Steve Hess, Champaign County Commissioner

### **General Government & Operations**

Chair: John O'Grady, Franklin County Commissioner  
Vice Chair: Ed Humphrey, Clermont County Commissioner

### **Health & Human Services**

Chair: Paula Prentice, Summit County Council Member  
Vice Chair: Otto Nicely, Defiance County Commissioner

### **Jobs, Economic Development & Infrastructure**

Chair: Tim Bubb, Licking County Commissioner  
Vice Chair: Judy Dodge, Montgomery County Commissioner

### **Justice & Public Safety**

Chair: Bob Proud, Clermont County Commissioner  
Vice Chair: Ed Elliott, Hardin County Commissioner

### **Metropolitan & Regional Affairs**

Chair: Pete Gerken, Lucas County Commissioner  
Vice Chair: Gloria Rogers, Summit County Council Member

### **Small County Affairs**

Chair: Mike Bartrum, Meigs County Commissioner  
Vice Chair: Tim Wheaton, Carroll County Commissioner

### **Taxation & Finance**

Chair: Daniel Troy, Lake County Commissioner  
Vice Chair: Ginny Favede, Belmont County Commissioner

## WAGING SUCCESSFUL BALLOT ISSUE CAMPAIGNS

CCAO is pleased to offer a one-hour 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday webinar on "Waging Successful Ballot Issue Campaigns" on February 12, 2014 at 9:30 a.m. At a time of tight budgets and declining tax resources for certain county

purposes, county officials may be asked to seek voter support for tax levies in order to cover the cost of county funded services in a variety of areas. Learn from experienced professionals how to address issues related to the timing of any proposed tax levy, the process for proposing a levy, communication strategies, the value of campaign research, fundraising, identifying core constituencies, get out the vote efforts, and how to wage a winning campaign.

To register for this exceptional educational opportunity, please click on this link: <https://www3.gotomeeting.com/register/398656222> If you experience difficulty in connecting to the link above and you wish to register for the webinar, please email Amanda Jones, CCAO Program Assistant, at [ajones@ccao.org](mailto:ajones@ccao.org) and provide her with your name, title, and email address. Space is limited for this webinar, so register early. For additional information regarding the topic for this webinar, please contact Brad Cole, CCAO Managing Director of Research, at [bcole@ccao.org](mailto:bcole@ccao.org). [Read more...](#)

[Click here](#) for a complete schedule of 2014 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday Seminars.

### APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR 2014

CCAO President Nick Kostandaras, Summit County Council Member, encourages your active participation on our Standing Committees during 2014. The challenges counties will be facing in 2014 will be significant. Our Standing Committees will be tasked with addressing various public policy proposals and developing recommendations for the 2014-2015 CCAO Legislative Platform. Your active participation and input are vital to the process. Standing Committees have three primary purposes:

1. To serve as an information resource to members by providing a forum to discuss issues of importance to members.
2. To review pending legislation and make recommendations to the Board of Directors on these legislative proposals.
3. To assist the staff on legislative issues pending in the General Assembly by providing guidance to staff, providing ideas on how to improve legislation, and by communicating with Members of the General Assembly on specific legislative proposals.

Please note that we will be retaining the Standing Committee membership from 2013. Thus, if you were a member of a particular Standing Committee last year, you WILL automatically stay on that Committee for 2014, and need NOT submit a form for 2014. If you are not on a Standing Committee and would like to serve, you must submit your top three committees in rank order. We make every effort to accommodate your request in the order you indicate, and we generally do not appoint anyone to more than two committees. The Standing Committee Request Forms are due by **January 25, 2014**. [Read more...](#)

### 2014 CCAO ROSTER UPDATES

Yes, it's that time again...time to update information for the *2014 CCAO Roster*! Thanks to the 60 counties that have updated their information! The accuracy of the data in the *Roster* is of utmost importance. Please update the information after reorganization of the Board of County Commissioners.

Commissioners that want to update their photos should e-mail them in a high resolution, jpg format. If you send an actual photo, please write the name of the person and their county on the back of the photo. Please do not staple, fax, or send photos from the newspaper, because the reproduction quality is poor. All information and photos should be returned to CCAO by **January 20, 2012**. If you have any questions, please contact Mary Jane Neiman, CCAO Public Relations Associate, at (614) 220-7979, (888) 757-1904, or [mjneiman@ccao.org](mailto:mjneiman@ccao.org).

## **STATE ACTIVITIES**

### **SOS ANNOUNCES IN-PERSON ABSENTEE VOTING HOURS FOR 2014 PRIMARY**

Ohio Secretary of State Jon Husted yesterday announced uniform days and hours for in-person absentee voting for the 2014 Primary. The announcement was made during a speech by Secretary Husted at the Ohio Association of Election Officials (OAE) Winter Conference. [Click here](#) for a copy of Directive 2014-01: Uniform Days and Hours for 2014 May Primary.

The days and hours set by Secretary Husted apply statewide and mirror a proposal put forward by the OAE, a bipartisan group. In-person absentee voting will begin April 1, 2014, which is 35 days before Election Day, and end at noon the Saturday before the election. Secretary Husted noted the plan put forward by the OAE for uniform in-person absentee voting is the only proposal that has received bipartisan support.

Secretary Husted reiterated his commitment to do a statewide mailing of absentee ballot applications for the 2014 General Election. The Secretary also shared with attendees the importance of every vote, highlighting data recently collected by his office that found that out of 110 recounts in 65 counties, 35 local races and 8 local issues were decided by one vote or by breaking a tie during the 2013 General Election. [Read more...](#)

## **FEDERAL ACTIVITIES**

### **CONGRESS CLEARS \$1.012 TRILLION FY 2014 OMNIBUS SPENDING BILL**

On Thursday, January 16, Congress cleared a \$1.012 trillion FY 2014 omnibus spending bill (H.R. 3547) that will fund the federal government through the remainder of FY 2014. Congress will now send the measure to the White House for President Obama's signature, averting any threat of a government shutdown through September 30.

The nearly 1,600-page spending plan, which combines all 12 FY 2014 appropriations bills, provides an overall 2.6 percent increase in discretionary spending from the FY 2013 levels. Although spending was scheduled to fall to \$967 billion under the Budget Control Act (P.L. 112-25) which included the sequester, the omnibus adopts the new caps on defense and domestic discretionary spending set by last month's budget deal (P.L. 113-67), of \$520.5 billion and \$491.8 billion, respectively. To read a special NACo report on the omnibus, [click here](#).

### **UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFIT EXTENSION STALLS IN SENATE - FUTURE UNCLEAR**

On January 15, the Senate rejected (55-45) a motion to limit debate on the Emergency Unemployment Insurance bill, S. 1845 that would expand jobless benefits for 1.5 million long-term unemployed workers. The bill would have extended unemployment benefits for three months without any offsets. It failed to get the 60 vote threshold required for cloture. Democrats plan to force more votes on clean three-month extension of benefits, while republicans are trying to build support for an alternative plan with full offsets. However, it is unclear when such future votes would occur. Congress is on a one-week recess next week.

Unemployed workers can receive up to 26 weeks of financial assistance under the regular unemployment insurance program. The expanded UI program would allow unemployed to receive up to 47 weeks of additional assistance, depending on a state's unemployment rate. The expanded jobless benefits program was created in 2008 and expired on December 28, 2013. The 37,400 Ohioans who had been receiving emergency unemployment compensation are impacted.

## CENSUS BUREAU LAUNCHES NEW INTERACTIVE MAP

The U.S. Census Bureau has released [Census Explorer](#), a new interactive map that gives users easier access to neighborhood-level statistics. The map uses updated statistics from the 2008-2012 American Community Survey (ACS). In addition to these characteristics, more than 40 American Community Survey [social](#), [economic](#) and [housing](#) topics are now available through the Census Bureau's data tool, [American Factfinder](#). This includes the first release of local statistics for disability, marital history, VA service-connected disability, health insurance coverage, and year of naturalization.

- Learn more about other [Census Bureau data tools](#)
- Learn more about the [American Community Survey](#)
- Develop your own Census Bureau data apps through [API](#)

## **NACo ACTIVITIES**

### COUNTY TRACKER 2013: ON PATH TO RECOVERY

U.S. economic growth continued last year for the 3,069 county economies, but the recovery remained uneven and fragile, according to an analysis of four economic performance indicators by the National Association of Counties (NACo). As a result of the fragile and uneven recovery, many counties are continuing to struggle with their budgets, meet financial obligations and provide essential public services.

NACo's new study, [County Tracker 2013: On the Path to Recovery](#), assesses the performance of the nation's county economies by studying annual changes in four indicators – economic output (GDP), employment, the unemployment rate, and home prices. By 2013, the economic output (GDP) in about half of all county economies recovered or had no declines over the last decade. Home prices were in the same situation. But this is only part of the story. Jobs recovered in one quarter of county economies and in only 54 county economies unemployment is back to pre-recession levels. The low unemployment recovery rates show the fragility of the recovery.

For economic performance data for each of the 3,069 county economies and comparisons across county population groups, please see the County Tracker interactive at [www.naco.org/countytracker](http://www.naco.org/countytracker). [Read more...](#)

### NACo 2014 LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE



Save the date and plan to attend NACo's 2014 Legislative Conference to be held March 1-5, 2014 at the Washington Hilton, in Washington, DC. Educational sessions focus on legislative issues that impact counties. Hear from nationally-known speakers and leaders in the federal arena for viewpoints on today's issues facing our nation. Register online for a reduced rate on your registration! The early registration discount ends today. [Read more...](#)

## **EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES**

### GREEN GOODS: HOW TO CREATE SUSTAINABLE COUNTY PURCHASING AND PROCUREMENT PROGRAMS

As counties strive to reduce waste, conserve energy and lower operational costs, purchasing recycled and environmentally-friendly goods, materials and services can greatly contribute to meeting a county's financial and sustainability goals. Join NACo on Wednesday, January 22, 2014 at 2:00 p.m. to discuss how you can help your county develop an environmentally preferred purchasing program, navigate the myriad of product eco-labels and green purchasing guidelines and hear success stories from counties that have established

sustainable purchasing and procurement programs. [Register now...](#)

**TECHNOLOGY FORECAST 2014: WHAT STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT TECHNOLOGY OFFICIALS CAN EXPECT**

Join NACo on Thursday, January 23, 2014 at 2:00 p.m. for this popular annual event, the National Association of State Chief Information Officers (NASCIO) and the Public Technology Institute are coming together to provide a picture of what the technology priorities, issues and trends for state and local governments will be in 2014. Topics to be discussed: State of the States 2014: Presented by Doug Robinson and What's In and What's Out for Cities and Counties. [Register now...](#)

**CLASSIFIEDS**

| <b>Title /For More Information. . .</b>                  | <b>Employer/Application Deadline</b> |
|--|--------------------------------------|
| <b>Budget Analyst 2</b>                                  | Hamilton County<br>January 21, 2014  |
| <b>Registered Dietician/Dietary Manager</b>              | Open until filled<br>Williams County |
| <b>Resident Activity Director/Recreational Therapist</b> | Open until filled<br>Williams County |
| <b>Design Engineer</b>                                   | Geauga County<br>Open until filled   |