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Upcoming Events

- BCBS Informational Meetings**
Various Locations, May 18-27, 2010
- NACo WIR Conference**
Billings, MT, May 26-28, 2010
- NACO Budget Workshop**
Kearney, May 27, 2010
- Clerks, Election Commissioners & Register of Deeds Workshop**
North Platte, June 9-11, 2010
- Clerks of District Court Workshop**
Omaha, June 9-11, 2010
- Treasurers Workshop**
Nebraska City, June 15-17, 2010
- NACo Annual Conference**
Reno, NV, July 16-20, 2010

Registration Still Available for the May 27 NACO Budget Workshop

Although the early registration deadline has passed, you can still register online through Friday, May 21 for this biennial workshop, which will be held May 27 in Kearney.

You can view the [agenda](#) and complete the [online registration](#) on the NACO [website](#).

A Message from Executive Director Larry Dix...

The NACO Board will consider and vote at their upcoming June 18th meeting to determine the representative from the Nebraska Association of County Officials who will serve as a member of the National Association of Counties board of directors.

The NACO Bylaws (Article IV, Section 2a) states:

There shall also be one (1) nonvoting ex officio Director: the county official appointed annually by the Directors to serve as the Nebraska representative on the National Association of Counties (NACo) Board of Directors, hereinafter called the Ex Officio Director. The Ex Officio Director shall be in addition to the seventeen Directors, unless the person so appointed already serves as an Officer, Metropolitan, District, or Affiliate Director in which event there shall be no Ex Officio Director.

Currently, Tim Loewenstein is the Nebraska representative. Tim was not successful in his bid to serve another term on the Buffalo County Board and therefore will no longer be eligible to serve in this capacity. If you, or you know of anyone, who wishes to be considered for this position, please let me know via email so they can be considered during the June 18th meeting.

I have attached the Nebraska Representative Guidelines as adopted by the NACO Board.

NACO BOARD of Directors Appointment Requirements

2010 Primary Election County Race Results

After what was a low voter turnout—23% statewide according to the [Secretary of State website](#)—many incumbents who held county offices will not be on the ballot in November. According to unofficial results, 27 county board members and 11 sheriffs were unsuccessful in their bid to advance to the General Election. All totaled, 50 county officials did not win their party's nomination.

[Unofficial county race results](#) can be viewed on the NACO website.

Reminder: NACo Steering Committee Nominations need to be received by NACO no later than June 1, 2010. Complete details were published in the April 20, 2010 edition of *E-News*. Please contact Larry Dix at NACO if you have any questions.

[2010-2011 Steering Committee Nomination Form \(PDF\)](#)

Upcoming Webinars...



NACo Webinar Series: “Public Safety Interoperable Communications”

This series of four webinars is designed for county officials and staff responsible for leading emergency response to public threats and disasters. Follow the link to register once for the complete series. Each webinar is scheduled for Tuesday from 1 – 2:15 pm CDT.

May 18: “Model Practices Engaged by Counties and Cities for Interoperable Communications”

May 25: “Grants and Funding for Interoperable Communications”

Ready-Set-Go Protects Lives and Property from Wildfire

Thursday, May 20

1 - 2:30 p.m. CDT

Fire professionals and planners will demonstrate a new public education program developed by the International Association of Fire Chiefs working with the US Forest Service. See how fire professionals and planners have implemented the Ready-Set-Go program to help citizens better protect their lives and property from wildfire.

Investing In County Greenways to Revitalize Local Communities

Thursday, May 27

1-2:30 p.m. CDT

Learn how your county can strategically enhance infrastructure with greenways and corridors throughout our urban and suburban communities.

Planning county greenways and wildlife corridors help your county save energy, conserve habitat, abate flooding, filter polluted runoff. These spaces also revitalize neighborhoods and business districts while encouraging healthy, walk-able communities.

Speakers will outline model processes and applications of developing greenways with community support and regional partnerships. Presenters will also highlight securing funding opportunities and training to help your county make the most of your natural resources.

ARRA: Innovative Borrowing Tools Available for Counties

Thursday, May 27

1 - 2:30 p.m. CDT

Charged with developing strategies for creating jobs and spurring economic activity under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA), the US Treasury Department administers a number of innovative borrowing tools that have relevance for county governments. Join this webinar to learn how these new programs have reduced borrowing costs and attracted new investors to municipal bond markets. An expert from the Treasury Tax Counsel’s office will provide an overview of the Recovery Zone and other bond programs under current law and discuss the potential impact of pending legislation on these programs.

The Nebraska Secretary of State Records Management Division has approved an update of Schedule 24—General Records for Local Government Agencies. Additional information can be found on the Records Management Division [webpage](#).

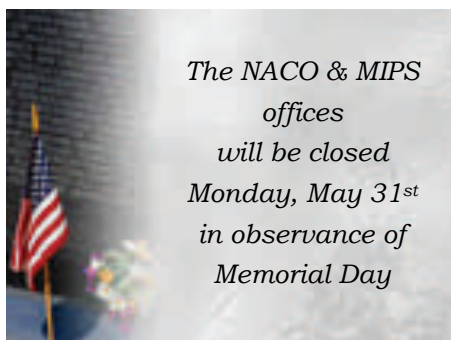
For more information on these and other upcoming webinars not listed here, go the NACo [Webinars & Seminars](#) page.

NDOR Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Survey

The Nebraska Department of Roads is conducting a survey for its Long Range Transportation Plan for the State of Nebraska. The purpose of the survey is to gather input to identify statewide, regional and local transportation issues facing Nebraska. The survey results will guide the NDOR in developing goals and objectives for the Long Range Transportation Plan: Vision 2032.

The survey will be available on the NDOR website from April 26 to May 24, 2010. Additional information can be found by clicking the links below.

[LRTP News Release](#) [LRTP Survey](#) (Online version) [LRTP Survey](#) (PDF version)



If you are aware of any news that may be of interest, please let us know

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