



**ACCG Annual Conference**  
**Savannah International**  
**Trade & Convention Center**  
**April 27 – 30, 2018**

It's about **PEOPLE** coming together from great **PLACES** across the state to share **PERSPECTIVES** about issues facing their communities in a forum provided by **ACCG, Georgia's county association.**

*We invite you to join us, as we focus on advancing Georgia's counties through educational sessions, networking opportunities and member-based services designed to meet the needs of your community.*

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**Five Reasons to Come to this Year's Conference**



Inspiring keynote speakers specially selected for county officials to provide practical leadership lessons to enhance how you work with your peers, staff and community.



Two full days of ACCG Lifelong Learning Academy classes (22 to choose from!), as well as certification classes for county clerks. Section meetings for clerks, managers/administrators and attorneys also will be held.



Continuing education sessions and a special briefing from the ACCG policy team on legislation passed by the General Assembly that will impact counties.



Time to interact with vendors, state agencies and others who work with counties as part of the County Buyers Mart exhibit hall – including a chance to sample foods from across Georgia provided as part of the County Agents' Farm House.



A chance to explore Chatham County and the historic Savannah riverfront during one of the best times of the year!

## Keynote Speakers



**Lifelong Learning Academy Leadership Luncheon**  
**Friday, April 27**  
**11:45 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**

**Lt. Col. (Retired) Rob "Waldo" Waldman – Never Fly Solo**  
U.S. Air Force fighter pilots undergo elite, specialized training to accomplish their mission. Through his engaging personal story of overcoming claustrophobia and a fear of heights to serving as a combat pilot in some of today's most troubled regions, **Lt. Col. Waldo Waldman** will share how committing to excellence, preparing for change and engaging to win can help your county soar to new heights.



**Opening Keynote Session**  
**Saturday, April 28**  
**9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.**

Trust in government is a concept that is often discussed, yet trust can take years to build, seconds to break and much time to repair. **David Horsager** is a leading expert on trust and how it's built into everything from individual relationships to how government entities can function effectively. As a bestselling author of *The Trust Edge* and one of the leaders of the largest national study on trust, *The Trust Outlook*, he will provide insight on the trust gap in our political system and how you as local leaders can help to build, earn and share trust in government.



Gather along the riverfront on Saturday evening to enjoy the traditional oyster roast and a taste of Savannah from some of the area's most recognized eateries. Following dinner, get ready to dance and sing to a mix of familiar favorites as well as some of today's hits with the **Emerald Empire Band** on Saturday evening. Take advantage of this opportunity to reconnect with friends and get to know some more of your county peers!

Find a tentative agenda for the conference at the end of this information!

## Conference Registration

Please Note: Registration for county officials does not include registration for spouses.

Registration Package	Cost	Includes
<b>Conference Registration Package (1 class)</b>	\$650	This package covers admission to all conference general sessions and breakout sessions; section meetings for clerks and managers/administrators; the County Buyers Mart exhibit hall; all banquet and entertainment events; and a Friday <u>or</u> Monday Lifelong Learning Academy class.
<b>Conference Registration Package (2 classes)</b>	\$880	This package covers admission to all conference general sessions and breakout sessions; section meetings for clerks and managers/administrators; the County Buyers Mart exhibit hall; all banquet and entertainment events; and a Friday <u>and</u> Monday Lifelong Learning Academy class.
<b>Spouse or Guest Registration Package</b>	\$300	This package covers all banquet and entertainment events and admission to the County Buyers Mart exhibit hall (section meetings are not included) for attendees accompanying those registered for a full conference package.
<b>Registration for Other Attendees</b>	\$500	This package is for individuals <u>not</u> affiliated with county governments and includes all conference events except training classes on April 27 and April 30. Please note: this registration package is not available to county members. Please use this link to register: <a href="#">ACCG 2018 Annual Conference Non-Member Registration.</a>

## Hotel Information

Housing reservations will be made through Visit Savannah! again this year. The system allows you to receive confirmation of hotel reservations almost immediately. Once you have registered with ACCG for the meeting, you will receive a confirmation of registration that will carry instructions on making hotel reservations. **The deadline for hotel reservations is March 26, 2018.** There are five conference hotels in Savannah for 2018:

- Doubletree Hotel Historic Savannah - \$222
- Hilton Garden Inn Historic Savannah - \$206
- Hyatt Regency Savannah - \$221
- Savannah Marriott Riverfront - \$221
- Westin Savannah Harbor - \$244

Please check **Visit Savannah!** for information on the convention hotels – [www.visitsavannah.com](http://www.visitsavannah.com). Click on Accommodations, then on Browse by Location and click on Historic District. The site also has maps of Savannah and information on dining and tours.

## ACCG Lifelong Learning Academy

ACCG, in partnership with the UGA Carl Vinson Institute of Government (CVIOG), is pleased to offer the following Lifelong Learning Academy classes:

### Classes available on Friday, April 27<sup>th</sup>:

- Core: County Government Finance
- Core: County Government Law
- Specialty: Building Your City-County Relationships (*Intergovernmental Relations track*)
- Specialty: Capital Improvement Planning (*County Operations and Management track*)
- Specialty: Civic Engagement (*Citizen Engagement track*)
- Specialty: Arts, Culture and Tourism (*Quality of Life / Social Issues track*)
- Specialty: Developing Financial Policies (*Revenue and Finance track*)
- Specialty: Transportation Funding: Options and Strategies (*Revenue and Finance track*)
- Specialty: Getting Your Message Out (*Citizen Engagement track*)
- Specialty: Global Commerce and Georgia's Targeted Industries (*Economic and Community Development track*)
- Specialty: Leadership Team Building: Creating "We's" from "I's" (*Leadership Development track*)
- Specialty: Parks, Recreation and Active Living (*Quality of Life / Social Issues track*)
- Specialty: Revenue and Tax Policy (*Revenue and Finance track*)
- Specialty: Understanding the Benefits of Land Use and Planning (*Economic and Community Development track*)
- Specialty: Water Management (*County Operations and Management track*)

### **Classes available on Monday, April 30<sup>th</sup>:**

- Core: Ethics
- Specialty: Crisis Management (*Intergovernmental Relations track*)
- Specialty: Public Safety Impacts of At-Risk Individuals and Families (*Public Safety track*)
- Specialty: Strategic Planning (*Citizen Engagement track*)
- Specialty: The County Audit Process (*Revenue and Finance track*)
- Specialty: Fire, EMS and 911 (*Public Safety track*)
- Specialty: Using Incentives for Economic Development (*Economic and Community Development track*)

Continuing education hours will be granted for attending the Lifelong Learning Academy Leadership Luncheon on April 27<sup>th</sup>, the Opening General Session, Business Meeting and Legislative Update and Continuing Education Session on April 28<sup>th</sup>, and the Continuing Education Sessions on April 29<sup>th</sup>.

Please Note: The conference registration fee covers all conference events and one Lifelong Learning Academy class, on either April 27 or April 30. If you wish to attend two classes, the conference registration fee and the second Lifelong Learning Academy class fee would apply for a total of \$880.

### **Georgia Certification for City and County Clerks**

The following sessions will be offered as part of the Georgia Certification Program for City and County Clerks during the 2018 ACCG Annual Conference. This training is offered as part of the conference registration package.

- Friday, April 27<sup>th</sup> – 8:00 a.m. - 3:45 p.m.:  
Meeting Management 101 (required, 6 hours)
- Saturday, April 28<sup>th</sup>– 8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.:  
Building Your Social Network & Networking Skills (continuing education, 3 hours)

### **Section Meetings**

Section meetings for County Clerks and Managers/Administrators are scheduled for Saturday, April 28, at 1:00 p.m. The meetings for these groups are included with your full conference registration package. These will be meetings only; lunch will be provided in the County Buyers Mart.

## CLE Session for County Attorneys

The County Attorneys' Session is set for Friday, April 27, at the Westin Savannah next door to the Savannah International Trade and Convention Center. Lunch will begin at 12:00 p.m. with the CLE session to follow until 4:30 p.m.

A separate registration fee of \$75 is required for the CLE/Lunch Session. Please use this link to register for the session: [2018 County Attorneys CLE Seminar](#).

## Refund Policy

**ACCG Refund Policy** (*adopted October 2015*).

The cancellation deadline is Thursday, March 29, 2018. Cancellations received in writing by this date will be entitled to a full refund less a \$50 administrative fee. Cancellations received in writing between March 30 and April 13, 2018 will be entitled to a 50% refund. There will be no refunds offered for cancellations received after April 13, 2018, unless the participant is able to substantiate a sound reason for the late notification such as an emergency beyond the participant's control in which case ACCG must be notified of the emergency within 7 days of the last day of the conference.

## TENTATIVE AGENDA

### **Thursday, April 26**

2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

#### **Exhibitor Registration and Installation of Exhibits**

*Exhibit Hall*

4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

#### **Early Bird Registration**

*River Concourse*

### **Friday, April 27**

6:45 a.m.

#### **ACCG Welcome Desk**

-Your source for conference information and registration

*River Concourse*

6:45 a.m. – 7:45 a.m.

#### **Breakfast**

*Chatham Ballroom*

8:00 a.m. – 3:45 p.m. (Classes run 8-11:30 am, resume 1:15-3:45 pm)

#### **Lifelong Learning Academy**

*Gwinnett Room – County Government*

*Finance (Core)*

*Greene Room – County Government Law*

*(Core)*

*Room 200 – Building Your City-County*

*Relationships (IR)*

*Room 201 – Capital Improvement Planning*

*(COM)*

*Room 202 – Civic Engagement (CE)*

*Room 100 – Arts, Culture and Tourism*

*(QL/SI)*

*Room 101 – Developing Financial Policies*

*(RF)*

*Room 102 – Transportation Funding:*

*Options and Strategies (RF)*

*Room 103 – Getting Your Message Out (CE)*

*Room 104 – Global Commerce and*

*Georgia's Targeted Industries (ECD)*

*Room 105 – Leadership Team Building:*

*Creating "We's" from "I's" (LD)*

*Room 106 – Parks, Recreation and Active*

*Living (QL/SI)*

*Room 205 – Revenue and Tax Policy (RF)*

*Room 204 – Understanding the Benefits of*  
*Land Use and Planning (ECD)*

*Room 203 – Water Management (COM)*

8:00 a.m. – 3:45 p.m.

#### **Clerks Education Session**

*Pulaski Room – Meeting Management 101*

9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

#### **Exhibitor Registration and Installation of Exhibits**

*Exhibit Hall*

9:45 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.

#### **Morning Break**

*Rotunda*

11:45 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

#### **Lifelong Learning Academy Leadership Luncheon**

*Chatham Ballroom*

12:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

#### **County Attorneys CLE Seminar**

*Westin Savannah, Harbor Room*

3:45 p.m.

#### **Afternoon Break**

*River Concourse*

3:45 pm – 5:30 pm

#### **Nominating Committee**

*Jasper Room*

3:45 pm – 6:00 p.m.

#### **Buyers Mart Opening & County Agents' Farm House Welcome Reception**

*Exhibit Hall*

### **Saturday, April 28**

7:30 am

#### **Registration and Networking Breakfast**

*River Concourse*

9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

#### **Opening Keynote Session**

*Chatham Ballroom*

8:30 am – 11:30 am  
**Clerks Education Session**  
*Room 203 – Building Your Social Network  
and Networking Skills*

10:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.  
**Business Meeting and Election of Officers**  
*Chatham Ballroom*

10:45 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.  
**Legislative Update**  
*Chatham Ballroom*

12:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.  
**County Buyers Mart Open**

**Networking Time with Your Peers**

1:00 p.m.  
**Section Meetings**  
Room 101 Managers / Administrators  
Room 102 Clerks

**Saturday Night Event**  
5:30 p.m.– 9:30 p.m.  
*Esplanade/Chatham Ballroom*

**Sunday, April 29**

8:30 a.m.  
**Registration**  
*River Concourse*

8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.  
**Breakfast**  
*River Concourse*

9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.  
**Inspirational Service**  
*Oglethorpe Auditorium*

10:45 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.  
**Continuing Education Sessions**

12:00 p.m. – 1:45 pm  
**Officer and Board Installation Luncheon**  
*Chatham Ballroom*

4:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.  
**President's Reception**  
*Ships of the Sea Museum*

**Monday, April 30**

7:00 a.m. – 8:15 a.m.  
**Lifelong Learning Academy Registration**  
*Rotunda*

7:00 a.m. - 8:15 a.m.  
**Breakfast**  
*East Concourse*

8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.  
**Lifelong Learning Academy**  
*Room 100 – Ethics (Core)*  
*Room 101 – Crisis Management (IR)*  
*Room 102 – Public Safety Impacts of At-Risk  
Individuals and Families (PS)*  
*Room 103 – Understanding and Using  
Power and Influence Effectively (CE)*  
*Room 104 – The County Audit Process (RF)*  
*Room 105 – Fire, EMS and 911 (PS)*  
*Room 106 – Using Incentives for Economic  
Development (ECD)*

10:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.  
**Break**  
*Rotunda*

11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.  
**Lifelong Learning Academy Luncheon**  
*East Concourse*

1:45 p.m. - 2:15 p.m.  
**Break**  
*Rotunda*