



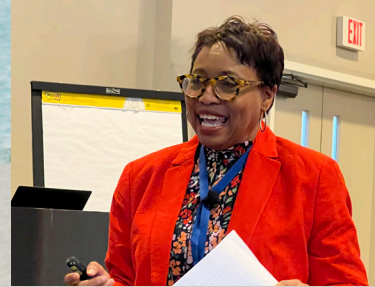
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**Annual Conference and Institute of Government
Wild Dunes Resort, Isle of Palms**



**ANNUAL CONFERENCE
August 1-3, 2023**



**INSTITUTE OF GOVERNMENT
July 31-August 1, 2023**



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WELCOME FROM THE PRESIDENT



Debra B. Summers
SCAC President
Lexington County

Welcome to the South Carolina Association of Counties' 2023 Annual Conference. We are excited to have you join us for the next several days of learning and networking. Sharing knowledge and best practices improves us in our roles as county leaders and helps us make informed decisions to benefit our counties and state.

I urge you to take advantage of all the conference has to offer as each year. The SCAC staff builds upon the success of previous events, using your feedback to deliver exceptional programming. Note these new and updated must-attend events:

- **The Legislative Power Hour and Breakfast** on Wednesday morning offers a great opportunity to mingle with state legislators, hear a panel discussion on issues, and ask questions relevant to your counties.
- **The General Session** will include recognition of our Institute of Government graduates and the announcement of the annual J. Mitchell Graham and Barrett Lawrimore Memorial Award winners. Please join me in celebrating the successes of our colleagues.
- **The Closing Reception** from 6 to 10 p.m. on Wednesday offers a fitting wrap-up and time to connect further with colleagues.

If you have not already done so, I encourage you to download our **free conference app** to get the most up-to-date information throughout the event, access in-depth speaker bios, and connect with SCAC Corporate Partners. Search for "SC Counties" in the App Store or Google Play. We also want you to share what you've learned via social media. Post your photos and relevant details on your own pages using #SCCounties23.

SCAC services and programs are strengthened by **your involvement**. Over the next few days, talk with staff about our Association's resources—from publications and legal assistance to advocacy and risk management—that are all designed to help you. Throughout the year, please stay engaged in the **legislative development process** and during the **legislative session**. Your voices and involvement with your delegations make a difference not only for your county but for South Carolina as together we demonstrate the **statewide strength of local leaders**.

Finally, thank **you** for giving your time and talents to your counties and to our amazing Association! It has truly been an honor serving as your president this year, and I wish you all an outstanding conference.

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GENERAL INFORMATION

APP

The SCAC Annual Conference App can be found in the App Store or in Google Play. Search for “SC Counties.” It contains the information published in this program, as well as any updated information. Visit the registration desk to get assistance with the conference app. Special thanks to app sponsor, Lumos.

REGISTRATION

Institute of Government and conference participants are required to register at SCAC’s registration desk in the Palms Foyer of the Sweetgrass Pavilion Conference Center. Pick up your registration packet, including your badge at the registration desk. **Name badges are required at all SCAC events and meetings.**

Participants may register at the following times:

- **Monday, July 31** –9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
- **Tuesday, August 1** –8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- **Wednesday, August 2** –8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

INCLUDED FOOD AND BEVERAGES

The **Institute of Government** registration fee covers the cost of coffee/beverage breaks (Monday morning/afternoon and Tuesday morning) and a boxed lunch (Monday) for Institute participants (registered guests are not included).

The registration fee for the **Annual Conference** covers the cost of coffee/beverage breaks in the Exhibit Hall (Tuesday afternoon/Wednesday morning and afternoon), President’s/Corporate Partners’ Reception, breakfast (Wednesday), and the 2023 Closing Reception for delegates and their registered guest. All guests must be pre-registered in order to attend.

All registered participants and guests must wear a name badge during all Annual Conference and Institute of Government events and food/beverage functions.

SPECIAL THANKS

Special thanks to Charleston County Technology Services for assisting with the livestreaming and recording of events for the 2023 SCAC Annual Conference. The SCAC Board of Directors and staff appreciate Charleston County’s support.

CONFERENCE PROGRAM

Institute of Government

MONDAY
07.31

9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Registration Open

Palms Foyer, Sweetgrass Pavilion Conference Center

Morning beverages sponsored by **Coporate Pharmacy Services, Inc.**

10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Level I: Strategic Planning [E]

Palmetto Hall, Behind Sweetgrass Pavilion Conference Center

10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Level II: Current Issues — Weathering the Next Crisis: What Counties Should Know about Emergency Management

Palms Ballroom, Sweetgrass Pavilion Conference Center

1:00 – 2:00 p.m.

Boxed Lunches (Institute Registrants Only)

Palms Foyer, Sweetgrass Pavilion Conference Center

Afternoon beverages sponsored by **Schneider Geospatial**

2:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Level I: Ethical Leadership and Public Service [R]

Osprey Ballroom, The Sweetgrass Inn

2:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Level I: Building Effective Intergovernmental Relations [E]

Palmetto Hall, Behind Sweetgrass Pavilion Conference Center

2:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Advanced: Leveraging Your County's Economic Development Toolkit

Palms Ballroom, Sweetgrass Pavilion Conference Center

TUESDAY
08.01

CONFERENCE PROGRAM

Institute of Government/Conference

8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Registration Open

Palms Foyer, Sweetgrass Pavilion Conference Center

8:00 a.m.

Worship Service

Indigo Room + Rooftop, The Sweetgrass Inn (6th floor)

8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Exhibit Area Open

Palms Foyer + Tides Ballroom, Sweetgrass Pavilion Conference Center

8:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Probate Judges Meeting

Osprey Ballroom, The Sweetgrass Inn

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Level I: Legal Issues in County Government [R]

Palms Ballroom, Sweetgrass Pavilion Conference Center

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Level II: Decision Making in a Political Environment

Palmetto Hall, Behind Sweetgrass Pavilion Conference Center

9:15 a.m.

Constitution, Resolutions and Bylaws Committee Meeting (see page 7)

Boardroom, The Boardwalk Inn

9:30 a.m.

Nominating Committee Meeting (see page 7)

Club Room, The Boardwalk Inn

CONFERENCE PROGRAM

Conference

TUESDAY
08.01

Constitution, Resolutions and Bylaws Committee Meeting

Resolutions approved by this committee will be submitted for the approval of the membership at the general session on Wednesday, August 2.

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 – Charles T. Edens**
Sumter County Council
- **Mary D. Anderson**
Chesterfield County Council Vice Chairwoman
- **C. David Chinnis**
Dorchester County Council Vice Chairman
- **Roy Costner III**
Pickens County Council Vice Chairman
- **Phillip M. Taylor Sr.**
Colleton County Council Vice Chairman

Nominating Committee Meeting

Nominations will be accepted for SCAC's 2023-2024 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 Wednesday's general session, immediately before the election by the membership.

- **Chairman – Johnnie Wright Sr.**
Orangeburg County Council Chairman
- **John Q. Atkinson Jr.**
Marion County Council Chairman
- **Joseph R. Branham**
Chester County Council Chairman
- **Charles T. Jennings**
McCormick County Council Chairman
- **Cecil M. Thornton Jr.**
Calhoun County Council

TUESDAY
08.01

CONFERENCE PROGRAM

Conference

Afternoon beverages sponsored by **The Felkel Group**

1:30 – 2:30 p.m.

Rural Caucus Meeting

Palms 1-3, Sweetgrass Pavilion Conference Center

1:30 – 2:30 p.m.

Urban Caucus Meeting

Palms 6-8, Sweetgrass Pavilion Conference Center

1:30 – 5:00 p.m.

Councils of Governments Executive Directors' Meeting

Boardroom, The Boardwalk Inn

1:30 – 5:00 p.m.

Clerks to Councils' Meeting

Palmetto Hall, Behind Sweetgrass Pavilion Conference Center

2:45 – 3:45 p.m.

County Managers, Administrators & Supervisors' Business Meeting

Palms 1-3, Sweetgrass Pavilion Conference Center

4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

SC Coalition of Black County Officials' Meeting

Club Room, The Boardwalk Inn

6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

President's/Corporate Partners' Reception

Osprey Ballroom, The Sweetgrass Inn

Reception co-sponsored by **Davis & Floyd, Inc.**

CONFERENCE PROGRAM

Conference

WEDNESDAY
08.02

8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Registration Open

Palms Foyer, Sweetgrass Pavilion Conference Center

8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Exhibit Area Open

Palms Foyer + Tides Ballroom, Sweetgrass Pavilion Conference Center

8:30 – 10:00 a.m.

Legislative Power Hour & Breakfast

Osprey Ballroom, The Sweetgrass Inn

10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

General Session*

Palms Ballroom, Sweetgrass Pavilion Conference Center

1:30 – 2:30 p.m.

ARPA & LATCF: Closing the Compliance Reporting Loop

Palms 4-5, Sweetgrass Pavilion Conference Center

1:30 – 2:30 p.m.

Proactively Building Partnerships

Palms 2-3, Sweetgrass Pavilion Conference Center

1:30 – 2:30 p.m.

Quality of Life Grants: Pathways, Parks, and Trails

Palms 7-8, Sweetgrass Pavilion Conference Center

2:45 – 3:45 p.m.

Federal & State Legislative Lightning Round

Palms 4-5, Sweetgrass Pavilion Conference Center

6:00 – 10:00 p.m.

Closing Reception

Osprey Ballroom + Patio, The Sweetgrass Inn

**Event will be livestreamed*

SPEAKERS



Bill Stainton **Author/Speaker**

Bill Stainton is an expert on innovation, creativity, and breakthrough thinking; a 29-time Emmy Award winner; and a Hall of Fame keynote speaker who takes the mystery out of innovation for leaders and their teams

worldwide.

For 15 years, Stainton produced the longest-running, highest-rated, and most award-winning regional comedy TV show in the United States. In 2019, he was inducted into the Council of Peers Award for Excellence Speaker Hall of Fame®, a lifetime award that honors professional speakers who have reached the top echelon of speaking excellence.

Stainton is the author of *The Innovation Blueprint* and has been cited in *Forbes* and *The Wall Street Journal*. He has also written for HBO, Comedy Central, and *The Tonight Show*, and is the creator of the Elite Innovation Roundtable, a think tank for innovative leaders. His clients include Microsoft, Boeing, Harley-Davidson, Amazon, Whirlpool, Nike, and Costco.



Laura Dawson Ullrich **Senior Regional Economist** **Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond**

Laura Ullrich is a senior regional economist at the Charlotte branch of the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond. Previously, Ullrich was associate dean for undergraduate programs and a professor of economics at Winthrop University. She earned a bachelor's degree in economics from the University of Georgia and a master's and doctorate in economics from the University of Tennessee. Prior to graduate school, she worked as a business consultant for Ernst & Young, specializing in executive compensation determination. In 2014, she served as a Fulbright Scholar teaching economics in Kosovo and has spent considerable time working on local economic development issues in Bolivia.

Ullrich's research interests include higher education, school finance reform, local and state level tax and expenditure analyses, and the economic impact of local development. Ullrich is a member of the Aspen Institute Global Leadership Network and serves on the Executive Committee of the Charlotte Regional Business Alliance and the board of the Catawba Regional Council of Governments. She is also a board member of Family Promise of York County, the Rock Hill Technology Incubator, the Carolina Immigrant Alliance, and the Winthrop Eagle Club.

SPEAKERS



The Honorable Mary Jo McGuire NACo President

Commissioner Mary Jo McGuire became NACo President this July. She has been a Ramsey County Commissioner in Minnesota since 2012. Prior to the County Board, Commissioner McGuire served 16 years in the Minnesota State Legislature, serving in both the House and Senate.

She serves on NACo's Financial Services Corporation and the Audit and Finance Committee. She also serves on Healthy Counties Advisory Board and the Arts and Culture Commission.

She is also active in her state, serving as the current President of the Association of Minnesota Counties, and is a member of its Public Safety Policy Committee and Education and Research Committee.

She chairs Active Living Ramsey Communities and serves on the Suburban Ramsey Family Collaborative, Extension Committee, and Ramsey County League of Local Governments. She also works on the county's Legislative Team.

Commissioner McGuire is a lifelong resident of Ramsey County. She has a bachelor's in Business Administration from the College of St. Catherine, a law degree from Hamline University School of Law, and a master's in Public Administration from the Harvard University Kennedy School of Government.

She is an adjunct professor in the Master's of Organizational Leadership Department at St. Catherine University, and has served as a guest lecturer at West Point Military Academy.

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RESORT MAP

Palmetto Hall

Standalone Meeting Space

Sweetgrass Pavilion Conference Center:

Meeting Spaces:

- Palms Ballroom
- Tides Ballroom
- Sea Oats Office



Valet only

The Sweetgrass Inn

Accommodations

Meeting Spaces:

- Osprey Ballroom
- Avocet Boardroom
- Indigo Room & Rooftop

Pools (2)

Destination Spa

Dining:

- The Laughing Gull
- The Oystercatcher Restaurant & Bar
- The Nest Rooftop Bar



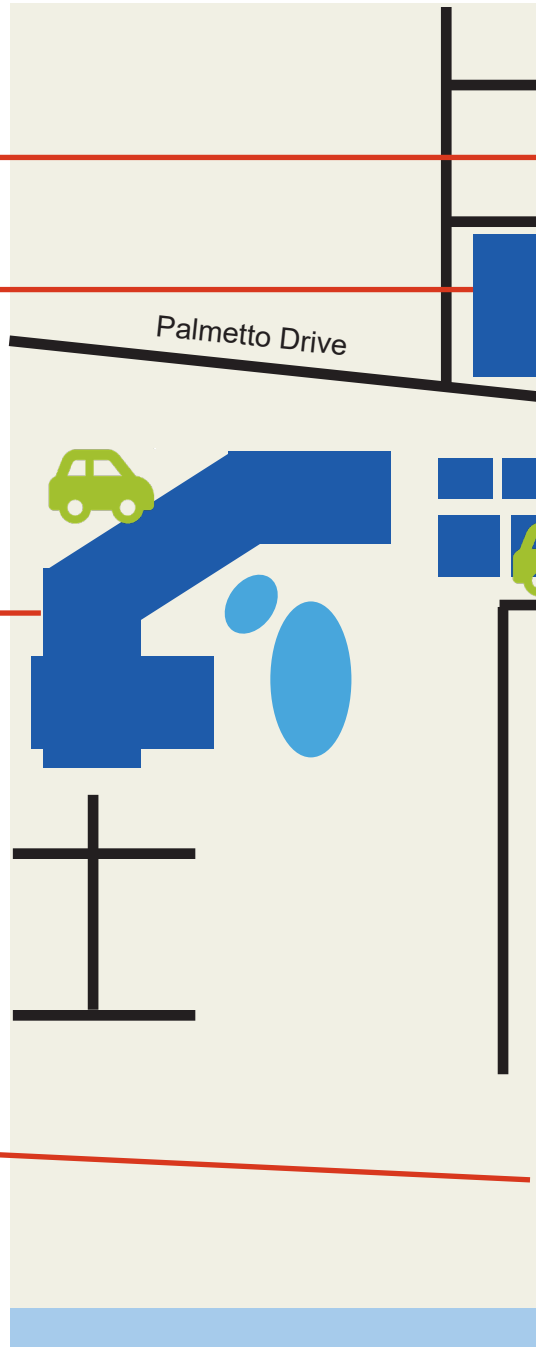
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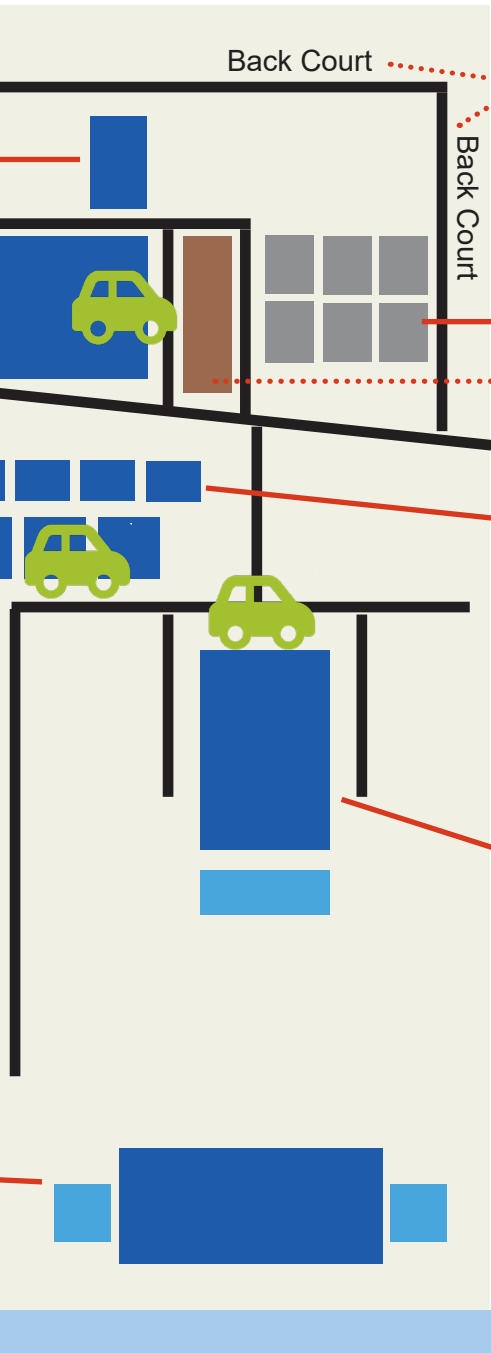
The Grand Pavilion

Pools (2)

Dining:

- Beachside Burgers & Bar
- Duney's Ice Cream Shop





Limited self-parking (Back Ct.)



Tennis Courts

Limited self-parking (brick lot)



The Residences at Sweetgrass

Accommodations

Dining:

- Hudson's Market & Cafe
- Coastal Crust

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Boardwalk Inn

Accommodations

Meeting Spaces:

- Club Room
- Boardroom

Adult-Only Pool

Dining:

- Coastal Provisions

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