



**Mark your calendars and register *today* for the 2019 Legislative Leadership Conference as Georgia's county officials head to Athens-Clarke County.**

**OCTOBER 2-4, 2019**  
**The Classic Center**  
**Athens / Athens-Clarke County**

2019 Sessions at a Glance...

**★ Leadership Versatility**

**A Leader's Most Powerful Skill**

In today's world where technology, social media and email can dominate the space, focusing on interpersonal communication can be the advantage that elected and appointed county leaders need to keep citizens engaged, employees motivated, and everyone around them pursuing common goals.

Leadership versatility allows leaders to take responsibility for managing their communication behavior and reducing interpersonal tension, keeping the team focused on solving complex problems, improving innovation, addressing community issues, and achieving improvements of productivity, efficiencies, and employee engagement.

Participants will learn a process to understand, use and improve their communication style in an interactive and fun workshop. Participants will hear a keynote on how leaders are experiencing differences in the outcomes of their organizations by focusing on Leadership Versatility. Then in the subsequent workshop participants will dive deeper in understanding the skills.

**★ Changes to Georgia's Election Law and Voting Equipment**

The passage of HB 316 in 2019, which has since been signed into law, resulted in major changes to Georgia's election law and the replacement of its voting equipment. Counties will be at the forefront of these significant changes as they are responsible for carrying out elections. Representatives from the Georgia Secretary of State's office are invited to review the changes as well as provide an update on the procurement of the new voting machines. Come learn what's needed to comply with the law, what to expect in the rollout of the equipment, how the technology works, and what training and support will be offered to local election officials.

**★ Keeping Rural Georgia from Falling Behind**

During this Session Saralyn Stafford, Rural Development Manager with CVIOG, will lead of panel discussion on initiatives to promote economic development and quality of life in rural Georgia. Topics will include expanding rural broadband, providing rural Georgia with an adequate healthcare network, workforce development and business recruitment. Don't miss this opportunity to discuss solutions for keeping rural Georgia a viable place to live and prosper.

**★ Selecting and Monitoring EMS Services**

Come learn about the new rules, regulations and processes put in place by the Georgia Department of Public Health (DPH) for reviewing and choosing an EMS provider. DPH is working on draft rules that will take effect January 2020 that will standardize the process for Regional Councils to follow when choosing an EMS provider or for opening up the zone. Additionally, there will be new performance measures put in place that will assist in monitoring the effectiveness and quality of county EMS services.

**★ The Future of Moving People and Freight in Georgia**

This session will explore new transportation technology and highlight legislative efforts to fund airports and expand transit. In addition, participants will be updated on the work of the newly appointed Georgia Commission on Freight and Logistics. This joint House and Senate commission is tasked with studying and assessing the freight and logistics infrastructure (roads, rail, ports, etc.) which is critical to the flow of commerce across the state, as well as identifying transportation investment projects and priorities in Georgia.

FIND OUT WHAT COUNTIES CAN EXPECT FROM THE 2020 LEGISLATIVE SESSION AND YOUR COUNTY WILL CAST ITS VOTE ON THE 2020 ACCG POLICY AGENDA AND LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES.

TAKE ADVANTAGE OF CORE AND SPECIALTY COURSE OFFERINGS IN THE ACCG LIFELONG LEARNING ACADEMY AND OTHER CONFERENCE SESSIONS THAT CARRY CONTINUING EDUCATION CREDIT.

## Registration Packages

**Conference Registration Package I \$450** covers admission to all conference sessions including all banquet events and continuing education events. It also includes a Wednesday **or** Friday Lifelong Learning Academy class.

**Conference Registration Package II \$685** covers admission to all conference sessions including all banquet events and continuing education events. It also includes a Wednesday **and** a Friday Lifelong Learning Academy class.

**Spouse or Guest Registration Package \$200** includes all conference sessions including banquet events. This option is for a spouse or guest who is accompanying a registered attendee.

## Conference Housing

Once you've registered for the conference, a confirmation email will be sent which carries the details for making hotel reservations in Athens. **The housing cut-off date is Friday, August 30, 2019.**

- ★ There are two conference hotels in Athens, and both are within walking distance to The Classic Center:

**Hyatt Place (412 North Thomas Street)**

Standard guest rooms \$154 per night

*In addition, there is a \$5 per night hotel-motel fee, 14% tax, and \$10 per day for parking.*

**Hilton Garden Inn (390 East Washington Street)**

Standard guest rooms \$154 per night

*In addition, there is a \$5 per night hotel-motel fee, 14% tax, and \$9.95 per day for parking.*

- ★ Please pay special attention to the confirmation you receive from the hotels so that you are aware of all possible fees, taxes and policies. In addition, hotels may have an early departure penalty if you check out earlier than the reservation date. Again, look for more information on the hotel confirmation.
- ★ Please check the Visit Athens website for information on the conference hotels (including maps), The Classic Center and other area attractions – <https://www.visitathensga.com/>.

## **Lifelong Learning Academy**

There are two opportunities to get Lifelong Learning Academy course credit during the Legislative Leadership Conference on October 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>. You can also earn Continuing Education credit at conference sessions on October 3<sup>rd</sup>.

## **TENTATIVE CONFERENCE AGENDA**

### **Wednesday, Oct. 2**

- 8:30 AM – 3:30 PM Lifelong Learning Academy Classes
- ★ CORE: County Government 101
  - ★ CORE: County Government Finance
  - ★ CORE: Economic Development
  - ★ CORE: Ethics
  - ★ Specialty: Effective County Government (CE)
  - ★ Specialty: Air, Land & Water: County Challenges & Responsibilities (COM)
  - ★ Specialty: Workforce Development (ECD)
  - ★ Specialty: Navigating L.O.S.T. Without Getting Lost (IR)
- 5:00 PM – 6:30 PM Reception
- 6:30 PM Dinner-On-Your-Own

### **Thursday, Oct. 3**

- 8:30 AM Breakfast
- 9:00 – 9:15 AM Opening Session
- ★ ACCG Welcome from ACCG President, Billy Pittard
  - ★ Pledge and National Anthem
  - ★ Welcome from Athens-Clarke County
- 9:15 – 10:15 AM Legislative Engagement Session
- ★ Design Standards / “Workforce Housing”
    - Rep. Vance Smith (Invited)
  - ★ Marketplace Facilitator / Remote Sales Tax Collection
    - Rep. Brett Harrell (Invited)
  - ★ Mental Health Commission
    - Rep. Kevin Tanner (Invited)
  - ★ S.D.S. / L.O.S.T. Task Force (ACCG/GMA) Update
    - Dave Wills, ACCG Executive Director
- 10:15 – 10:30 AM Break
- 10:30 AM – 12:00 PM Policy Update
- 12:00 – 1:30 PM Lunch
- ★ LLA Certificate presentations
  - ★ Speaker: Brent Henley, The Pyramid Group

**Thursday, Oct. 3 – CONT'D.**

- 1:45 – 2:15 PM Business Session
- ★ Report of the Policy Council & Adoption of 2020 County Agenda
  - ★ Adoption of 2020 Legislative Priorities
  - ★ Other Business
- 2:30 – 4:00 PM Concurrent Sessions/Continuing Education
- ★ Leadership Development Workshop
  - ★ Georgia's New Voting Machines
  - ★ Keeping Rural Georgia from Falling Behind - Rural broadband, Access to rural health care, rural job creation, etc.
  - ★ Selecting and Monitoring EMS Services
  - ★ The Future of Moving Freight and People in Georgia
- 5:30 – 6:30 PM Reception
- 6:30 PM Dinner-On-Your-Own

**Friday, Oct. 4**

- 8:30 AM – 3:30 PM Lifelong Learning Academy Classes
- ★ CORE: County Government Law
  - ★ CORE: Human Resources
  - ★ CORE: Public Safety & Public Health
  - ★ Specialty: Collaborative Leadership (LD)
  - ★ Specialty: Law Enforcement in Counties: Principles, Partners & Practices (PS)
  - ★ Specialty: Health & Wellness (QL/SI)
  - ★ Specialty: Intergovernmental Agreements (IGA's) and Private Partnerships (RF)