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Upcoming Events

- Central District Meeting
Kearney, September 17, 2009
- Northeast District Meeting
Schuyler, September 18, 2009
- NAWMA Conference
Kearney, September 21-24, 2009
- West Central District Meeting
North Platte, September 24, 2009
- Southeast District Meeting
Mahoney Park, September 28, 2009
- Panhandle District Meeting
Alliance, September 30, 2009
- Register of Deeds Workshop
Kearney, October 7, 2009
- NACO Legislative Conference
Kearney, October 8, 2009
- NACO 115th Annual Conference
Lincoln, December 9-11, 2009

2009 Assessor's Workshop Well Attended

One-hundred and thirty-three participants representing 70 counties, the Nebraska Department of Revenue and UP Railroad were in North Platte last week in attendance at this year's Assessor's Workshop. Speakers included representatives from the Nebraska Department of Revenue, Property Assessment Division, the Tax Equalization and Review Commission, as well as county assessors and staff. Fourteen hours of continuing education were made available.

Don't miss Sept. 17 NACO webinar, "Essentials of Recovery Act Reporting"

NACO has scheduled a webinar for 2 p.m. EDT on Sept. 17 to provide updated information to assist counties in meeting the first federal reporting deadline on Oct. 10. Early registration for the reporting system, www.federalreporting.gov, began on Aug. 17. Registration and additional information for the webinar will be out shortly.

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In Memoriam...

NACO would like to extend sympathy to the families of Platte County Deputy Chris Johnson and former Senator Ron Raikes.

Platte County Deputy Chris Johnson died in the line of duty while responding to an accident, August 29, 2009. Deputy Johnson had served with the Platte County Sheriff's department since 2006.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, September 2, in Columbus. To read more in the Columbus Telegram [click here](#).

Former Senator Ron Raikes, of Lincoln, died in a farming accident, September 5, 2009. Senator Raikes was appointed by Governor Ben Nelson to the Nebraska Unicameral as a representative of the 25th District (South East Lincoln) and served in the Nebraska Legislature from May, 1997 until 2008. He was Chair of the Education Committee for 8 years.

Funeral services Thursday (9/10/09), 1 p.m., First Plymouth Congregational Church, 2000 D St., Lincoln. Visitation Wednesday, 5-8 p.m. at Marcy Chapel and one hour before the service at the church.



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Grant Writing & Grant Management Training Opportunities in Nebraska

The Metropolitan Area Planning Agency (MAPA) and Grant Writing USA will present a two-day **Grant Writing Workshop** in Omaha on October 19-20, 2009. Beginning and experienced grant writers will learn how to write winning grant proposals and find grant funders. Tuition is \$425 and includes class workbook and accompanying resource CD that's packed full of tools and more than 200 sample grant proposals.

If your office already receives government grants, then consider the two-day **Grant Management Workshop** presented in partnership with LifePoint by BryanLGH, in Lincoln on November 19-20, 2009. If you don't know what to do, staying in compliance with federal grant requirements can be daunting, however, experienced Grant Writing USA instructors teach attendees compliance steps in an organized, comprehensive, and easy to understand manner. Tuition is \$595 and includes Grant Writing USA's 450-page grant management workbook and reference guide.

Attend both the writing *and* management class and receive \$100 off combined cost of tuition. Multi-enrollment discounts are also available. Seating is limited, online reservations are necessary.

For more information please call 800-814-8191 or visit: <http://www.grantwritingusa.com/events.html>

Open Meetings Act Revisions

On August 30, 2009, revisions to the Open Meetings Act went into effect. Poster-sized copies reflecting the changes are available through NACO for \$2.00 each plus S&H.



If you are aware of any news that may be of interest, please let us know

2009 Road & Street Program Workshops

The NDOR & NE-LTAP are offering a series of 90 minute regional workshops:

Managing County Road and Municipal Street Programs: "Getting Results and Staying out of Trouble."

For more information, [click here](#).

News Across the State...

Links are to outside sources and may not be available indefinitely

[Titling to be 1-step operation](#)

Columbus Telegram, 08/31/09

[County highway boss ready to go fishing with Dad](#)

Star Herald, 9/1/09

[Higher values mean county levy will drop](#)

Gothenburg Times, 9/3//09

Education Foundation Memorial Gift Program

A gift to NACO's Education Foundation ensures that the children of county officials and county employees are eligible to apply for scholarships to continue their education at Nebraska's higher education institutions. Whatever their passion – history, art, music, science, education, sports – the NACO Education Foundation will provide them an opportunity to fund their education beyond the K-12 level.

Memorial gifts to NACO's Education Foundation are tax exempt and a lasting legacy in honor of your loved one's commitment to educating the children of Nebraska's county officials and county employees.

For more information about how to make a memorial gift, please contact Jon Edwards at jon.edwards@nacone.org or at 402-434-5660.

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