



2012 Capitol Connection Conference

January 30-31

Atlanta Marriott Marquis

Atlanta/Fulton County

Join commissioners from all over Georgia this winter for the ACCG Capitol Connection Conference!

Hear from Governor Nathan Deal, Lieutenant Governor Casey Cagle
and Speaker of the House David Ralston(*invited*).

Learn about legislation affecting local governments.

Set up appointments with your legislators.

Don't miss leadership development opportunities with Commissioners Training classes
and Standard of Excellence sessions.

You'll find a tentative agenda later on!

Several Registration Options Are Available!

Conference Registration— \$400 **Your Best Registration Value!**

Includes a training class on January 30th and all events on January 31st **or** the two Standard of Excellence sessions on January 30th and all events on January 31st. All meeting materials and banquet events including lunch featuring Governor Nathan Deal are included in this registration package.

Training Registration Only – \$200

Includes a training class or the two Standard of Excellence sessions and lunch on Monday, January 30th, **only**. It does not include any of the January 31st events.

Spouse Registration— \$200

Includes all banquet events on January 30th and January 31st.

- Check payment for registration fees should be sent to ACCG. Please do not send payment for the Marquis to ACCG. Check payments for housing will need to be sent to the Marquis, after you have received email confirmation from the hotel for the reservations.
- Payment of registration fees must accompany registration. For check payments, registration and housing will not be processed until payment is received by ACCG.
- Cancellation policy: Refund of registration fees will be made if notice of cancellation is in writing and received by January 20, 2012. A \$25.00 administration fee will be charged for each cancellation of the conference registration and/or training registration.
- Registration for county officials does not include registration for spouses.

Conference Housing

If registrants need housing at the Atlanta Marriott Marquis, please provide the reservation details on the registration form for each individual reservation.

- The room rate is \$185 per night.
- ACCG will forward reservation requests to the Marquis based on this information. This will include any credit card you give us here.
- You will receive an email confirmation from the hotel on your reservations. Advance payment for the hotel should be sent directly to the Marriott Marquis, after you have received your email confirmation for the reservation. Please do not send any housing payments to ACCG at this time - wait until you receive your confirmation from the Marquis, then send checks directly to the hotel.

Atlanta Marriott Marquis

Located at 265 Peachtree Center Avenue, Atlanta GA 30303. 404.521.0000. For hotel information and directions please check the hotel's website: <http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/atlmq-atlanta-marriott-marquis/>.

Commissioners Training

All training classes will be Monday, January 30th.

- Financial Management I (*required course*)
- Personnel/Human Resources (*required course*)
- Effective Meeting Management (*elective course*)
- CCAP Advanced County Law(*required course*)
- CCAP: Hot Topics (*elective course*)

Standard of Excellence Continuing Education Sessions

Sessions will be Monday, January 30th.

Breaking Down Barriers to Economic Development

Job creation ... New business ... Global markets – words we use every day when talking about economic development. Local communities need to provide an environment for commerce to flourish. But is your county doing everything within its legal authority to encourage business development? Is it possible that local policies and regulations could be a barrier to economic expansion? This session will focus on the policies and regulations that counties control that impact the business community to provide an insight into decisions you make that could encourage ... or discourage ... economic development. You'll also hear about ways that you as a local leader can influence community decisions to help promote job growth and economic expansion.

How Personalities, Priorities and Politics Influence Decision-Making

Ever wonder why it seems the wheels of government move so slowly? Right now, Congress appears to be a good example of governmental inaction – is it just political ... or are personalities and individual agendas at play as well? Could it happen to your board of commissioners? This session will examine the dynamics of a board – personal styles, areas of conflict, or special interests that might inhibit the group from accomplishing community goals. Strategies for negotiating and reaching collaboration will be discussed, and ways to recognize the undercurrents and work around them will be explored.

Tentative Agenda

Monday, January 30th

Registration

7:00 am – 6:00 pm

Continental Breakfast

7:00 am

Commissioners Training Program

8:30 am – 3:30 pm

- Financial Management I
- Personnel/Human Resources
- Effective Meeting Management
- CCAP Advanced Law
- CCAP: Hot Topics

Standard of Excellence Session: “Breaking Down Barriers to Economic Development”

8:30 am – 11:30 am

Lunch

Standard of Excellence Session: “How Personalities, Priorities and Politics Influence Decision-Making”

12:30 pm – 3:30 pm

Panel Discussion on Legislative Issues

3:45 pm

Opening Reception

5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Evening open

Tuesday, January 31st

Registration

7:00 am - 3:00 pm

Breakfast

7:30 am

-Lieutenant Governor Casey Cagle (*invited*)

-Speaker of the House David Ralston

Legislative Updates

9:00 am – 10:15 am

10:30 am – 11:45 am

These sessions will provide a legislative update in each of the six ACCG policy areas. Three committees will meet in one room and the other four in a second room. At the break, ACCG staff will switch rooms so attendees can hear reports on all seven policy area.

Lunch

12:00 noon

-Governor Nathan Deal (*invited*)

