

## SCAC Prepares to Host Annual Conference & Institute of Government

**S**SCAC will host its annual conference and Institute of Government classes July 30 to August 3 in Hilton Head (*See Program at a Glance, P. 2*). The conference schedule has been enhanced to provide more educational and networking opportunities. From newly added caucus meetings and an opening session on Monday to dynamic keynote speakers, this year's conference offers a rich platform for county leaders to learn and make more informed decisions for their communities.

The annual banquet will be held Monday evening where the winners of the Association's 2021 Awards Program will be announced, and COVID-19 Response and Resiliency Showcase entrants will be recognized. Institute of Government graduates will be recognized Monday during the opening session.

On Monday, the opening session and award announcements during the annual banquet will be livestreamed, as well as the general session on Tuesday. County officials will receive more information via e-mail regarding how to participate in these sessions virtually. SCAC is grateful to The Beaufort County Channel for its continued partnership in broadcasting conference sessions.

### Speakers

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

SCAC is pleased to have Valerie Lemmie as the keynote speaker for Monday's opening session. After a distinguished career in public service, Lemmie joined the Charles F. Kettering Foundation

**Keynote Speaker, Opening Session**



Valerie Lemmie

to devote more attention to a long-standing research interest in political theory and practice. In this role, she identifies research opportunities and oversees studies and learning exchanges that explore the fundamental question of the Foundation: How to make democracy work as it should.

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, Va. 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.

A published author and speaker on public management and democratic governance, Lemmie received a 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.

**NACo President, Commissioner Larry Johnson of DeKalb County, Ga.**

Commissioner Larry Johnson will address conference delegates during the general session on Tuesday. 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.

**Speaker, General Session**



**NACo President  
Larry Johnson**

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.

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.

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 will serve as the keynote speaker for Tuesday's general session and his address will be focused on "Leading Communities in a Post-Pandemic World." Black has worked with executives, sports professionals, and leaders in 24 countries to prepare them for communication and business strategies. He provides keynotes,

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training, executive coaching, and consulting on enhancing executive presence, talking to the media, presenting to employees, encouraging people to lead, building strong teams, and creating positive employee engagement.

**Keynote Speaker,  
General Session**



**Jeff Black**

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.

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., Black's hometown, with the City of Manning Police Department.



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## Program at a Glance

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## SCAC's Annual Conference

Hilton Head Marriott Hotel, Hilton Head Island

July 30 – Aug. 3, 2021

### Friday, July 30, 2021

9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.  
10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.  
2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Registration  
Institute of Government Classes  
Institute of Government Classes

### Saturday, July 31, 2021

8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.  
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.  
1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.  
4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Registration  
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### Sunday, August 1, 2021

8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.  
8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.  
8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.  
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.  
1:30 p.m.

Worship Service  
Registration  
Exhibit Area Open  
Institute of Government Classes  
County Managers, Administrators &  
Supervisors' Business Meeting  
Clerks to Council  
Nominating Committee  
Constitution, Resolutions and  
Bylaws Committee  
Kershaw County Reception  
President's/Exhibitors' Reception

2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.  
2:00 p.m.  
2:30 p.m.

4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.  
6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

### Monday, August 2, 2021

8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.  
8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.  
9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.  
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Exhibit Area Open  
Registration  
Opening Session  
Councils of Governments  
Executive Directors  
Probate Judges  
Workshop  
Rural Caucus and Urban  
Caucus Meetings  
Annual Conference Banquet  
(Ticket Required)  
Dance

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.  
10:45 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.  
1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

8:30 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.

### Tuesday, August 3, 2021

9:30 a.m.

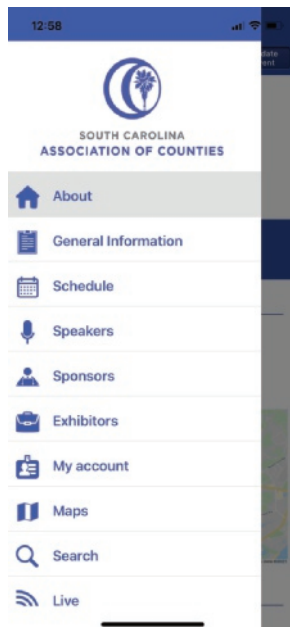
General Session

## SCAC Offers New App for 2021 Annual Conference

**S**CAC has a new app for the 2021 Annual Conference. The app contains the schedule, speaker and exhibitor information, and maps of the venue. It updates automatically, making sure users always have the most current information right at their fingertips.

The app is free and available for download from the App Store at [apple.co/3jN6q6e](https://apple.co/3jN6q6e) or Google Play at [bit.ly/3dQgS98](https://bit.ly/3dQgS98) by searching for “Grupio”. Once you’ve downloaded the Grupio app, simply search the app for “SCAC”. For those who want to use the app on a Windows phone, on a Blackberry, or even from a desktop, the web app is also available online. Visit [grupio.com/SCAC2021](https://grupio.com/SCAC2021) and bookmark the page for future use.

If you want to use any of the personalization features (ex. My calendar), you’ll need to click on “My account” to register with the app and then log in. SCAC2021 is set as a default password.



## NEWS BRIEFS

**Fees Charged on Property Tax Bills in Question**—The SC Supreme Court issued an opinion that could impact fees charged on the property tax bill. County attorneys are encouraged to review the opinion, which is posted online at [sccourts.org/opinions/HTMLFiles/SC/28041.pdf](https://sccourts.org/opinions/HTMLFiles/SC/28041.pdf)

**ARPA Recovery Fund Information**—NACo continues to host American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) webinars to discuss U.S. Treasury Department guidance for local recovery funds. Past webinars and events can be viewed on the NACo website at [NACo.org](https://NACo.org). Additional COVID-19 resources, including ARPA guidance and FAQs, are located at [SCCounties.org](https://SCCounties.org).

**Awards Competition and Showcase Videos Available for Online Viewing**—SCAC would like to thank all counties that entered the J. Mitchell Graham Memorial and Barrett Lawrimore Memorial Regional Cooperation Awards Competitions and the COVID-19 Response and Resiliency Showcase. Videos of the county presentations may be viewed online at [SCCounties.org/awards/video-library](https://SCCounties.org/awards/video-library).

**FY 2022 State Budget Passed**—The S.C. General Assembly passed the FY 2022 budget. The budget bill includes an increase in the Local Government Fund (LGF) of \$17.92 million statewide.

**State Salary Supplements**—State salary supplements for county auditors and treasurers for FY 2022 increased by 2.5% to \$21,993 (salary-only disbursement). Supplements for sheriffs, clerks of court, registers of deeds, and coroners remain at \$1,575. For information about mandated court salaries, contact S.C. Court Administration at (803) 734-1800.

**New Annual Conference App Now Available**—SCAC’s new app for the 2021 Annual Conference (July 30 – August 3) is available now! The app contains schedule, speaker and exhibitor information, and venue maps. It’s free and available on the App Store or Google Play by searching for “Grupio”. Open the Grupio app & search for “SCAC”.

**Grants of Interest**—Check out SCAC’s grants webpage at [SCCounties.org/grants](https://SCCounties.org/grants) to learn about new grant opportunities. Funding opportunities currently listed include Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) grants, Community Development Block (CDBG) grants and South Carolina Rural Infrastructure Authority (RIA) grants.

## Pickens County Continues Efforts to Reduce Litter with Pick Up Pickens

**C**lean communities are safe communities, good for tourism and economic development and a source of pride. Pickens County Council has stepped up their efforts to reduce the amount of litter in Pickens County.



At the directive of Pickens County Council, the Pick Up Pickens program was developed in an effort to clean up 25 percent of roads in the county in 2021. Pick Up Pickens is a litter initiative that encourages residents and civic organizations to participate in litter pick ups around the county. Incentivizing residents and civic organiza-



tions to participate in litter pickups helps toward the goal of being a litter-free community. The program is housed under Keep Pickens County Beautiful, an affiliate of Keep America Beautiful.

There was a designated one-month-long application window, which provided pick up dates throughout the summer. Eligible

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organizations applied via an online application. To participate, a nonprofit organization, school, business or civic group was required to:

- Have been in existence for at least one year prior to date of submitting application
- Provide proof of 501(c)(3) status (if applying as a nonprofit organization)
- Submit a W-9 Form
- Provide proof of liability insurance (if carried) and agree to sign individual liability waivers

Upon completion and verification of road cleanup, organizations will be awarded a sum of \$250 per mile cleaned. Staff is exploring whether funding for Pick Up Pickens would meet the eligibility requirements of the American Rescue Plan Act.

For more information on Pick Up Pickens please visit the Parks, Recreation and Tourism page at [pickenscountysc.com](http://pickenscountysc.com).

## Lancaster County's EMS Boot Camp Receives NACo Achievement Award!

The National Association of Counties (NACo) has awarded Lancaster County's EMS Boot Camp a 2021 NACo Achievement Award in the Personnel Management, Employment, and Training category. The EMS Boot Camp, which prepares students for a career in emergency medicine, won the 2020 South Carolina Association of Counties J. Mitchell Graham Award.



"This shows how Lancaster EMS is on the cutting edge of addressing both training needs and staffing for our EMS Department," said Lancaster County Council Chairman Steve Harper. "We have an outstanding EMS Department, which has been recognized on both the state and national level."

NACo President Gary Moore said, "Over the past year, county officials and frontline employees have demonstrated bold, inspirational leadership. This year's Achievement Award winning programs illustrate the innovative ways counties build healthy, safe and vibrant communities across America."

NACo's annual Achievement Awards program, started in 1970, is designed to recognize county government innovations. Each year, the program recognizes achievements in 18 different categories that reflect the vast, comprehensive services counties and state associates representing counties provide. The categories include children and youth, criminal justice and public safety, county administration, information technology, health, civic engagement and more.

NACo awarded 844 achievement awards this year to counties and state associations representing counties, and Lancaster County was the only county in South Carolina to receive one.

## SCAC Board and SCAC Trusts' Boards Met on May 19th



The Boards of Directors for the S.C. Workers' Compensation Trust (SCCWCT) and S.C. Property & Liability Trust (SCCP&LT), and Board of Directors for SCAC met on May 19 at DoubleTree in Columbia. Chairing the Trusts' meeting (above) was Trusts' Vice Chairman Waymon Mumford (Florence County Council Member). Chairing SCAC's meeting (below) was SCAC President Johnnie Wright Sr. (Orangeburg County Council Chairman).



Waymon Mumford, Vice Chairman, SCCWCT and SCCP&LT



Johnnie Wright Sr., SCAC President



## RIA Supports Infrastructure Improvements across South Carolina

**T**he S.C. Rural Infrastructure Authority (RIA) has approved grant assistance for 27 projects, totaling more than \$13 million. RIA is proud to support water, sewer and storm drainage projects that ensure reliability for utility customers, protect the public health of those served by the infrastructure and expand it to assist new and existing industries. This brings the total funds awarded this fiscal year to \$26.1 million.



**South Carolina  
Rural Infrastructure Authority**

These RIA grants will be combined with more than \$25 million in local and other funds to address pressing health and environmental concerns, replace infrastructure that is beyond its useful life and support thriving economies. The partnerships among federal, state and local governments provide a critical supplement to local efforts to fund utility service through sustainable business models.

### RIA Announces Grant Application Deadlines

RIA recently announced the following grant application deadlines:

**Round 1 – September 13, 2021**

**Round 2 – March 14, 2022**

In addition to the Basic and Economic grants that RIA offers, RIA has set aside \$1 million in grants to support utilities in planning for long-term viability through regional solutions.

“Now more than ever, the RIA is committed to helping communities achieve long-term sustainability in water and sewer infrastructure,” said Executive Director Bonnie Ammons. “This is not a new concept. Our grant program often helps to address the most critical needs of a system. But, we are also striving to develop targeted, forward-looking strategies to work together with utilities to build a stronger future.”

Some of the recipients selected in this round will use the grant funds to correct issues with sewer overflows and improve drinking water quality. Other projects will replace infrastructure that has reached the end of its useful life and lay the groundwork for future capacity needs.

The remaining projects will extend or improve infrastructure to serve businesses and industry in the state that are creating jobs and other economic opportunities locally. Together, these fiscal year 2021 projects will benefit nearly 81,000 customers in 32 counties, with more than 70 percent of the projects targeting rural areas.

RIA grants are awarded twice a year through a competitive process that considers the need for improved public health, environmental protection, community sustainability and economic development. Applications are selected by the RIA board based on criteria, including severity of the problem, expected impact and project feasibility. Recipients share in the cost of projects by paying for non-construction activities and, oftentimes, providing additional funds for construction.

To learn more about RIA or how to apply for grant assistance, visit [ria.sc.gov](http://ria.sc.gov).

## DHEC Posts Draft Federal FY 2021 IUPs for Clean Water and Drinking Water SRF Programs; Comments Due July 19th

**D**HEC has posted Draft Federal FY 2021 Intended Use Plans (IUPs) for the Clean Water (CW) and Drinking Water (DW) State Revolving Fund (SRF) Programs for public comment. Each Draft IUP contains a list of Provisional Projects eligible to make use of SRF assistance (low-interest loan or principal forgiveness funds) for drinking water, wastewater or stormwater infrastructure in State FY 2022.



Copies of the Draft IUPs and the Public Notice document announcing the public comment period, and current

Comprehensive Priority Lists may be accessed via the SRF Program webpage at [scdhec.gov/srf](http://scdhec.gov/srf), and on DHEC's Public Notice webpage at [apps.dhec.sc.gov/Environment/PublicNotices](http://apps.dhec.sc.gov/Environment/PublicNotices).

Please direct written comments on the IUPs to Chuck Gorman, SRF Director, DHEC, 2600 Bull Street, Columbia, S.C. 29201, or [gormancm@dhec.sc.gov](mailto:gormancm@dhec.sc.gov). Comments received by 5 p.m. July 19, 2021 will be considered in finalizing the IUPs.

If you have general questions or trouble accessing the documents on the website, contact Lynne LaSalle at [Lynne.LaSalle@dhec.sc.gov](mailto:Lynne.LaSalle@dhec.sc.gov) or (803) 898-4395 or Chuck Gorman at [gormancm@dhec.sc.gov](mailto:gormancm@dhec.sc.gov) or (803) 898-3993.

## RFA Publishes FAQ Document on Redistricting in S.C.

**T**he S.C. Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office (RFA) has published an FAQ document that provides an overview of redistricting in South Carolina, which is available at [sccounties.org/sites/default/files/uploads/News/overview\\_of\\_redistricting\\_in\\_south\\_carolina.pdf](http://sccounties.org/sites/default/files/uploads/News/overview_of_redistricting_in_south_carolina.pdf). Counties are encouraged to share this informational piece with their elected officials, staff, and



citizens. RFA is available to assist counties with redistricting. You can learn more about the RFA's redistricting process by visiting RFA's website at [rfa.sc.gov/programs-services/precinct-demographics](http://rfa.sc.gov/programs-services/precinct-demographics) or contacting Victor Frontroth at (803) 734-0969 or [victor.frontroth@rfa.sc.gov](mailto:victor.frontroth@rfa.sc.gov).



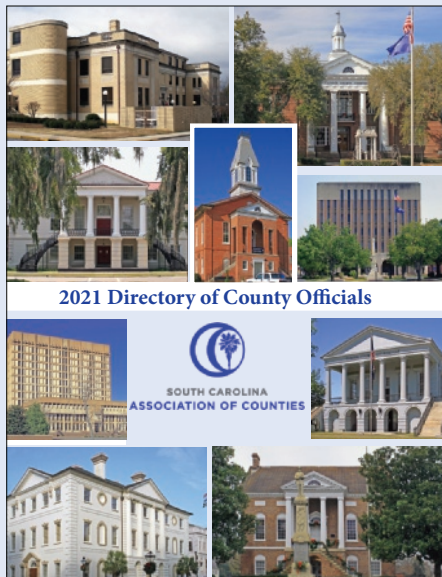
# SCAC's 2021 Directory of County Officials

SCAC's *2021 Directory of County Officials* was published and distributed in March. So, order a copy if you want to know "Who's Who" in South Carolina county government.

The *Directory* identifies all elected and appointed county officials in the state. This popular, award-winning publication also identifies SCAC's Officers, Board of Directors and Corporate Partners; Regional Councils of Government; Federal and State Officials; and State Senators and Representatives. Addresses and telephone numbers are included for all county officials, state officials and members of the S.C. General Assembly.

Cost: \$25.00 per copy (including tax, postage, shipping and handling).

- To order your copy of the *2021 Directory of County Officials*, please contact:



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## SCAC Hosts Webinar on Two Recent S.C. Supreme Court Decisions Impacting Counties

SCAC conducted a webinar on July 8, 2021 to discuss the impact of two recent SC Supreme Court decisions—*Mercury Funding, LLC v. Kimberly Chesley*, and *James Mikell "Mike" Burns v. Greenville County*.



Josh Rhodes, SCAC Deputy Executive Director and General Counsel, participates in the webinar.

Forty-six county attorneys and deputy county attorneys participated in the webinar. Josh Rhodes, SCAC Deputy Executive and General Counsel, along with John DeLoache, SCAC Senior Staff Attorney, were the presenters for the webinar. Based on the questions and feedback from the participants, the webinar was helpful and informative. A recording of the meeting is available at [vimeo.com/573087167](https://vimeo.com/573087167).

SCAC will be conducting a survey on the financial impact these decisions will have on each county. SCAC will also continue to inform counties of any developments surrounding these court decisions.

## NACo Offers FREE Virtual Cyberattack Simulations



NACo is offering virtual cyberattack simulations free of charge to all NACo member counties. These simulations are designed for cybersecurity managers, their teams, and others in the county responsible for risk defense, protection, and recovery (including managers in HR, policy management, finance, public safety, and emergency services).

There are four weeklong simulations designed to take approximately 45 to 90 minutes per day for one week. Activities can be completed on the participant's schedule.

To learn more, visit [naco.org/naco-cyberattack-simulation](https://naco.org/naco-cyberattack-simulation) or contact Rita Reynolds at [rreynolds@naco.org](mailto:rreynolds@naco.org).

## SCAC/NACo Partnership Offers New Online Leadership Academy



SCAC recently announced a new partnership with NACo to build strong county leaders. The NACo High Performance Leadership Academy is an online 12-week program that empowers county government professionals with the leadership skills to deliver results for counties.

The NACo Enterprise Cybersecurity Leadership Academy is similarly structured and geared for county employees dedicated to cybersecurity, IT, and risk management. Through the SCAC/NACo partnership, South Carolina counties are eligible for a registration fee of \$1,545 (instead of the \$2,495 retail price).

For more information about High Performance Leadership Academy, visit: [naco.org/resources/education-and-training/naco-high-performance-leadership-academy](https://naco.org/resources/education-and-training/naco-high-performance-leadership-academy).

## Are You in the Know on the S.C. General Assembly's Actions and Association Events?

SCAC is now distributing *Friday Reports*, *Legislative Alerts*, and conference registration information digitally through social media, Constant Contact emails, and on its website. Paper copies will no longer be mailed. As local leaders, SCAC wants to make sure all county officials and staff members continue to receive critical legislative and conference information. If you have not been receiving the *Friday Report* e-mails, please contact Jennifer Haworth, SCAC Member Services Coordinator, at [jhaworth@scac.sc](mailto:jhaworth@scac.sc) or (803) 252-7255.

Follow SCAC on Facebook, Twitter, and LinkedIn to learn what's happening at the State House and how SCAC's programs, services, and conferences can benefit your county. Find us at SCCounties on Facebook and Twitter, and South Carolina Association of Counties on LinkedIn. Help us amplify your county's good news by tagging SCAC in your posts and/or using the #SCCounties, #LocalLeaders, and #StatewideStrength hashtags.



## White House Announces BRIC Grants for FY 2021 and SCEMD Briefings



The White House recently announced that \$1 billion dollars will go toward Building Resilient Infrastructures and Communities (BRIC) FY 2021, which will be double the amount available in BRIC last year. The increased funding will allow communities to take a more proactive approach to hazard mitigation. BRIC promotes innovation and partnerships, which, combined with the larger funding amount, allows for larger and more ambitious mitigation projects to be awarded.

South Carolina Emergency Management Division (SCEMD) mitigation staff are ready to begin working with interested state, county, and local government entities to develop strong applica-

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tions for hazard mitigation projects that will reduce future damage and improve community resilience. Because these applications will compete with others from throughout the nation and because some projects may be technically detailed and complex, SCEMD encourages counties to begin application development now. SCEMD will work with counties, so their applications have the best chance of success given the opportunity to make significant improvements in the resilience of their jurisdictions and South Carolina as a whole.

The BRIC information page outlines basic information about the program. SCEMD is also scheduling virtual applicant briefings

to provide information about the BRIC program and application process to any local or state government/agency in South Carolina that might be interested. Once the BRIC Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) is released—expected in August—they will schedule additional information sessions/briefings with updated details including application deadlines.

Planned applicant briefing dates:

- Wednesday, July 14 at 10AM
- Thursday, July 22 at 10AM
- Wednesday, July 28 at 10AM

For more information or to sign up for an applicant briefing, email [Mitigation@emd.sc.gov](mailto:Mitigation@emd.sc.gov).

## SCAC's 2021 Conference Calendar

### July 30, 31 & Aug. 1

Institute of Government for County Officials  
**Aug. 1 - 3**  
Annual Conference  
Hilton Head Marriott

### Oct. 20

Institute of Government for County Officials  
**Oct. 21**  
County Council Coalition  
Embassy Suites, Columbia

### Nov. 19

S.C. Local Government Attorneys' Institute  
DoubleTree, Columbia

### Dec. 2 - 3

Legislative Conference  
Renaissance, Charleston

## Did You Know?

### S.C. State Ethics Commission:

Did you know that a public official, public member, or public employee cannot get paid for speeches given in their official capacity? Public officials, members, and employees may be reimbursed for their actual expenses but cannot receive anything of value for speaking before a public or private group.

For more information please see Section 8-13-715 of the Ethics Reform Act or call the State Ethics Commission at (803) 253-4192.



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## NACo's 2022 Conference Calendar

### Feb. 12 - 16

Legislative Conference  
Washington Marriott  
Wardman Park  
Washington, D.C.



## Webinars & Online Training

SCAC has now made available online **Level I: Managing and Conducting Meetings [E]** and **Level II: The Policy Role of Council**. Both courses provide credit in the Institute of Government upon completion and have an \$80 registration fee. For more information, see page 55.

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