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Upcoming Events

NWCA Conference

Kearney, February 14-17, 2011

NACo Legislative Conference

Washington, D.C., March 5-9, 2011

Southeast District Meeting

Mahoney Park, March 10, 2011

Central District Meeting

Grand Island, March 17, 2011

Northeast District Meeting

Norfolk, March 18, 2011

NWCA Spring Training

Hastings, March 29-30, 2011

Counties' Legislative Day

Lincoln, April 7, 2011

West Central District Meeting

North Platte, April 13, 2011

Panhandle District Meeting

Alliance, April 14, 2011

The NACO/MIPS offices
will be closed
Monday, February 21st
for the observance of
President's Day

2011 NACO Institute of Excellence

Applications for the 2011 NACO Institute of Excellence are still being accepted. The program details and application are available by clicking on the links below or visiting the NACO website: www.nacone.org. The NACO Institute of Excellence is open to all elected and appointed county officials.



Letter of
Invitation



Brochure



Application

For questions, contact Jon Edwards at jon.edwards@nacone.org or 402-434-5660 ext. 227.

NACO Scholarship Program

Nebraska high school seniors who are the children or stepchildren of county officials or employees are encouraged to apply for one of twelve \$1000 NACO scholarships. Additional information and the downloadable [application](#) can be found under the 'Services' tab on the NACO website. The scholarship deadline is **March 1, 2011**.

Nebraska State Records Board Grant Announcement

The Nebraska State Records Board has announced that grant program funds are once again available to county and municipal governments for the creation or enhancement of electronic access to public records. The application deadline is April 20, 2011. Click [here](#) for requirements and the application form, or visit the State Records Board website at www.staterecordsboard.ne.gov.

2011 Directory of County Officials

The order form for the NACO 2011 Directory of County Officials is now available [online](#). Each directory is \$16/tax-exempt and \$17/taxable.

Nebraska Crime Commission Grant Application Deadline

Apr. 15, 2011 Title V Delinquency
Prevention & JABG

The applications and instructions can be accessed on the Crime Commission's website at <http://www.ncc.ne.gov>.

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Take Advantage of NACo's Web-based Education...



Communities Working Together for Lasting Solutions: Building Effective Leadership

Wednesday, February 16, 2011

1:00 PM - 2:15 PM CST

Effective county leadership reflects the demographic, economic, social and political changes in your community. To respond successfully to these changes, your community leadership needs to represent everyone. Join Trudy Rice, NACo Tabor Fellow from Kansas State University Research and Extension, to explore ways you can diversify your leadership base, as you prepare new leaders for future responsibilities. This is a NACo member only webinar.

Tell Your County Story: Creating a Countywide Media/Communications Plan

Wednesday, February 23, 2011

1:00 PM - 2:15 PM CST

Your county is helping people each day by providing essential services and programs. But if you don't tell your county's story, few will know. Are you a county official or employee with communications responsibilities who wants to initiate a more coordinated effort to "Tell Your County Story?" This webinar will discuss the importance of having a countywide communications/media plan, how to get started, and the communications tools you'll need to effectively tell your county story. This is a NACo member only webinar.

Implementing the Affordable Care Act: Updates and Upcoming Issues

Thursday, February 24, 2011

1:00 PM - 2:15 PM CST

Recent changes in the political landscape at both the federal and state level raise questions about how implementation of the Affordable Care Act will be impacted moving forward. Join this webinar to learn about aspects of the law scheduled to be implemented in the near term, current state implementation efforts and the potential effects of the new political climate. To register, click [here](#).

For more information on these, other upcoming and previous webinars, visit the NACo [Web-based Education](#) page.

NACo Accepting Applications for the 2011 County Courthouse Awards

Applications for the 2011 NACo County Courthouse Awards program are now available at <http://www.naco.org/programs/recognition/>. The County Courthouse Awards program is sponsored by Siemens and recognizes innovative governance by county elected officials from NACo Member counties. Award winners will receive an engraved plaque that they can display in their county, recognition at the 2011 NACo Annual Conference and a \$5000 college scholarship to present to a graduating high school senior. Awards will be given out in three categories: rural, suburban and urban. All NACo members are encouraged to apply. Applications must be received by April 29, 2011. Contact: Dalen Harris or Erik Johnston at (202) 393-6226 / dharris@naco.org or ejohnston@naco.org.



This year's Western Interstate Region Conference will take place May 18-20 in Chelan County/Wenatchee, Washington, and will focus on public lands and other issues critical to the western region of the United States. It provides county officials with the opportunity to hear speakers, discuss legislation, and network with other officials to exchange information on those issues. Save by registering before April 6! For additional information and registration, click [here](#).



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

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