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# 2020 ANNUAL CONFERENCE



# Welcome to SCAC's ANNUAL CONFERENCE

## What is the South Carolina Association of Counties?

Chartered on June 22, 1967, the South Carolina Association of Counties (SCAC) is the only statewide organization representing county government in South Carolina. Its membership, which includes all 46 counties, spans the spectrum from predominately urban to rural. By virtue of each county's membership in SCAC, all of its elected and appointed officials become participants in an organization dedicated to improving county government.

SCAC is a nonpartisan, nonprofit organization which maintains a full-time staff in Columbia. It is governed by a 29-member Board of Directors composed of county officials from across South Carolina.

The Annual Conference makes it possible for officials across the state to participate in workshops, seminars, and meetings designed to provide information to help them become more effective county leaders. It is through conferences such as this one and other activities throughout the year that county officials continue to "build stronger counties for tomorrow."

## WELCOME FROM THE PRESIDENT

# Dwight L. Stewart Jr. SCAC President Clarendon County

Welcome to the 2020 Annual Conference!

Many of us look forward to participating in the SCAC conference each year knowing the investment of county resources and our time will be well spent. Although this year's



conference will certainly be remembered because of COVID-19, we hope it is also memorable for the information you are able to glean from your colleagues and leading experts on critical issues we face as county leaders.

I encourage you to take advantage of SCAC's exceptional service programs and educational opportunities. Our Association is committed to providing essential tools for 21st century leaders through legislative advocacy, legal assistance, educational programs, research, publications, insurance trusts, and debt collection programs.

Our legislative staff works tirelessly to protect Home Rule and monitors all bills affecting county government. I encourage you to continue supporting our Association's legislative program by staying informed and engaged during the legislative development process and the legislative session. Our collective voice is the most effective lobbying tool at the State House.

In closing, I would like to thank you for your unwavering commitment to your counties during this incredibly challenging year. It has truly been an honor serving as your president. Sherry and I appreciate your support, and we look forward to continuing our work with you. I hope you enjoy the conference and all that SCAC has to offer!

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#### **APP**

The SCAC Annual Conference App can be found in the App Store, in Google Play, or at <a href="http://www.scacapp.com/#">http://www.scacapp.com/#</a>. It contains all the information published in this program, as well as any updated information. The app is also home to the Virtual Market where conference sponsors and other SCAC supporters can be found.

#### REGISTRATION

Institute of Government and Conference participants are required to register at SCAC's registration desk in the ballroom foyer of the Hilton Head Marriott. Participants may register at the following times:

- **Saturday, August 1** 9:30 A.M. to 5:30 P.M.
- Sunday, August 2 8:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M.
- **Monday, August 3** 8:30 A.M. to 10:30 A.M.

#### **BADGES**

Please wear your name badge at all times so that you will be recognized as a delegate of SCAC's Annual Conference.

#### **SOCIAL DISTANCING**

In-person social distancing measures will be in place during all Institute of Government classes and all Annual Conference sessions and workshops. Sanitizing procedures will be followed and one per person per 6' foot area will be implemented. We also ask that you wear a mask in all public areas—one will be provided for you.

## **CONFERENCE SPONSORS**

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## **CONFERENCE PROGRAM**

## **SUNDAY, AUGUST 2**

**Worship Service** 8:00-9:00 A.M. Ballroom I

8:30 A.M.-4:30 P.M. Ballroom Foyer

Registration

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#### 9:00 A.M. Nominating Committee

Nominations will be accepted for SCAC's 2020-2021 slate of officers and board members at this meeting. Following the submission of nominations, the committee will meet and issue a report, which will be posted at the SCAC registration desk.

Nominations may also be accepted from the floor during Monday's general session, immediately before the election by the membership.

- Chairman Charles T. Jennings McCormick County Council Chairman
- Joseph R. Branham Chester County Council Vice Chairman
- Joseph B. Dill Greenville County Council
- Charles T. Edens Sumter County Council
- David K. Summers Jr. Calhoun County Council Chairman

## **9:30** A.M. Constitution, Resolutions, and Bylaws *Ballroom G* Committee

Resolutions approved by this committee will be submitted for the approval of the membership at the general session on Monday, August 3.

SCAC considers resolutions dealing with all matters that affect county government and the Association. Proposed resolutions should be presented <u>in writing</u> to the committee chairman prior to or at the August 2 meeting.

- Chairman Steve Willis
   Lancaster County Administrator
- Alphonso Bradley
   Florence County Council
- Belinda D. Copeland
  Darlington County
- Roy Costner III
  Pickens County Council Chairman
- J. Frank Hart
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2:00-3:00 P.M. Repeated 3:30-4:30 P.M. Ballrooms A-C, D-F, J

2:00-3:00 P.M. Concurrent Workshops

**EVENING OPEN** 

### **CONCURRENT WORKSHOPS**

2:00-3:00 P.M.; 3:30-4:30 P.M.

## Building Connections between Law Enforcement and the Community

Ballroom D-F

As many of our communities grapple with calls for police reform and social justice, counties are searching for ways to strengthen relationships among their communities and law enforcement. Local leaders are called to learn from others' experiences and take action for positive change. This requires courage and commitment to step forward and have difficult conversations. During this workshop, law enforcement and county leaders will share their experiences working with a broad range of community members to build a foundation of trust. Participants will also discuss enhanced training for law enforcement officers, "use of force" policies, and the role council members can have in facilitating this dialogue and change.

- Sheriff Barry Faile Lancaster County
- Sheriff Leon Lott Richland County
- Chief Greg Mullen Clemson University
- Waymon Mumford
   Florence County Council
   SCAC Board Member
- Anna Berger, Senior Director of Operations (moderator) SCAC

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## **Ensuring Cyber Resilience in County Government** *Ballroom A-C*

Counties are charged with providing continuing services for citizens no matter the crisis or challenge. During the COVID-19 pandemic, counties increasingly are relying on remote workforces, online services, and virtual meetings to provide services. Unfortunately, these solutions expose local governments to more cyber vulnerabilities and increased cyberattacks. That is why now, more than ever, county leadership must prioritize cybersecurity within their organizations to ensure cyber-resilient continuation of services. In this workshop, learn about increased cyber threats and how to combat them through a proactive, holistic, and multi-departmental cyber team approach.

- Thomas Scott, Executive Director Cyber SC
- Stacey Coleman, Investigator Aiken County Solicitors Office

## **Overview of the 2020 Legislative Session** *Ballroom J*

During this workshop, SCAC staff will provide an overview of the 2020 legislative session and discuss issues that are likely to arise when the General Assembly convenes in January. Participants will learn about the state budget, COVID-19 response legislation, legislation to be debated in the September legislative session, and a general overview of federal legislation passed to assist counties in responding to COVID-19.

SCAC Legislative Staff

## **MONDAY, AUGUST 3**

8:30 A.M. – 10:30 A.M. Registration

Ballroom Foyer

**9:00 A.M.** General Session *Ballrooms A-I* 

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## **GENERAL SESSION**

9:00 а.м.

Presiding
Invocation Waymon Mumford Florence County Council
Pledge of Allegiance    Steve Willis      Lancaster County Administrator
Recognition of 2020 Institute of Government Graduates
<b>Remarks</b>
President's Report
Presentation of 2019 J. Mitchell Graham Memorial Award TrophyDwight L. Stewart Jr.
Report of the Constitution, Resolutions, and Bylaws Committee
Report of the Nominating Committee
Election of Officers and Board of Directors
Incoming President's Remarks Johnnie Wright Sr. Orangeburg County Council Chairman

## **SPEAKER**



## Honorable Gary Moore NACo President

Active in NACo since 2012, Moore was elected as NACo President on July 20, 2020. Moore has previously served as Chair of NACo's Transportation Steering Committee and its Environment, Energy and Land Use Steering Committee. He served as Co-Chair of the National City-County Task Force on the Opioid Epidemic and is the executive liaison to NACo's Rural Action Caucus Steering Committee and

Audit Committee.

Moore was first elected Judge/Executive for Boone County in 1998, the highest elected office in county government in Kentucky. Boone County is the fourth largest and one of the fastest growing counties in the Commonwealth of Kentucky. His tenure as Judge/Executive parallels a distinguished career in both private business and public service. Moore currently serves as President of the Kentucky Association of Counties and as Chairman of the St. Elizabeth Healthcare Board of Trustees.

Moore continues to build strong partnerships with the cities, schools, and agencies across the county, state, and region. These working relationships have delivered results that have improved the economic development, growth, and the overall quality of life for people of Boone County.

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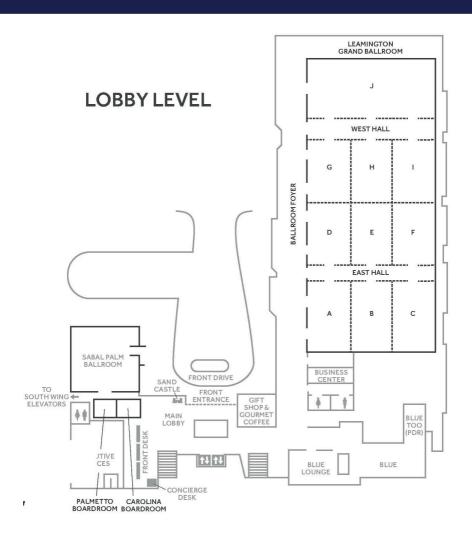
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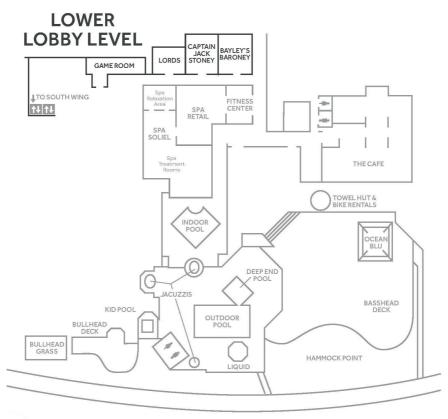
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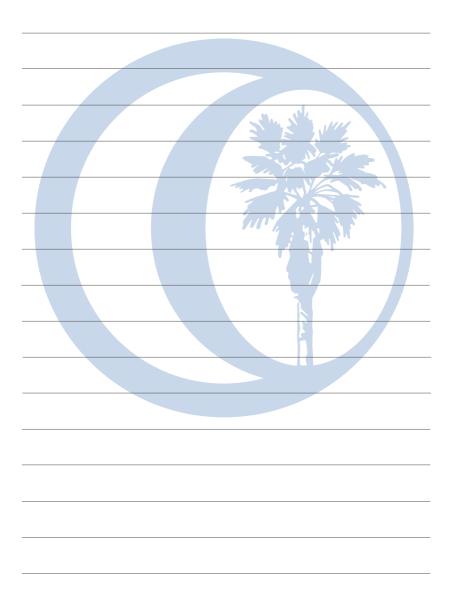
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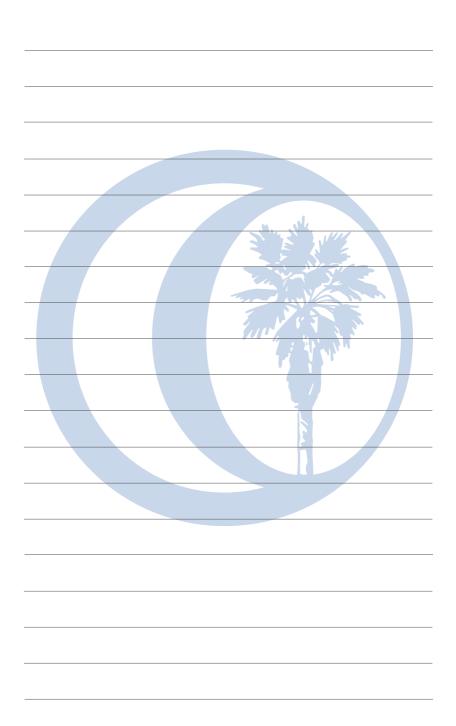
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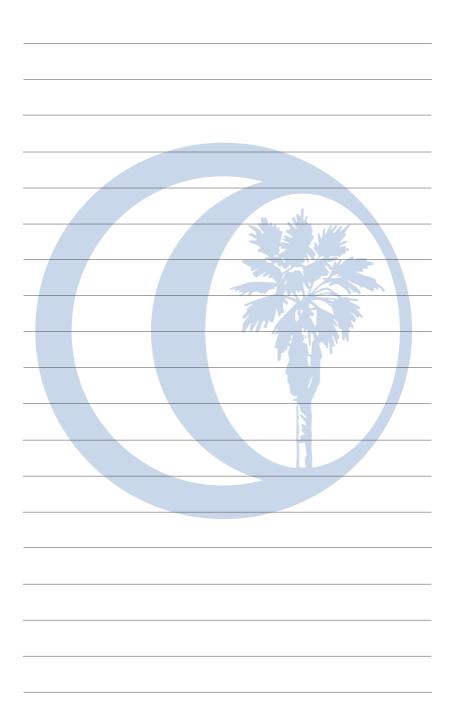
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