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SCAC to Host 52nd Annual Conference Aug. 4 – 7

SCAC will host its 52nd Annual Conference from August 4 to 7 in Hilton Head.

The conference, designed to help county leaders lead and serve more effectively, will offer training sessions, workshops and other opportunities for county leaders to network and discuss challenges they face. The conference will also allow county leaders to meet with SCAC's corporate supporters and conference exhibitors.

New SCAC officers and board members will be elected. Top county programs and projects will be presented and recognized, and awards will be presented. (See **Program at a Glance**, P. 2)

Conference Speakers

NACo First Vice President Mary Ann Borgeson will speak at the general session on Tuesday, August 6.

Commissioner Borgeson is the first woman from Nebraska to be elected to this national position. Elected to the Douglas County Board of Commissioners in 1994, she served 11 years as the first chairwoman of the Douglas County Board of Commissioners.

Active in NACo for many years, Commissioner Borgeson has served as president of Women of NACo, and as chair of NACo's Health and Human Services Steering Committee and Cyber Security Task Force. She has also served as vice chair of NACo's Large Urban County Caucus, the Healthy Counties Initiative Advisory Board, and the Health Steering Committee. Borgeson is a member of the International and Economic Development Taskforce, the Arts and Culture Commission, and the Membership and Programs and Services committees.

Speaker for General Session



Mary Ann Borgeson
NACo
First Vice President

Keynote Speaker for General Session



Robert "Bobby" M. Hitt III
S.C. Secretary of
Commerce

Speaker for Betty T. Roper Luncheon



Henri Baskins
Executive Vice President
Columbia Chamber of
Commerce

This year's general session keynote speaker will be S.C. Secretary of Commerce **Robert "Bobby" M. Hitt III**. Secretary Hitt was appointed by Governor Nikki Haley in January 2011. Aiming to cultivate a team-first approach to economic development, Secretary Hitt mobilized the state's many partners and allies to

assist in building and site certification, infrastructure improvement, international trade growth, supplier development, workforce development, and statewide promotion through the 'Just right' campaign. As a result, Team South Carolina has achieved unprecedented industry recruitment success.

S.C. Commerce has recruited \$36.6 billion in capital investment and more than 130,000 new jobs since 2011. The Palmetto State has achieved an export sales record in each year of Secretary Hitt's tenure, topping \$32 billion in total export sales for the first time in 2017. Additionally, South Carolina has consistently ranked first in the nation in the export sales of both completed passenger motor vehicles and tires.

Seeking continued growth of South Carolina's target industry clusters, S.C. Commerce collaborates with the S.C. Council on Competitiveness to advance the state's aerospace and logistics industries, as well as the S.C. Automotive Council and the S.C. Biotechnology Industry Organization to advance the automotive and life science industries, respectively.

Understanding the importance of bringing business to business, the agency has spearheaded the coordination of many B2B events and operates a product and service locator database known as SourceSC. Under Hitt's leadership, S.C. Com-

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merce has created The Council for Innovation Initiatives and the Coordinating Council for Workforce Development to enhance collaboration and to elicit the expertise of leaders from a variety of public and private organizations.

Before his time as Secretary of Commerce, Hitt served as manager of Corporate Affairs at the BMW Manufacturing Company in Spartanburg County after 17 years as managing editor of *The State* and *The Columbia Record* newspapers.

Betty T. Roper Elected Women Officials' Luncheon

Henri Baskins, executive vice president of the Columbia Chamber of Commerce, will serve as this year's Betty T. Roper

Elected Women Officials' Luncheon Speaker on Monday, August 5. Known as a leader in the telecommunications industry and for her commitment to missionary work, Baskins is a recipient of Columbia College's Circle of Influence Award and the Girl Scouts' Women of Distinction Award.

After a distinguished career with AT&T, Baskins retired as the company's Regional Director of Regulatory and External Affairs in 2011. Prior to joining the Columbia Chamber of Commerce in 2017, Baskins served as executive director of the Greater Columbia Community Relations Council. She is a graduate of Liberty University and earned two master's degrees from the Georgia Institute of Technology.

Baskins is active in her local community and has chaired the boards of South Carolina Independent Colleges and Universities, Junior Achievement, City Year, South Carolina 911 Advisory Committee, and the Martin Luther King, Jr. Foundation. She was named one of *Columbia Business Monthly's* 50 Most Influential People in 2017 and is an inductee of the South Carolina Telecommunications Hall of Fame.

Her international missionary work has helped some of the most vulnerable populations in Ghana, Nigeria, Cote d'Ivoire, Sri Lanka and Latin America. From assisting pastors and lay leaders with their biblical teachings, to helping women create micro-businesses, Baskins has also provided leadership training, business/strategic planning and personal coaching to those in need.

Program at a Glance for SCAC's 52nd Annual Conference

Hilton Marriott Hotel, Hilton Head Island

NOTE: Meeting room locations will be announced once confirmed.

August 4 – 6, 2019

Sunday, August 4, 2019

Worship Service	8:00 – 9:00 a.m.
Registration	10:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Exhibit Area Open	10:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
J. Mitchell Graham/Barrett Lawrimore Memorial Awards Competition	1:00 p.m.
Clerks to Council	2:00 – 5:00 p.m.
Nominating Committee	3:00 p.m.
Constitution, Resolutions and Bylaws Committee	3:30 p.m.
President's/Exhibitors' Reception	6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Monday, August 5, 2019

Exhibit Area Open	8:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon
Registration	8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Association Group Meetings, scheduled to be held from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon on Monday, will be announced.

County Council Coalition	9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon
County Managers, Administrators & Supervisors Meeting	9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon
Betty T. Roper Elected Women Officials' Luncheon (Ticket Required)	12:00 noon – 1:30 p.m.

WORKSHOPS 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

- A Community Opioid Toolkit
- Building Resilient Communities
- Legislative Update
- Public Corruption and Fraud

Evening will be open for networking opportunities.

Tuesday, August 6, 2019

Registration	9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon
General Session	10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon
S.C. Minority Coalition	12:30 p.m.
Banquet (Ticket Required)	6:45 p.m.
Entertainment by Deas-Guyz	9:00 p.m.



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J. Mitchell Graham and Barrett Lawrimore Memorial Awards Competition

The 2019 J. Mitchell Graham/Barrett Lawrimore Memorial Awards Competition will begin at 1 p.m. on Sunday, August 4.

The J. Mitchell Graham Memorial Award, established in memory of past SCAC President and Charleston County Council Chairman J. Mitchell Graham, recognizes excellence in governmental performance.

The Barrett Lawrimore Memorial Award, established in memory of past SCAC President Barrett S. Lawrimore, recognizes the most outstanding regional cooperative effort of two or more political subdivisions.

County Council Coalition Meeting

The County Council Coalition Meeting will be held from 9 a.m. to 12 noon on Monday, August 5. During the meeting, the S.C. Commission of Disabilities and Special Needs will present the annual Golden Palmetto Award.

Association Group Meetings and Workshops

Several county official associations will hold meetings from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon on Monday, August 5.

The following four workshops, focusing on issues facing county government, will also be offered from 2 to 4 p.m. the same day:

- A Community Opioid Toolkit
- Building Resilient Communities
- Legislative Update
- Public Corruption and Fraud

Institute of Government for County Officials

The Institute of Government for County Officials will be held on Saturday, August 3, and Sunday, August 4 preceding the annual conference.

The Institute will offer the following courses:

Saturday, August 3

- Building Effective Intergovernmental Relations
- Effective Communications
- Ethical Leadership and Public Service
- Strategic Planning
- Strengthening Your County's Fiscal Fitness

Sunday, August 4

- Bridging the Digital Divide
- Legal Issues in County Government
- The Policy Role of Council



Dorchester County Receives PRSA Silver Wing Award

The S.C. Chapter of the Public Relations Society of America (PRSA) announced on April 11 that Dorchester County had won a Silver Wing Award for its Online Newsroom, DorchesterCountySC.gov/news. PRSA is the nation's largest professional organization serving the communications community. Tiffany Norton, Dorchester County Public Information Officer (PIO), accepted the award on behalf of the county.

Dorchester County's online newsroom, strategically set up to serve as a central information hub for the county, enables the county to provide accurate, meaningful content to all audiences as quickly and efficiently as possible. It also significantly reduces the spread of misinformation and time that the county's PIO has to spend responding to data calls, which created a more efficient



On April 11, Dorchester County Administrator Jason L. Ward accompanies Public Information Officer Norton as she accepts PRSA's Silver Wing Award for the county's online newsroom.

department and cohesive voice for Dorchester County.



SCAC Holds OSHA Training Class for Four Counties

Forty-seven county officials representing Spartanburg, Fairfield, Union and Anderson counties attended an OSHA training class, held by SCAC on April 23 in Spartanburg. Terry Booker, *(Continued on next page)*



OSHA training class, Cleveland Park, Spartanburg, Apr. 23 (Photo by Van Henson, CPM, SCAC Risk Manager)




Spartanburg County Risk Manager, coordinated use of a facility at Cleveland Park for the class.

Presented by Joseph Crow of the S.C. Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation OSHA Office of Outreach and

Education, the class covered the following subjects: Personal Protective Equipment, Equipment Safety (mowers, string trimmers, chain saws, etc.), Traffic Exposure and Managing Heat Stress. There was a total of 47 individuals in attendance from Spartanburg, Fairfield, Union and Anderson Counties. The OSHA training class was one of many such classes that the SCAC Risk Management staff offers across South Carolina every year.





Webcasts & Webinars

Webcasts and webinars will be published here when scheduled. So, please check this schedule whenever you receive *Carolina Counties Newsletter*.

For more information, please contact Susan Turkopuls, SCAC, at (803) 252-7255 or sturkopuls@scac.sc. Or visit SCAC's website at: <http://www.sccounties.org/education-training>

SCAC's 2019 Conference Calendar

<p>Aug. 3 – 4 Aug. 4 – 7</p>	<p>Institute of Government Annual Conference <i>Hilton Head Marriott</i></p>
<p>Aug. 22</p>	<p>SetOff Debt/GEAR <i>Embassy Suites, Columbia</i></p>
<p>Sept. 18</p>	<p>Continuing Education Update for Risk Managers <i>Doubletree by Hilton, Columbia</i></p>
<p>Oct. 23 Oct. 24</p>	<p>Institute of Government County Council Coalition <i>Embassy Suites, Columbia</i></p>
<p>Nov. 22</p>	<p>S.C. Local Government Attorneys' Institute <i>DoubleTree by Hilton, Columbia</i></p>
<p>Dec. 5 – 7</p>	<p>Legislative Conference <i>Renaissance, Charleston</i></p>


You can register and pay online for SCAC conferences at www.sccounties.org/meetings.



NACo's 2019 Conference Calendar

<p>July 11 – 15</p>	<p>Annual Conference <i>Clark County/Las Vegas, Nev.</i></p>
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South Carolina State Ethics Commission: **Did You Know?**



You Can Always Seek Written Advice from the State Ethics Commission

If you are concerned about a matter related to the Ethics Reform Act, you can contact the Commission's general counsel, Courtney Laster, for help.

Please remember that your question must pertain to your own conduct and be prospective in nature. Courtney can be reached at claster@ethics.sc.gov.