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Upcoming Events

County Board Workshop
Kearney, February 9 –11, 2011

NWCA Conference
Kearney, February 14-17, 2011

NACo Legislative Conference
Washington, D.C., March 5-9, 2011

Southeast District Meeting
Mahoney Park, March 10, 2011

Central District Meeting
Grand Island, March 17, 2011

Northeast District Meeting
Norfolk, March 18, 2011

Counties' Legislative Day
Lincoln, April 7, 2011

West Central District Meeting
North Platte, April 13, 2011

Panhandle District Meeting
TBA, April 14, 2011

2011 Directory of County Officials

The order form for the NACO 2011 Directory of County Officials is now available online. Each directory is $16/ tax-exempt and $17/taxable.

County Board Workshop—February 9th - 11th

Issues that affect all 93 Nebraska counties will be discussed at the 2011 County Board Workshop, to be held February 9-11 at the Holiday Inn & Convention Center in Kearney. Presenters will cover topics that have a current and future impact on our counties statewide. Board members will also get the chance to discuss their ideas for current and future legislation and have an open discussion with Executive Director Larry Dix.

Our goal is to have representation from all 93 counties. So far, County Board members from 78 counties across the state have registered. View the agenda and register for the 2011 County Board Workshop. The registration fee is $80 if completed online today. After today, the registration fee increases to $90.

County Board Handbooks

The County Board Handbook and the 2010 Supplement order form is available online. Pre-order for pickup at the County Board Workshop and save shipping and handling. To download the order form, click here or visit our website.

2011 NACO Institute of Excellence

The NACO Institute of Excellence is open to all elected and appointed county officials. The deadline for registration is February 1, 2011. To register, click here. For additional information, contact Jon Edwards, 402-434-5660 ext. 227.

2011 Scholarship Applications Available

Nebraska high school seniors who are the children or stepchildren of county officials or employees are encouraged to apply for one of twelve $1000 NACO scholarships. Additional information and the downloadable application can be found under the 'Services' tab on the NACO website. The scholarship deadline is March 1, 2011.

Nationwide Retirement Solutions, the administrator of NACo's deferred compensation program, will award four Nationwide/NACo college scholarships - each worth $2,000 - to four high school seniors whose parent or grandparent participates in NACo's Deferred Compensation Plan. The scholarship deadline is **Monday, January 31, 2011**. For more information about eligibility and application procedures, click here.

Nebraska Crime Commission Grant Application Deadlines

Jan. 28, 2011 2011 State Juvenile Justice County Aid/County Aid Enhancement Grant

Apr. 15, 2011 Title V Delinquency Prevention & Juvenile Accountability Block Grant

The applications and instructions can be accessed on the Crime Commission website: http://www.ncc.negov.

Take Advantage of NACo's Web-based Education...

Communities Working Together for Lasting Solutions: Increasing Civic Understanding
Wednesday, February 2, 2011
1:00 PM - 2:15 PM CST

Increasing the understanding of what county government does and how community members benefit from county services is the first step in building a trusting relationship within your county. This session builds on President Glen Whitley's initiative, "County Government Works." With NACo Tabor Fellow from Kansas State University Research and Extension, Trudy Rice, participants will explore tools they can use to forge better connections with individuals and groups. Join the webinar to see how this interactive process builds positive relationships. This is a NACo member only webinar.

Building Sustainable Communities with Green Building Codes
Thursday, February 3, 2011
1:00 PM - 2:15 PM CST

Since the release of the International Green Construction Code (IGCC) last year, several counties see the promise of applying the Code to enhance sustainable development in their communities. This webinar is suggested as an introduction and discussion for County Executives and Administrators, Urban Planners, Zoning Professionals, and County Sustainability Staff on the application of the IGCC. Join this webinar to see how you can use this tool to enhance sustainable development in your county. Click here to register.

Communities Working Together for Lasting Solutions: Increasing Public Participation
Wednesday, February 9, 2011
1:00 PM - 2:15 PM CST

How communities work together to make decisions matters. Engaged community members become more supportive and positive about leadership decisions that affect their lives when they're part of productive interactions that are open and civil. NACo Tabor Fellow from Kansas State University Research and Extension, Trudy Rice, will demonstrate tools you can use to tackle problems and nurture relationships using a well thought-out process for educating and engaging the public. This is a NACo member only webinar.

Communities Working Together for Lasting Solutions: Building Effective Leadership
Wednesday, February 16, 2011
1:00 PM - 2:15 PM CST

Effective county leadership reflects the demographic, economic, social and political changes in your community. To respond successfully to these changes, your community leadership needs to represent everyone. Join Trudy Rice, NACo Tabor Fellow from Kansas State University Research and Extension, to explore ways you can diversify your leadership base, as you prepare new leaders for future responsibilities. This is a NACo member only webinar.

For more information on these, other upcoming and previous webinars, visit the NACo Web-based Education page.

This year's Western Interstate Region Conference will take place May 18-20 in Chelan County/Wenatchee, Washington, and will focus on public lands and other issues critical to the western region of the United States. It provides county officials with the opportunity to hear speakers, discuss legislation, and network with other officials to exchange information on those issues. Save by registering before and April 6! For additional information and registration, click here.

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