



ACCG 102nd Annual Conference
April 29-May 2, 2016
Savannah International Trade & Convention Center

(Sessions at the Convention Center unless otherwise noted.)

Thursday, April 28

4:00 pm – 6:00 pm

Registration

River Concourse

4:00 pm – 6:00 pm

Wellness Walk

Get the 2016 Annual Conference off to a running start ... or at least an energetic start by participating in this year's Wellness Walk around beautiful Forsyth Park. Walk Georgia offers a mini-yoga stretching session for warm-up or cool-down and free t-shirts. Refreshments are provided by The Coca-Cola Company, and take a moment to visit Farm Truck 912, a mobile farmers market available to residents of Savannah neighborhoods that have limited access to healthy foods. Walk for great prizes – an Apple watch, an iPad, and UGA football tickets. Shuttle busses provide transportation via the conference hotel routes to Forsyth Park. Check the ACCG Annual Conference Website – 2016ac.myaccg.com – for information on any weather-related changes.

Off-Site Event: Forsyth Park

Friday, April 29

7:00 am

Registration

River Concourse

7:00 am – 7:45 am

Breakfast

Chatham Ballroom

8:00 am – 11:00 am and 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Lifelong Learning Academy

- Core: Ethics
Rooms 100/101
- Specialty: Mental Health and the Criminal Justice System: Costs and Implications (Public Safety Track)
Room 103
- Specialty: County Retirement Programs: What They Mean to Your Employees and Budget (County Operations and Management Track)
Room 104

- Specialty: Addressing Complex Community Issues (Quality of Life/Social Issues Track)
Room 105
- Specialty: Working with School Boards, Authorities and Other Partners (Intergovernmental Relations Track)
Room 106
- Specialty: Development Financial Policies (Revenue and Finance Track)
Room 202
- Specialty: Management and Human Resources Responsibilities (County Operations and Management Track)
Room 203
- Specialty: Global Commerce and Georgia's Targeted Industries (Economic and Community Development Track)
Room 102
- Specialty: Citizen Public Safety Initiatives (Public Safety Track)
Room 200
- Specialty: Civic Engagement (Citizen Engagement Track)
Room 201

8:00 am – 11:00 am

Clerks Education Sessions

Option 1: Tax Revenue 202 (elective class, 3 hours)

Room 205

Option 2: Inter-Governmental Agreements (elective class, 3 hours)

Room 204

11:15 am – 12:45 pm

Annual Conference Opening General Session & Luncheon

Chatham Ballroom

The opening general session sets the tone as we see how Georgia's counties and their officials "Shine" as they provide opportunity and service to their citizens.



"Head coach" Dr. Kevin Elko highlights the luncheon with a look at "Shaping a Winning Culture." Structure drives function in every organization and team. As the leadership expert W. Edwards Deming has said, "Almost all problems an organization faces are systemic." Therefore, it is crucial for leaders to shape the culture over and over in much the same way that an athlete shapes muscles. Dr. Kevin Elko is an author and leadership consultant to some of the nation's best professional and collegiate football teams as well as industry leaders including ING, Tyson Foods and Merrill Lynch. Learn his strategies for creating winning teams that will make your county shine!

3:00 pm

Nominating Committee Meeting

Pulaski Room

3:30 pm – 6:30 pm

Buyers Mart Opening & County Agents' Farm House Welcome Reception

- Cash Prize Drawing and Wellness Walk Prize Drawings at 6:00 pm

Exhibit Hall

1:00 pm

Section Meetings

These meetings are being held at the Westin Savannah Harbor Hotel

County Attorneys CLE Seminar

Westin Savannah Harbor, Ballroom A

- Business Meeting
Christian Henry, President, County Attorneys Section
- Update from the Attorney General
The Honorable Sam Olens, Attorney General, State of Georgia
- Review of Recent and Pending U.S. Supreme Court Decisions
Lisa Soronen, Executive Director, State and Local Government Center
- 9-1-1 Litigation Update
John R. Bevis, Barnes Law Group
- Incarceration of Indigent Defendants in County Courts
Phillip W. Friduss, Hall Booth Smith
- 2016 Legislative Update
Kelly Pridgen, ACCG Interim General Counsel

Georgia Association of County Managers & Administrators Meeting

Westin Savannah Harbor, Ballroom B

- Call to Order and Welcome
GACMA President Bryan Rogers, Laurens County Administrator
- Remarks
Ross King, Executive Director, ACCG
- Business Session
- Fraud Hotline Service
Brent Williams, ACCG Customer Relations Director
- Legislative Update 2016 General Assembly
Clint Mueller, ACCG Legislative Director
- County Managers and Administrators' Survey
Dave Wills, ACCG Government Relations Manager
- Human Resources Issues Affecting Counties
Ardie Harrison, ACCG Human Resources Director
- Passing of the Gravel

Georgia County Clerks Association Meeting

Westin Savannah Harbor, Ballroom F

- Call to Order and Welcome
Jane Greathouse, President, Oconee County
- Special Recognitions
- "HR Helpline"
Ashley Abercrombie, ACCG Insurance Programs Deputy Director
- Consideration to Approve the By-Law Amendments
President Greathouse
- Consideration to Approve Minutes and Treasurer's Report
- 2016-2017 Treasurer Nomination
Beth Rider, Chair, Nominating Committee, Stephens County

- Installation of 2016-2017 Officers
- Committee Reports
- Unfinished Business
- New Business
- Door Prize Drawings (Must be Present to Win!)
- Announcements/Upcoming Trainings

ACCG Youth Caucus

Saturday, April 30

9:00 am – 11:15 am

Opening Session

Oglethorpe Auditorium

11:30 am – 1:15 pm

Business Meeting Luncheon and Conference Keynote Featuring Dan Thurmon

Chatham Ballroom

1:30 pm – 4:00 pm

ACCG Youth Caucus Group Introductions and Work Sessions

Oglethorpe Auditorium

Sunday, May 1

9:45 am – 11:45 am

Pathways for Civic Leadership

Rooms 200/201

12:00 pm – 1:00 pm

Lunch

Rooms 200/201

1:00 pm – 2:00 pm

ACCG Youth Caucus County Group Meetings and Presentations

Rooms 200/201

Saturday, April 30

8:00 am

Registration

River Concourse

8:15 am – 11:15 am

Clerks Education Session

Option 1: The Millage Rate Process (required class, 6 hours)

Room 204

Option 2: Government 101 (required class, 6 hours)

Room 205

The session will resume at 1:30 pm.

8:30 am – 11:15 am

County Buyers Mart and County Agents' Farm House Open

- The Farm House will be serving open breakfast from 8:30 am to 10:00 am.
- Cash Prize Drawing at 11:00 am

Exhibit Hall

9:30 am – 11:00 am

ACCG Lifelong Learning Committee Meeting

Pulaski Room

11:30 am – 1:15 pm

Business Meeting Luncheon and Conference Keynote

Chatham Ballroom

Today's luncheon focuses on the annual business of ACCG as we nominate and elect the 2016-2017 Officers and Board of Managers. Resolutions before the membership are on the docket for consideration. It is also a time for several award winners to "shine" as we recognize the 2016 Counties of Excellence Award honorees, the annual ACCG advocacy and partnership winners, and the County Clerk of the Year.



Then in a high-impact, unforgettable presentation, keynoter Dan Thurmon describes "Off Balance on Purpose." Achieving a perfect balance between the demands of work and the complexities of life is an intriguing, desirable concept. It's also completely unrealistic. The common way of pursuing "balance" is entirely inadequate: We sell short our best efforts, burden ourselves with guilt, and exhaust our energy. Dan will teach you how to make an ongoing effort to infuse "life" into the workplace and to let go of the notion of being perfectly balanced.

1:30 pm – 3:30 pm

Continuing Education Sessions

- **County Preparedness: Are You Ready?**

Rooms 105/106

There are many examples where the federal / state / local partnership are evident, but perhaps one of the most important times for these relationships to function

seamlessly is in the area of preparedness. Hear a brief overview on the state's emergency management role including information about grants available to counties and learn about homeland security and emerging threats. The state / federal collaboration on issues that involve policies and funding like countering violent extremism and cybersecurity are going to be explored. Congressman Buddy Carter from Georgia's 1st District shares his perspective on the role of the federal government as a member of the House Committee on Homeland Security and Director Jim Butterworth of the Georgia Emergency Management Agency/Homeland Security explains the state's part. Liberty County Administrator Joey Brown facilitates this session.

- **Community Health Concerns for County Officials**

Rooms 103/104

Media reports chronicle some of the health challenges facing local communities from struggling hospitals to lack of access to basic health care. These issues impact counties directly and indirectly, and county officials need to understand the questions they need to ask as community leaders. During this session, the economics of community health care is examined by Alan Kent, President and CEO of Meadows Regional Medical Center in Toombs County and Dr. Gary Nelson, President of the Healthcare Georgia Foundation, outlines access to health care across the state. Executive Director Laura Bland of Stratus Healthcare in Tift County leads the discussion.

1:30 pm – 4:30 pm

Clerks Education Sessions Continue

3:30 pm – 4:00 pm

A State-Local Response to the Zika Virus

Learn how the state is planning to respond to possible outbreaks of the Zika virus and ways you can assist at the local level to protect your community.

Speaker: Dr. Rosmarie Kelly, State Health Entomologist

Room 102

Dinner and Dancing with the Stars ... Including the Newest Stars in the Lifelong Learning Academy!

5:30 pm

Reception and Oyster Roast

6:00 pm

Dinner and Dance

Chatham Ballroom

Take in the shimmering lights of beautiful downtown Savannah as you enjoy some of traditional conference favorites including the oyster roast, a taste of Savannah and a fun evening with the River Town Band. Shine as you showcase your "dancing (and singing) with the stars" potential! Celebrate our newest class being recognized in the Lifelong Learning Academy during their time to shine!

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Sunday, May 1

8:00 am

Registration

River Concourse

8:00 – 9:30 am

Networking Breakfast

East River Concourse/Tondee's

8:30 am – 9:30 am

Inspirational Service

Oglethorpe Auditorium

Begin your Sunday with the annual conference service. Rev. Frederick Favors, McDuffie County Commissioner, brings the message with music provided by Elaine Clark, Wheeler County Clerk, and Dave Willis, ACCG Government Relations Manager.

9:45 am – 11:45 am

Legislative Review

Oglethorpe Auditorium

The ACCG Policy Team discusses the recent General Assembly session and the ways counties will be affected by legislative actions.

Clint Mueller, Legislative Director; Debra Nesbit, Associate Legislative Director; Todd Edwards, Associate Legislative Director

12:00 pm – 1:45 pm

Officer and Board of Managers Installation Luncheon

Chatham Ballroom

Georgia's county commissioners welcome the 2016-2017 Officers and Board of Managers during this luncheon as well as congratulate the winners of this year's Jerry R. Griffin Excellence in Public Service Award and the Emory Greene Leadership Award. Secretary of State Brian Kemp installs the board and offers the Installation Address.



2:00 pm – 4:30 pm

Continuing Education Sessions

The Sunday afternoon sessions offer you a chance to “stay and learn” at the Convention Center or discover new parts of Savannah/Chatham County. Participants will receive continuing education credit for all sessions.

Hot Topic Session

- **Growing Georgia Government: New Cities, the City Lite Phenomenon and Townships**
Rooms 103/104

Cities and counties often have enough challenges in fostering strong working relationships, especially when it comes to the dollars and cents behind limited fiscal resource and service delivery. Now the concept of a new (and arguably flawed) concept of government, called “city-lite,” is emerging in Georgia. Learn more about why counties should be concerned about this initiative and how it could impact your funding and provision of county services. Glynn County Commissioner Dale Provenzano,

Forsyth County Attorney Ken Jarrard, and ACCG Associate Legislative Director Todd Edwards bring you up to speed on this important issue and also discuss other concerns related to new city incorporations and townships as the General Assembly continues to grow government in Georgia.

Explore Savannah/Chatham County

These mini-field trips showcase the area and critical issues. Please note that the mini-field trips require pre-registration and have an additional fee to help offset costs.

- **A First-Hand Look at the Port of Savannah**

Room 106 then on the bus!

The Port of Savannah is a critical economic asset for every Georgia county. Its success spurs investment, expansion and job growth throughout the state. Last fall, the deepening of the Savannah River got underway which will allow the Port to handle larger freighters that will be using the Panama Canal when its widening is completed. Learn more about the logistics behind deepening the harbor and the economic value of the Port of Savannah as a primary gateway for trade in the United States. Georgia Ports Authority Governmental Affairs Manager Lee Beckmann will start at the convention center with a quick overview of the Georgia Ports and then take you on a “windshield” tour of the Port of Savannah. ACCG External Relations Director Kathleen Bowen will help host this afternoon excursion. *Limited space and pre-registration is required. This trip also has a \$25 registration fee to assist with transportation costs.*

- **Hands-On, Feet-In Coastal Outdoor Adventure**

River Concourse to board bus

While much attention is paid to Georgia’s coast as an economic driver, its ecology also plays a critical role. Join staff from the University of Georgia Marine Extension (MAREX) for a hands-on, feet-in experience learning about our state’s rich marine environments. Participants will travel to the MAREX Education Center on Skidaway Island for an afternoon of exploring coastal habitats and the animals it supports and learning about environmental issues and policy-decisions that impact them. *Limited space and pre-registration is required. This trip also has a \$25 registration fee to assist with tour costs.*

5:00 pm

Reception

Offsite Event: Franklin Square

ACCG invites you to gather in Franklin Square, right in the middle of the downtown bustle in Historic Savannah, for a conference reception. Designed in 1790 in honor of Benjamin Franklin, who was an agent for Georgia in London, Franklin Square was once known as “Water Tower Square,” because it was home to the city’s water supply in the mid to late 19th century. The square is on the west side of City Market, where you’ll find many options for dinner on your own. Check the ACCG Annual Conference website – 2016ac.myaccg.com – for information on any weather related changes!

Monday, May 2

7:00 am – 8:15 am

Lifelong Learning Academy Registration and Breakfast

Georgia International Gallery

8:30 am – 3:30 pm

Lifelong Learning Academy

- Core: Public Safety and Public Health
Room 101
- Specialty: Family and Children’s Services (PS)
Room 106
- Specialty: Revenue and Tax Policy (RF)
Room 100
- Specialty: Leadership Team Building – Creating “We’s” from “I’s” (LD)
Room 105
- Specialty: Using Incentives for Economic Development (ECD)
Room 102
- Specialty: Fire, EMS and 911 (PS)
Room 104
- Specialty: Public Works and Transportation (COM)
Room 103

11:30 am – 1:00 pm

Lifelong Learning Academy Luncheon – Classes will break on a staggered basis
Georgia International Gallery