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DATES TO REMEMBER

NOVEMBER 17, 2014	CCAO/CEAO WINTER CONFERENCE EARLY REGISTRATION DISCOUNT DEADLINE
NOVEMBER 20, 2014	TOP GUN CONSTRUCTION CLAIMS SEMINAR , THE CONFERENCE CENTER AT OCLC, DUBLIN
NOVEMBER 21, 2014	CEBCO BOARD OF DIRECTORS, CCAO OFFICES, COLUMBUS
NOVEMBER 21, 2014	CORSA BOARD OF DIRECTORS, CCAO OFFICES, COLUMBUS
DECEMBER 7, 2014	CCAO BOARD OF DIRECTORS, GREATER COLUMBUS CONVENTION CENTER, COLUMBUS <i>(Held in conjunction with the CCAO/CEAO Annual Winter Conference)</i>
DECEMBER 8, 2014	NW DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS & ENGINEERS ASSOCIATION NE DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS ASSOCIATION SW DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS & ENGINEERS ASSOCIATION SE DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS & ENGINEERS ASSOCIATION GREATER COLUMBUS CONVENTION CENTER, COLUMBUS <i>(Held in conjunction with the CCAO/CEAO Annual Winter Conference)</i>
DECEMBER 7-9, 2014	CCAO/CEAO ANNUAL WINTER CONFERENCE & TRADE SHOW , GREATER COLUMBUS CONVENTION CENTER, COLUMBUS
FEBRUARY 21-25, 2014	NACo LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE , MARRIOTT WARDMAN PARK HOTEL, WASHINGTON, DC
2015	COUNTY HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

ASSOCIATION NEWS

CCAO/CEAO WINTER CONFERENCE PROGRAM

The CCAO/CEAO for our Annual Winter Conference is just around the corner. Mark your calendars and plan to attend the conference on December 7-9, 2014 at the Greater Columbus Convention Center (GCCC), 400 North High Street, in downtown Columbus. All meetings and the trade show will be held at the Greater Columbus Convention Center. CCAO/CEAO encourages all attendees to [register for the conference online](#).

Summary of Conference Wide Events and CCAO Sessions

Sunday, December 7

- CCAO Board of Directors Meeting
- New Member Orientation
- Kick-Off Reception

Monday, December 8

- Trade Show – Join us throughout the day for breakfast, coffee, ice cream and a reception!
- Cyber Security Initiatives: Engaging Public and Private Partners to Combat Cyber Attacks, Share Best Practices
- Veterans Services: A Discussion with the Director
- Proposed 9-1-1 Call Center Operation Standards
- CCAO Annual Business Meeting, Election of Officers and Consideration of the CCAO Legislative Platform for 2015-16
- CCAO Alumni Association Luncheon
- Luncheon and General Session featuring keynote speaker Dave Leedy who will discuss “Reducing Stress: Change Your Attitude & Lifestyle”
- Retirement Planning Presentation and Q&A with OPERS and CCAO Deferred Comp Program/Great-West Financial
- Workforce Policy Update
- Healthy Counties
- Water Quality Roundtable
- Social Media Strategies & Communication
- Reception featuring a special guest appearance by “Brutus Buckeye”
- Banquet – *Celebrating 100 Years of OSU Extension*
- Entertainment (NEW) – Dueling Pianos. After the banquet join CCAO/CEAO for music provided by [Dueling Pianos International](#): a high energy, all request, sing along, clap along, rock ‘n roll, comedy piano show where the audience is just as much a part of the show as the entertainers.

Tuesday, December 9

- District Meetings
- Expectations for the 131st Ohio General Assembly – caucus leadership has been invited
- BWC Transition to Prospective Payment of Premiums
- MARCSIP – A Way to Save Tax Payer Dollars While Saving Lives
- Certified Public Records Training for Public Officials

The headquarters hotel will be the [Hyatt Regency Columbus](#), which is connected to the GCCC. The Sunday night reception, Monday night entertainment, hospitality suites, and a block of hotel rooms have been reserved at the Hyatt. An additional block of hotel rooms have been held at the [Drury Inn](#) (Drury group access code – 2209510). Click on the hotel reservation links above or see the hotel information on the conference registration form.

[Click here](#) for more conference information.

CCAO TO HOST NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION AT WINTER CONFERENCE

During the CCAO/CEAO Winter Conference, CCAO will be hosting a “New Member Orientation” on Sunday, December 7, from 3:30 to 5:00 p.m. at the Greater Columbus Convention Center. Commissioner, county

executive and county council-elects and a guest are invited to join us at a reception following the session. There will be no charge to attend this session.

In addition, new members are welcome to register and attend the Conference. If contacted by your commissioner-elects about attending the Conference they will need to submit travel expenses in advance in writing to the current board of county commissioners for approval. If a majority of the members of the board approves the request, such expenses shall be paid from the moneys appropriated to such office for traveling expenses. Under [ORC 325.20](#), except as otherwise provided by law, no elected county officer shall attend, at county expense, any association meeting or convention conducted pursuant to [ORC 901.10](#), unless authorized by the board of county commissioners.

COMMISSIONERS NOT RETURNING TO OFFICE TO BE RECOGNIZED AT WINTER CONFERENCE

CCAO sincerely appreciates the time and service dedicated to serving county government by county officials. In honor of your service to CCAO and Ohio county government, commissioners that will not be returning to office in January 2015 will receive a plaque and be recognized at the Conference. Each out-going commissioner will receive a letter with details about this recognition next week. For more information, please contact [Mary Jane Neiman](#), CCAO Public Relations Associate, at (614) 220-7979 or (888) 757-1904.

VOTING PROCEDURES FOR ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

The CCAO Bylaws requires that each member county designate an Official Representative and Alternate when voting at the Annual Meeting or any special meeting of the Association.

The designation of the Official Representative and Alternate for a county organized under the statutory form of county government is by resolution of the board of county commissioners. In the case of a county organized as a charter county, the elected executive designates, by a letter signed by the executive, the Official Representative and an Alternate. Please note in designating the Official Representative and Alternate, a member county may only name a county commissioner, elected executive, or a member of county council.

A memo explaining the process along with a sample Designation of Official Representative and Alternate Resolution and a sample letter for County Executives can be found on the home page (front) of the CCAO website at www.ccao.org. If you have not already done so, please send a copy of your resolution or letter designating your Official Representative and Alternate to [Kathy Dillon](#), CCAO, 209 East State Street, Columbus, OH 43215 so that we may maintain a record of the names in our files for voting purposes. Should you have any questions or want to confirm that we have received a copy of your resolution or letter, please contact [Kathy Dillon](#) at (888) 757-1904. [Click here](#) for a copy of the Voting Procedures Memo and Official Representative and Alternate Form.

CERTIFIED PUBLIC RECORDS TRAINING FOR ELECTED OFFICIALS

Ohio elected officials, or their appropriate designees, are required to receive approved training regarding their obligations under Ohio Public Records Act as required by Section 149.43 of the Ohio Revised Code. Join CCAO/CEAO for this session to be held during the Winter Conference on Tuesday, December 9 from 12:00 to 3:15 p.m. at the Greater Columbus Convention Center, 400 North High Street, in Columbus.

This Sunshine Law Certification Training course, provided by the Ohio Attorney General's Office, will discuss the obligations and liabilities of public officials under the Public Records Act. The course will include information on records exempted from the Act, and how to negotiate, document, and properly respond to public records requests. The training includes discussion of the Ohio Records Retention laws and an overview of Ohio's Open Meeting Act.

This course is open to all conference attendees and others. You do not need to be registered for the conference to attend the training. For more information, please contact [Brian Mead](#), CCAO Policy Analyst, at (614) 220-7982 or (888) 757-1904.

IN MEMORIAM

HARMON NEAL



Former Brown County Commissioner [Harmon Neal](#) passed away on November 3. Neal served eight years as Brown County Commissioner from 1985 to 1993. He served as Clark Township Trustee, a 4-H advisor, Hamersville Fire Department and a founding member of the Hamersville Life Squad. Neal spent his life farming and enjoying outdoor activities. [Click here](#) to send a note of sympathy to the Neal Family.

STATE ACTIVITIES

NOVEMBER IS HIRE A VETERAN MONTH

Governor John R. Kasich and Lt. Governor Mary Taylor have proclaimed November as "Hire a Veteran Month", and the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS) encourages employers to consider the skills and abilities of military veterans when seeking new employees. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, there are approximately 35,000 unemployed veterans in Ohio.

Together with the Governor's Office of Workforce Transformation and the Ohio Department of Veterans Services, ODJFS recently launched the Veterans Business Support Center, which offers employers online, over-the-phone or face-to-face help finding skilled veteran candidates for jobs. Staffed by veterans, the center can help employers post openings, screen resumes and research the demographics of veterans in their area. Since launching in July, the Veterans Business Support Center has assisted 1,086 employers and placed 58 veterans into jobs. To learn more about employment services for veterans and employers, click "Get Started" at www.ohiomeansjobs.com. [Read more...](#)

HONORING OHIOANS EXHIBIT UNVEILED AT THE OHIO STATEHOUSE



Image courtesy of the Ohio Statehouse Photo Archive

This week, the Capitol Square Review and Advisory Board and the Capitol Square Foundation unveiled a new, permanent "Honoring Ohioans" exhibit at the Ohio Statehouse. The exhibit chronicles all Ohio Medal of Honor recipients and highlights their service to the United States. At the heart of the new exhibit is the "Magic Book" interactive display. The magic book tells the unique stories of heroism and sacrifice to the visitor through the book's pages—it's a book that acts like a movie that the visitor controls. Additional exhibit pieces include a presentation of two Medals of Honor and a searchable kiosk where visitors are able to search the Ohio Medal of Honor database by name, branch of service, conflict and county affiliation. Visitors will be able to access the same information that is housed in the Ohio Statehouse Museum display through the [Honoring Ohioans](#) database.

FEDERAL ACTIVITIES

PILT PROGRAM UPDATE

Despite not being able to collect property taxes on federal lands, county governments still provide essential

services to their residents and visitors to public lands, including solid waste disposal, law enforcement, road and bridge upkeep and emergency medical services. Without Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) funding, counties and property owners would be burdened with funding vital public services related to federal public lands beyond the means of the local tax base.

Forty-five Ohio counties receive \$601,000 in PILT funding. As Congress returns after the elections, counties are calling on Congress to immediately address PILT funding during the lame duck session. Visit NACo's [PILT online action center](#) for more information. [Read more...](#)

NACo ACTIVITIES

NEW NACO ISSUE BRIEF: IMPROVING LIFELINES: PROTECTING CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE FOR RESILIENT COUNTIES

There are a myriad of high-impact disruptions that counties across the country face each and every day. Ranging from natural disasters to structural failures to economic downturns, these events can impact natural environments and cause damage to homes or businesses. NACo has recently released a new issue brief, [Improving Lifelines: Protecting Critical Infrastructure for Resilient Counties](#), that serves as a guide for county leaders to help them understand the vulnerabilities of and threats to critical infrastructure in their county. By having a better understanding of the interconnectedness of lifelines, and how damages to one sector can cascade and affect others, county leaders will be better prepared to address vulnerabilities in their county and protect their lifelines. [Read more...](#)



2015 NACo LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE – REGISTRATION OPEN



The NACo Legislative Conference will take place February 21-25, 2015 at the Marriott Wardman Park Hotel, 2660 Woodley Rd NW, in Washington, D.C. NACo is excited to announce confirmed speakers Jason Grumet, founder and president of the Bipartisan Policy Center, and David Gregory, journalist and former moderator of Meet the Press. Grumet is respected on both sides of the aisle for his innovative approach to improving government effectiveness. His first book *City of Rivals: Restoring the Glorious Mess of American Democracy* — just released in September 2014 — will be his focus. Gregory will reflect and share a look at the Obama Administration, Congress and politics in America. Registration opened on November 10. [More information...](#)

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

COMBINED HEAT & POWER: RESILIENCY STRATEGIES FOR CRITICAL FACILITIES

Combined heat and power (CHP), also known as cogeneration, is a method whereby energy is produced, and excess heat from the production process can be used for heating and cooling processes. Commonly used in facilities that need continual electrical and heating/cooling needs, CHP can allow counties to lower their environmental impact through reduced greenhouse gas emissions, while saving money on energy costs. Join NACo on November 19 at 2:00 p.m. to learn how using combined heat and power strategies can help bolster your county's resiliency. [Register here...](#)

THE RIGHT RESPONSES TO STATUS OFFENSES: BEST PRACTICES FOR COUNTIES

Status offenses are acts that are only illegal because a minor committed them: things like running away, truancy, and curfew violations. Kids often commit these acts as the result of underlying issues such as depression or problems at home, and arresting and detaining youth for these acts is harmful to children and families and expensive for counties. Join NACo on November 20 at 2:00 p.m. Hear from counties that are successfully handling these cases through community-based treatments instead of court involvement. [Register here...](#)

TOP GUN CONSTRUCTION CLAIMS SEMINAR

Bricker & Eckler will present the Top Gun Construction Claims Seminar on Thursday, November 20 at The Conference Center at OCLC, 6600 Kilgour Place, in Dublin. Attendees will learn about important contract language, best practices for project documentation, the risks of unforeseen site conditions, delay and lost productivity claims and the design professionals standard of care; understand damages and claims; learn to analyze, prepare for and defend against claims for additional compensation or damages; and learn how to management and resolve construction claims efficiently.



CCAO is a seminar co-sponsor and our members are eligible for the discounted registration fee. AIA and Supreme Court Continuing Legal Education credits (7.25) are pending. [Click here](#) for more information or contact [Traci Graham](#), Bricker & Eckler LLP, at (800) 750-1525, (614) 227-4941.

CLASSIFIEDS

CCAO publishes classified ads on our website and in CIDS. Classified ads will be published free of charge as a service to counties. Ads will be published on the website until the application deadline and for several weeks in CIDS. 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.

Title /For More Information. . .	Employer/Application Deadline
Social Service Worker	Fairfield County November 21, 2014
Economic Development Coordinator	Henry County November 21, 2014
Engineer	Geauga County Until position is filled
Business Administrator	Clark County Until position is filled
Contract Development/Compliance Officer (2 positions available)	Clark County Until position is filled
Performance Analyst	Clark County Until position is filled
Assistant Operations Superintendent	Licking County Until position is filled
County Administrator	Franklin County Until position is filled
Technical Study Director	Licking County Until position is filled
County Administrator	Medina County Until position is filled

