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.

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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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
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)

WORKSHOPS
• 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.
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 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)
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.

Did you know? South Carolina State Ethics Commission:

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

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

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

NACo’s 2019 Conference Calendar

July 11 – 15  Annual Conference
     Clark County/Las Vegas, Nev.