

**2014 Annual Conference**  
Savannah International Trade  
and Convention Center  
Savannah/Chatham County  
April 11-15



**Join us as we continue the year-long celebration of ACCG's centennial anniversary, showcase the role and contributions of Georgia counties and look ahead to the next century of service.**

### **What's new in 2014?**

- **We're earlier than usual!** Yes, the 2014 conference falls about two weeks earlier.
- **We're across the Savannah River!** 2014 finds the conference on Hutchinson Island at the Savannah International Trade & Convention Center. More space means more opportunities for learning and networking. How do we get there? Our friends at Visit Savannah! will run the shuttle service from the convention hotels to the trade center or you can drive since there is ample, free parking at the trade center. And if you want to make it fun, ride the water taxis that run between the Hyatt Regency Savannah and the trade center or the Savannah Marriott Riverfront and the trade center ... they're free!
- **ACCG Lifelong Learning Academy – two things!** Every class offered at the 2014 Annual Conference is re-designed or new! And you'll have three chances to get Lifelong Learning Academy credit – Friday, Saturday and Tuesday. There are also two classes in the county clerks' program available – one Saturday and another Tuesday.
- **Several new hotels are in our blocks for 2014!** The move across the river means our convention housing moves closer to the river too. This year you'll see some different hotels in our housing mix – the Westin Savannah Harbor, Holiday Inn Express Savannah Historic District, Hampton Inn Historic District, and Embassy Suites Historic Savannah join the Hyatt Regency Savannah, Marriott Savannah Riverfront, the DoubleTree Historic Savannah and Hilton Garden Inn Savannah Historic District as convention hotels.
- **Managers, Attorneys and Clerks Section Meetings Move to Friday!** Come early and network with your colleagues from around the state. These luncheon meetings start at noon on April 11<sup>th</sup> and are followed by meetings and educational sessions.
- **And the awards and training certificate presentations move to Friday evening too!** But it will be fun too. The presentations will be followed by the Capitol Steps who put the "mock" in democracy – this talented group leaves no issue untouched with its combination of satire and parody through humor and music.

You'll find a tentative agenda at the end of this information!

## Registration Options for County Members

**Conference Registration Package \$600** includes everything except the section meetings! This package covers admission to the County Buyers Mart, all banquet and entertainment events, all education events and one, two or three training classes.

**Spouse Registration Package \$185** includes all banquet and entertainment events, except section meetings, and admission to the County Buyers Mart.

**Saturday Only Registration \$300** package includes one training class and lunch only on Saturday, April 12, the opening general session and reception, and admission to the County Buyers Mart.

## Registration for Other Attendees

**Other Attendee Registration \$400** is for individuals not affiliated with county governments and includes all conference events except training classes over the course of April 11-15. Please note: this registration package is not available to county members. Please contact ACCG ([cbaker@accg.org](mailto:cbaker@accg.org)) for registration details.

**Monday Only Registration \$200** is for individuals not affiliated with county governments and includes all events on Monday only. Please note: this registration package is not available to county members. Please contact ACCG ([cbaker@accg.org](mailto:cbaker@accg.org)) for registration details.

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

- Cancellation policy: Refund of registration fees will be made if notice of cancellation is in writing and received by April 1, 2014. Notices will be accepted by email or fax but not by phone. A \$25.00 administration fee will be charged for each cancellation of conference registration and/or training registration.

**Internet Explorer Users:** Due to a recent update by Microsoft to the Internet Explorer 11 browser (IE11), you may experience problems trying to register. There is an apparent compatibility issue with IE11 which is causing various websites not to render correctly, thus, making them inoperable. Until Microsoft fixes the problem, the best way to address this issue is to use a different browser like Google Chrome or Mozilla Firefox. Your IT personnel should be able to assist you with the installation of one of these. If you are required to use the Internet Explorer browser, you can manually change the compatibility settings IE11 by clicking Tools (top menu bar), then Compatibility View settings, then click the "Add" button to add our website domain to the compatibility view box.

## ACCG Lifelong Learning Academy

2014 brings the first true offerings in the Lifelong Learning Academy, and for the first time three opportunities to earn education credit. These training classes will be Friday, April 11:

- Human Resources (core)
- Crisis Management (advanced: Intergovernmental Relations track)
- County Retirement Programs: What They Mean to Your Employees and Budget (advanced: County Operations and Management track)
- Tax Policy (advanced: Revenue and Finance track)

These training classes will be Saturday, April 12:

- Ethics (core)
- Regional Cooperation (advanced: Intergovernmental Relations track)
- County Insurance and Risk Management (advanced: County Operations and Management track)
- Managing Change (advanced: Citizen Engagement track)
- Voice of Leadership (advanced: Leadership Development track)
- Understanding Economic Development Assets (advanced: Economic and Community Development track)

These training classes will be Tuesday, April 15, at the Hyatt Regency Savannah:

- County Government Law (core)
- Transparency in Government (advanced: Citizen Engagement track)
- Arts, Culture & Tourism (advanced: Quality of Life/Social Issues track)

In addition, ACCG is pleased to offer classes in the Certification Program for Municipal & County Clerks. Saturday, April 12:

- Problem Solving

Tuesday, April 15, at the Hyatt Regency Savannah:

- Time Management

Continuing education hours will be granted for attending the Opening General Session on April 12, the morning session and afternoon Legislative Overview on April 13, the business session/general session and afternoon session on April 14.

### Annual Conference Housing

**\*Housing Deadline is March 10<sup>th</sup>**

Housing reservations will again be made through Visit Savannah! 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.

■ There are eight convention hotels in Savannah:

- Doubletree Hotel Historic Savannah - \$184
- Embassy Suites Historic District - \$179
- Hampton Inn Historic District - \$199
- Hilton Garden Inn Historic Savannah - \$184
- Holiday Inn Express Savannah Historic District - \$199
- Hyatt Regency Savannah - \$199
- Savannah Marriott Riverfront - \$205
- Westin Savannah Harbor - \$203

■ 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 100<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference**  
**April 11-15, 2014**  
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*(Sessions at the Center unless otherwise noted.)*



**Friday, April 11**

11:00 am

**Registration**

**Section Meetings (with lunch)**

Attorneys 12:00 – 4:30 pm

Administrators 12:00 – 3:30 pm

Clerks 12:00 – 2:30 pm

12:00 – 6:00 pm

**Lifelong Learning Academy**

- Human Resources (Core)
- Crisis Management (Advanced: Intergovernmental Relations)
- County Retirement Programs: What They Mean to Your Employees and Budget (Advanced: County Operations & Management)
- Tax Policy (Advanced: Revenue & Finance)

3:00 pm

**Nominating Committee Meeting**

4:00 pm

**Policy Council Meeting**

3:00 – 6:30 pm

**"Meet and Greet" the Trade Center and Welcome Reception**

-As registration continues, this is an opportunity for attendees to familiarize themselves with the Trade Center; join fellow commissioners for hospitality and fellowship on the Esplanade overlooking the Savannah River. Meet former ACCG Presidents and learn about the issues that were significant during their tenure!

6:00 pm

**Awards Celebration Featuring the Capitol Steps**

**Saturday, April 12**

7:00 am

**Registration**

7:00 am

**Breakfast**

8:00 am – 2:30 pm

**ACCG Lifelong Leadership Academy and County Clerks Training**

- Ethics (Core)
- Regional Cooperation (Advanced: Intergovernmental Relations)
- County Insurance and Risk Management (Advanced: County Operations & Management)
- Managing Change (Advanced: Citizen Engagement)
- Voice of Leadership (Advanced: Leadership Development)
- Understanding Economic Development Assets (Advanced: Economic & Community Development)
- County Clerks Training: Problem Solving

11:30 am – 1:00 pm

**Training Lunch**

2:30 pm – 4:00 pm

**Opening General Session**

Keynote Address: Doris Kearns Goodwin

4:00 pm – 6:00 pm

**County Buyers Mart Grand Opening and Reception**

4:00 pm – 6:00 pm

**County Agents' Farm House Open**

5:45 pm

**County Buyers Mart Cash Prize Winner Announcement**

**Sunday, April 13**

8:00 am - 3:00 pm

**Registration**

8:30 am - 9:30 am

**Inspirational Service**

9:00 am – 10:30 am

**Continental Breakfast**

9:00 am – 1:15 pm

**County Buyers Mart Open**

10:30 am – 12:00 pm

**Continuing Education Session: GIS and Your County**

11:30 am – 1:15 pm

**County Agents' Farm House**

11:30 am – 1:00 pm

**Board of Managers Luncheon Meeting**

1:00 pm

**County Buyers Mart Cash Prize Winner  
Announcement**

1:15 pm – 3:00 pm

**2014 Legislative Overview**

5:30 pm

**Entertainment/Reception**

*Rousakis Plaza*

**Monday, April 14**

7:00 am - 5:00 pm

**Registration**

7:30 am

**Wellness Walk**

8:30 am

**Networking Breakfast**

9:00 am

**General Session**

10:00 am – 10:30 am

**Business Session**

- President's Report to the Membership
- Report of the Nominating Committee
- Election of Officers
- Break

10:30 am – 11:45 am

**General Session**

12:00 pm

**Installation Luncheon**

2:00 pm – 3:30 pm

**Continuing Education Session: Policy Issues**

5:30 pm

**Recognizing 100 Years**

Sponsored by Yancey Bros. Co.

- 5:30 – 6:00 pm  
**Reception with Yancey Bros. Hosts**
- 6:00 – 7:00 pm  
**Dinner**
- 7:00 pm  
**Entertainment**
- 9:00 pm  
**A Dazzling Finale**

**Tuesday, April 15**

**Lifelong Learning Academy**

Hyatt Regency Savannah

7:30 am

Registration and Breakfast

8:30 am – 3:30 pm

- County Government Law (Core)
- Transparency in Government (Advanced: Citizen Engagement)
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- County Clerks Training: Time Management