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August 1 - 3, 2021**

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Hilton Head Marriott**



SOUTH CAROLINA ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES

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

**Johnnie Wright Sr.
SCAC President
Orangeburg County**



Welcome to SCAC's 2021 Annual Conference!

Thank you for investing your county's resources and your time by participating in this year's conference. I am pleased to share the conference schedule has been enhanced to provide more educational and networking opportunities. From newly added Rural and Urban Caucus Meetings and an Opening Session on Monday to dynamic keynote speakers, this year's conference offers a rich platform for us to learn and make more informed decisions as county leaders.

During the conference, you will be able to speak with our legislative staff members who work tirelessly to protect Home Rule. 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. Your active involvement with your legislative delegation year-round reaps benefits not only for your county, but for all our counties and our state as a whole. Our collective voice is the most effective lobbying tool at the State House.

I encourage you to take advantage of the exceptional programs and educational opportunities provided by SCAC. Our debt collection programs and insurance trusts assist counties as stewards of taxpayer dollars. In providing essential tools for 21st century leaders, our Association's legislative advocacy, legal assistance, educational programs, research, and publications are unparalleled.

In closing, I would like to thank you for your steadfast commitment to your counties during this incredibly challenging year. It has truly been an honor serving as your president. Vernell and I truly appreciate your support. I hope you enjoy our conference and all that SCAC has to offer!

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APP

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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:

- **Friday, July 30** – 9:00 A.M. to 3:30 P.M.
- **Saturday, July 31** – 8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.
- **Sunday, August 1** – 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.
- **Monday, August 2** – 8:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.
- **Tuesday, August 3** – 8:00 A.M. to 10:00 A.M.

BADGES

Conference name badges must be worn at all times so that you will be recognized as a delegate of SCAC's Annual Conference.

SPECIAL THANKS

Special thanks to The Beaufort County Channel for assisting with the livestreaming and recording of events for the 2021 SCAC Annual Conference. The association appreciates Beaufort County's ongoing support.



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CONFERENCE PROGRAM

Institute of Government Schedule FRIDAY, JULY 30

9:00 A.M.–3:30 P.M. Registration
Ballroom Foyer

10:00 A.M.–1:00 P.M. Level I: Ethical Leadership and Public Service[R]
Ballroom A-C

Instructors: Chip Johnson, President, Johnson Group, LLC; Courtney Laster, General Counsel, S.C. State Ethics Commission

10:00 A.M.–1:00 P.M. Level II: The Property Taxation Process
Ballroom DE

Instructors: Sandy Houck, Special Projects Coordinator, S.C. Department of Revenue; Amelia Ruple, Local Government Training/Research Coordinator, S.C. Department of Revenue

2:00–5:00 P.M. Level I: Public Speaking [E]
Ballroom A-C

Instructor: Sara Nalley, Professor Emerita of Communication and Theatre, Columbia College

2:00–5:00 P.M. Level II: Financial Management
Ballroom DE

Instructor: Gina Smith, CPA, CFP, CGMA, Controller, Bamberg County

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Institute of Government Schedule SATURDAY, JULY 31

8:00 A.M.–4:00 P.M. Registration

Ballroom Foyer

9:00 A.M.–12:00 P.M. Level I: Strategic Planning[E]

Ballroom D-F

Instructor: William E. Tomes, Fellow, Joseph P. Riley Jr. Center for Livable Communities, College of Charleston

9:00 A.M.–12:00 P.M. Level II: Effective Communications

Ballroom AB

Instructors: Tiffany Norton-Cornette, Public Information Officer, Dorchester County; J. Milton Pope, Principal, Parker Poe Consulting; Jason L. Ward, County Administrator, Dorchester County

1:00–4:00 P.M. Advanced: Building Resiliency for Your Community

Ballroom D-F

Panelists: James D. Armstrong, Deputy County Administrator, Charleston County; Ethel Bunch, President/CEO, Sustain S.C.; Benjamin I. Duncan II, Chief Resilience Officer, The South Carolina Office of Resilience; Kevin Limehouse, Project Officer, Charleston County; Kenneth S. Roper, County Administrator, Pickens County; Jim Stritzinger, Director, S.C. Broadband Office

1:00–4:00 P.M. Level I: Understanding and Seeking Differences[E]

Ballroom AB

Instructor: Donna Kazia, Human Resources Professional

4:00–5:00 P.M. SC Coalition of Black County Officials

Sabal Palm

CONFERENCE PROGRAM

SUNDAY, AUGUST 1

8:00–9:00 A.M. Worship Service
Sabal Palm

8:00 A.M.–5:00 P.M. Registration
Ballroom Foyer

8:30 A.M.–5:00 P.M. Exhibit Area Open
Ballroom J/West Hall

9:00 A.M.–12:00 P.M. Level I: Legal Issues[R]
Ballroom AB

Instructors: John K. DeLoache, Senior Staff Attorney, SCAC; M. Kent Lesesne, Director of Governmental Affairs, SCAC

9:00 A.M.–12:00 P.M. Advanced: Putting Dollars to Work for Your County: State & Local Fiscal Recovery Funds
Ballroom D-F

Panelists: Gary Moore, Judge/Executive, Boone County, KY, NACo Past President; Brandon T. Norris, Partner, Burr Forman; Daniel T. Prentice, Chief Financial Officer, Dorchester County; Mark Ritacco, Director of Government Affairs, NACo; Mike Shealy, Budget Director, S.C. Senate; Jim Stritzinger, Director, S.C. Broadband Office

1:30 P.M. County Managers, Administrators & Supervisors' Business Meeting
Ballrooms D-F

2:00–5:00 P.M. Clerks to Council
Ballroom AB

2:00 P.M. Nominating Committee

Capt. Jack Stoney

Nominations will be accepted for SCAC's 2021-2022 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 Tuesday's general session, immediately before the election by the membership.

- **Chairman – Dwight L. Stewart Jr.**
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- **David K. Summers Jr.**
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**2:30 P.M. Constitution, Resolutions, and Bylaws
Committee**
Bayley's Baroney

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

SCAC considers resolutions dealing with all matters that affect county government and the association. Proposed resolutions should be presented in writing to the committee chairman prior to or at the August 1 meeting.

- **Chairman – Steve Willis**
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4:00–6:00 P.M. Kershaw County Sponsored Reception
Blue Restaurant

6:00–7:00 P.M. President's/Exhibitors' Reception
Ballrooms D-I

CONFERENCE PROGRAM

MONDAY, AUGUST 2

8:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M. Registration
Ballroom Foyer

8:30 A.M. – 12:00 P.M. Exhibit Area Open
Ballroom J/West Hall

9:00–10:30 A.M. Opening Session
Ballrooms A-I

9:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M. Councils of Governments Executive Directors
Carolina Board Room

9:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M. Probate Judges
Bayley's Baroney

10:45 A.M. – 12:30 P.M. Workshop: County Government Hot Topics
Sabal Palm

Speakers: Mallory Coffey, Keep South Carolina Beautiful State Leader, PalmettoPride; Sarah Lyles, Executive Director, PalmettoPride; SCAC Insurance Services Staff; SCAC Legislative Staff

12:30–1:30 P.M. PalmettoPride Informational Meeting
Bayley's Baroney

1:30–2:30 P.M. Rural Caucus Meeting
Capt. Jack Stoney

1:30–2:30 P.M. Urban Caucus Meeting
Sabal Palm

6:30–8:30 P.M. Annual Conference Banquet (Ticket Required)
Grand Ballroom

Including Annual Awards Announcements and COVID-19 Showcase Tribute

8:30–11:00 P.M. Dance
Grand Ballroom

OPENING SESSION

9:00 A.M.

Welcome and Call to Order Johnnie Wright Sr.
SCAC President

Official Welcome. Joseph F. Passiment Jr.
Beaufort County Council Chairman

Recognition of Institute of Government
Graduate Class..... Johnnie Wright Sr.

Keynote Address Valerie A. Lemmie
Kettering Foundation

Legislative Update from Members of the S.C. General Assembly



**SOUTH CAROLINA
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MONDAY, AUGUST 2

WORKSHOP

10:45 A.M.–12:30 P.M.

County Government Hot Topics

Sabal Palm

Trending issues and hot topics of interest to county officials will be explored in this combined workshop.

- **Risk Management Principles to Save Lives and Money**

Robert Benfield

Director of Risk Management Services, SCAC

John Henderson

Director of Insurance Services, SCAC

SCAC’s Insurance Services staff will discuss risk management principles that could impact your county’s bottom line and help save lives.

- **Tackling the Litter Problem in SC Counties**

Mallory Coffey

Keep South Carolina Beautiful State Leader, PalmettoPride

Sarah Lyles

Executive Director, PalmettoPride

Contending with litter on South Carolina’s roadways has always been a concern for counties, and the COVID-19 pandemic has only exacerbated the problem. PalmettoPride will discuss programs designed to help counties alleviate this growing concern.

- **Legislative Update**

SCAC Legal Staff

SCAC staff will provide an overview of the 2021 legislative session and discuss bills that on the horizon for next year.

CONFERENCE PROGRAM

TUESDAY, AUGUST 3

8:00–10:00 A.M. Registration

Ballroom Foyer

9:00 A.M. General Session

Ballrooms A-I

GENERAL SESSION

9:00 A.M.

Welcome and Call to Order Johnnie Wright Sr.
SCAC President

Presentation of PalmettoPride Award Sarah Lyles
Palmetto Pride

Keynote Address Jeff Black
CEO, Black Sheep

Remarks The Honorable Larry Johnson
President, National Association of Counties

President's Report Johnnie Wright Sr.

**Report of the Constitution, Resolutions, and
Bylaws Committee** Steve Willis
Committee Chairman

Report of the Nominating Committee. Dwight L. Stewart Jr.
Committee Chairman

Election of Officers and Board of Directors Johnnie Wright Sr.

Drawing for Door Prize. Johnnie Wright Sr.

Adjournment

SPEAKERS



Valerie Lemmie **Director of Exploratory Research** **Charles F. Kettering Foundation**

After a distinguished career in public service, Valerie Lemmie joined the Charles F. Kettering Foundation as director of exploratory research, an opportunity that allows her to devote more attention to a long-standing research interest in political theory and practice and continue work begun in 2005 when she was a scholar-in-residence at the Foundation. In her new role, she identifies research opportunities and oversees research studies and learning exchanges that explore the fundamental question of the Foundation: How to make democracy work as it should? Much of her work centers around finding remedies for the mutual distrust that burdens the relationship between citizens and public institutions.

An adept leader and strategic thinker with more than 35 years of managerial experience in solving complex problems and controversial issues, Lemmie has served as acting chief of staff and district director for Congressman Mike Turner (Ohio's 10th District); commissioner on the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio; and city manager for the cities of Cincinnati and Dayton, Ohio and Petersburg, Virginia. She has also served as adjunct professor at the University of Dayton and Howard University and fellow at the Center for Municipal Management, George Washington University. In addition to her work in the United States, Lemmie has extensive experience internationally.

An active volunteer, Lemmie is the immediate past chair of the board of directors for the National Civic League; chair of the Dayton History board; treasurer for the Initiatives of Change, USA; and a member of the executive committee for the Deliberative Democracy Consortium. She is past president and an elected fellow of the National Academy of Public Administration and has served on presidential and congressional advisory committees.

A published author and speaker on public management and democratic governance, Lemmie received her bachelor's degree in political science and urban sociology from the University of Missouri and a master's degree in urban affairs/public policy planning from Washington University.



The Honorable Larry Johnson NACo President

Commissioner Larry Johnson was elected to the DeKalb County, Ga. Board of Commissioners in November 2002, making him one of the youngest ever to be elected to serve in this capacity. He was re-elected for his fifth term in November 2018.

Commissioner Johnson is passionate about services that benefit youth and improve health. He spearheaded the “DeKalb Walks...For the Health of It,” an initiative for which he designated walking as the official exercise of DeKalb — the only county in the U.S. to do so. His commitment to health captured the attention of former First Lady Michelle Obama, and he became involved in her national “Let’s Move!” campaign.

Commissioner Johnson was elected President of the National Association of Counties (NACo) in July 2021. Active in NACo since 2005, he has served in numerous leadership capacities within NACo. In 2017, he was appointed as the Chair of NACo’s Large Urban County Caucus, and in 2005, he chaired NACo’s Health Disparities Subcommittee.

Commissioner Johnson graduated from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign with a bachelor’s degree in community health. He later earned a master’s degree in public health from the University of Northern Colorado.



Jeff Black, Founder/CEO Black Sheep, Inc.

Jeff Black, principal of Black Sheep, has worked with executives, sports professionals, and leaders in twenty-four countries to prepare them for communication and business strategies. He provides keynotes, training, executive coaching, and consulting on enhancing executive presence, talking to the media, encouraging people to lead, building strong teams, and creating positive employee engagement.

As a former television anchor, talk show host, and reporter, Black brings a unique perspective to his passion in working with his clients. He is proud to be the co-founder of the “I Promise” Initiative, designed to encourage law enforcement agencies around the nation to renew their commitment to treating all citizens they protect and serve with dignity, respect, and fairness. The initiative was launched in Manning, S.C., with the City of Manning Police Department — Black’s hometown.

As a published author, Black has been quoted in articles of national cable news outlets. Black’s first book, *Unleash Your BS: (Best Self): Put Your Executive Presence to the Test!*, has been very successful.

EXHIBITORS

Please visit our exhibitor showcase located in Ballroom J and the West Hall of the Hilton Head Marriott. Exhibits will be open on Sunday, August 1, from 8:30 A.M. to 5 P.M. and Monday, August 2, from 8:30 A.M. to noon.

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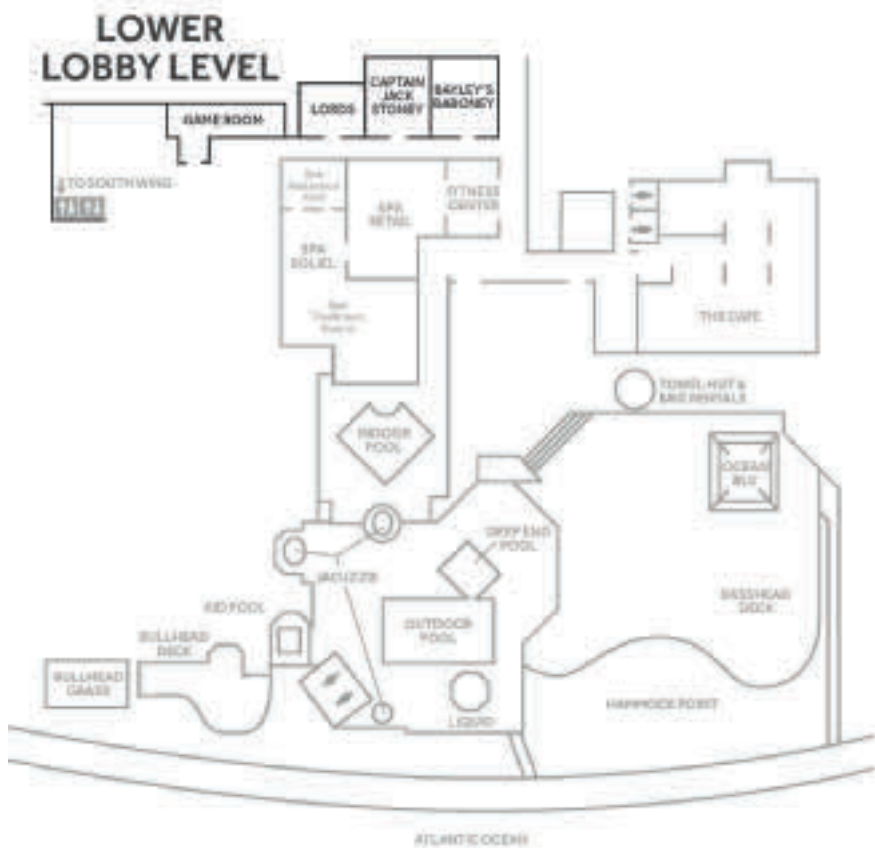
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