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FEBRUARY 21-25, 2014

NACo LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE, MARRIOTT WARDMAN PARK HOTEL, WASHINGTON, DC

ASSOCIATION NEWS

Please note that CIDS will not be published next week due to the Thanksgiving holiday. Publication will resume on December 5, 2014. The CCAO office will be closed on November 27-28. On behalf of our CCAO family, we wish you a happy and safe Thanksgiving Day weekend!



Happy Thanksgiving

CCAO NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

Earlier this year President Nick Kostandaras (Summit) appointed the following commissioners to serve on the CCAO Nominating Committee: Chair – Gary Lee (Union), David Dhume (Madison), Debbie Lieberman (Montgomery), Kerry Metzger (Tuscarawas), and Daniel Troy (Lake).

The Committee met on November 14th to review requests submitted for consideration to serve as an officer and/or member of the CCAO Board of Directors. This report will be formally presented at the CCAO Business Meeting on **Monday, December 8th**. Nominations also will be accepted from the floor.

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

CCAO OFFICERS

For President – Mike Halleck, Columbiana County Commissioner

For 1st Vice President – Doug Corcoran, Ross County Commissioner
For 2nd Vice President - Ed Humphrey, Clermont County Commissioner
For Secretary – Doug Weisenauer, Crawford County Commissioner
For Treasurer – Ginny Favede, Belmont County Commissioner

PAST PRESIDENTS WHO HAVE ELECTED TO SERVE ON THE BOARD

Nick Kostandaras, Summit County Council Member
Gary Lee, Union County Commissioner
Deborah Lieberman, Montgomery County Commissioner
David Dhume, Madison County Commissioner
Paula Brooks, Franklin County Commissioner
Kerry Metzger, Tuscarawas County Commissioner

FOR TWO-YEAR TERMS ON BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Gary Bauer, Huron County Commissioner
Julie Ehemann, Shelby County Commissioner
Pete Gerken, Lucas County Commissioner
Dave Greenspan, Cuyahoga County Council Member
Todd Sands, Muskingum County Commissioner
Daniel Troy, Lake County Commissioner
Tom Whiston, Morrow County Commissioner

The committee wishes to thank all members who submitted their names for consideration. The nomination process was difficult because 25 highly qualified and motivated individuals expressed interest in serving as an officer or board member. The Committee, however, was charged with recommending candidates for five officer positions and seven regular two-year Board seats.

The 2015 President will make nine more appointments to the CCAO Board for next year. Should you desire to be considered for such an appointment, please complete and return the form and questionnaire to [Kathy Dillon](#), CCAO Office Manager and Boards' Liaison, at the CCAO no later than December 5th. In the event you previously expressed an interest to the Nominating Committee for a position and were not selected, you need NOT submit your name again as the next president will automatically receive names previously submitted.

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](#). Online registration closes at 5:00 PM on December 1, although you may fax registrations until 5:00 PM on December 3.

Join CCAO/CEAO at the **Luncheon and General Session** on Monday, December 8 we will feature keynote speaker Dave Leedy who will discuss "Reducing Stress: Change Your Attitude & Lifestyle". Leedy is someone you won't recognize by name or deed. He is not a famous coach or athlete, has never written a book, has never run a big company nor did he ever invent anything. He is, however, someone with an inspirational message about stress, attitude and lifestyle change that is applicable to all of us and he delivers it in a way you'll never forget.

On Monday, December 8 the spouse/guest registrants will have lunch and tour the [Franklin Park Conservatory and Botanical Gardens](#). The Conservatory is a premier botanical landmark featuring exceptional plant collections and gardens, seasonal art- and nature-based exhibitions. Featuring indoor gardens filled with exotic plant life and artwork, including a collection of glass works by artist [Dale Chihuly](#), the Conservatory offers enjoyment of the natural world any time of the day or year.

The Monday evening **Reception and Banquet** will Celebrate 100 Years of OSU Extension. “Brutus Buckeye” will be our featured guest during the reception. To celebrate this event, wear your scarlet and gray to the reception and banquet.

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.

CCAO Conference Sessions

Monday, December 8

- 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
- 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

Tuesday, December 9

- 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

[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. Commissioners, 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.

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.

STATE ACTIVITIES

FAMILY WEEK IN OHIO – NOVEMBER 23-29



November 23-29, 2014 is Family Week in Ohio. Through an Executive Order by Governor Kasich, counties are encouraged to recommit to enhancing and extending the connections that strengthen and enrich families. The governor urges all Ohioans to honor Ohio's families and recognize the importance that families play in our daily lives. For more information: [Governor's Proclamation](#), [Family Impact Checklist](#) and [Fast Fact About Families](#).

BWC RATING PLAN, PROGRAM DEADLINES CHANGING IN 2015; PLAN TO ATTEND PROSPECTIVE RATING SESSION AT WINTER CONFERENCE

In January 2016, public employers will transition from retrospective billing to prospective billing for workers' compensation coverage. That means premiums will be paid before coverage is extended rather than in arrears, which is how it currently works. Prospective billing will help BWC modernize its operations and provide better service to Ohio's employers.



As a result, deadlines for alternative-rating plans and discount programs have changed. Premium deadlines won't change in 2015 for public employers. Retrospective premium payments will be due by May 15 and Sept. 1, 2015, for the 2014 policy year. A 12-month transition credit will be provided to public employers, so that each employer pays the equivalent of one year's premium during the switch to prospective billing. A 50-percent credit will be applied to policy year 2015 and 2016 premiums. For more information please contact [Beth Miller](#), CORSA Claim and Litigation Manager, at (614) 220-7989. [Read more...](#)

CCAO and the County Loss Control Coordinators Association (CLCCA) are hosting a session at the CCAO/CEAO Annual Winter Conference. **"BWC Transition to Prospective Payment of Premiums"** will be held on **Tuesday, December 9 at 10:30 a.m.** at the Greater Columbus Convention Center. Todd Spence, MBA, ARM, Regional Business Consultant, and James Blazer II, Regional Business Development Manager, Bureau of Workers' Compensation, will be the presenters.

OHIO DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE ANNOUNCES 2015 FUNDING FOR LOCAL AGRICULTURAL EASEMENT PURCHASE PROGRAM



The Ohio Department of Agriculture announced that 12 land trusts, two counties, one township and six Soil and Water Conservation Districts will receive funding to help preserve farmland across the state. These organizations will receive allocations from the [Clean Ohio Fund](#) to manage the [Local Agricultural Easement Purchase Program \(LAEPP\)](#). Local sponsors have been certified to accept applications from landowners in 51 counties. A total of \$7,084,991 will be made available in this funding round. It is estimated this can leverage up to \$14 million from the Agricultural Conservation Easement/Agricultural Land Easement Program administered by the U.S. Natural Resources Conservation Service for a total of \$21 million.

The program, which is voluntary and competitive, allows landowners to sell easements on their farms to the State of Ohio. The easement requires the farm remain permanently in agricultural production, supporting the state's largest industry. Selected farms must be 40 or more acres, actively engaged in farming, participate in the [Current Agricultural Use Valuation](#) program, demonstrate good stewardship of the land, have support from local government and not lay directly in the path of development. Landowners may use the proceeds of the easement in any way they wish, but most reinvest it in their farm operations.

Funding for the program is derived from the Clean Ohio Conservation Fund, approved by the voters in 2008. When combined with easements from all programs, 319 family farms in 55 counties have collectively preserved more than 55,000 acres. [Click here](#) for more information about the Farmland Preservation Program.

FEDERAL ACTIVITIES

NACo URGES FEDS TO WITHDRAW AND CLARIFY "WATERS OF THE U.S." PROPOSAL



After voicing serious concerns and pushing for clarity on the federal proposal to redefine "Waters of the United States," the National Association of Counties (NACo) on November 14, called for the proposal's withdrawal until further analysis has been completed. NACo submitted its official comments to the Federal Registry summarizing more than a dozen areas of concern important to the nation's counties.

In a [19-page letter](#), NACo emphasized the importance of the local, state and federal partnership in crafting practical rules to ensure clean water without

impeding counties' fundamental infrastructure and public safety functions. Counties are responsible for the construction and maintenance of roads, bridges, water quality systems and other infrastructure like roadside ditches, stormwater systems, green infrastructure and drinking water facilities. While acknowledging recent dialogue with the EPA and the Corps, NACo remains deeply concerned about the far-reaching effects and unintended consequences of the proposed rule.

Among many issues, the letter described a flawed consultation process; an incomplete analysis of economic impacts; ongoing delays with the current permitting process; and inconsistent definitions implemented in different regions and by different federal agencies. NACo's comments included a series of recommendations to address these concerns. [Read more...](#)

NACo RELEASES 2014 U.S. ELECTION INSIGHT ANALYSIS

The 2014 midterm elections have shifted the political balance in Washington, and despite a handful of unresolved races still pending, Republicans are poised to control both chambers of Congress in 2015. NACo has broken down the election results and provided analysis to prepare county officials for the lame duck period and beyond. In the coming weeks, Congress could tackle a number of issues that would impact counties including FY 2015 appropriations, Marketplace Fairness Act and the Internet Tax Freedom Act, tax extenders, and funding for the Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) and Secure Rural Schools (SRS) programs. Click [here](#) to view the presentation.



NACo ACTIVITIES

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

COMMUNITY DIALOGUES TO IMPROVE COUNTY HEALTH: LESSONS LEARNED

In 2014, NACo hosted Community Dialogues to Improve County Health in six counties across the country. These dialogues were one-day events that brought together cross-sector community stakeholders to address health improvement. The counties selected their focus areas and worked with NACo and the University of Wisconsin Population Health Institute to develop a day of dialogue. Join NACo on December 4 at 2:00 p.m. to learn more about the Community Dialogues and what counties are doing to build a culture of health in their communities! [Register here...](#)

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
Engineer	Geauga County Until position is filled
Business Administrator	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