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President's Welcome

Over the past year it has been my privilege to serve as President of the Virginia Association of Counties. I am proud of this association. You should be too. Much has been accomplished.



We are in the first year of implementing a new strategic plan that was developed with much participation by you, our members. We have put more energy into the development of our educational programs. We have benefitted from major successes in our advocacy efforts with the General Assembly. And, we have strengthened many of our enterprise programs.

These accomplishments result from the hard work of our members in partnership with a professional and highly dedicated staff.

Most public services are delivered at the local level. In recent years, counties have been mandated to assume new responsibilities requiring not only additional financial resources, but a broader base of knowledge among local policy makers. Also needed, is a greater diversity in the expertise of county staff. To meet the increasing demands upon counties, it is imperative for VACo to grow as a resource for local officials who are working hard to meet new challenges.

VACo's Annual Conference serves as an important opportunity for our association to provide information and for county officials to exchange ideas and share experiences. In preparing this year's conference, VACo's Conference Planning Committee and staff have worked diligently to develop an informative program. Also, participation in the work of VACo's seven steering committees provides members with an opportunity to help shape VACo's 2015 Legislative Program and Policy Statements.

As you attend this year's conference, please take time to visit our exhibitors. In our Exhibit Hall, you will find over 100 companies and organizations that serve as your partners in providing public services. Please thank them for their support of our conference.

Finally, as my term as VACo's president draws to a close, let me express to each of you my appreciation for your active participation and support you have shown over the past year.

During our conference, I look forward to speaking with all of you and thanking you personally for your public service.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Harrison A. Moody". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Harrison A. Moody
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Congratulations from Senator Mark Warner

MARK R. WARNER VIRGINIA



UNITED STATES SENATOR

WASHINGTON, D.C.

November 9, 2014

Dear Friends,

I am pleased to extend my warmest greetings to all who are gathered for the Virginia Association of Counties 80th Annual Conference.

Your theme, "Empowering Virginia Counties: 80 Years Strong," honors the strength of the mission that characterizes your organization. The programs and services you offer provide important resources to make a positive impact on county officials throughout the Commonwealth. I commend all those who work with your organization to help strengthen the community and improve the lives of others.

On this important occasion, I am very pleased to join with your families, friends and community in wishing you the very best for a successful and fulfilling event.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mark R. Warner".

MARK R. WARNER
United States Senator

Conference Information

Registration

Everyone attending the conference must register. This includes members, their families, guests, exhibitors and news media representatives. No one will be admitted to a business or social function without a conference badge. Registration will take place:

- **10 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.** Sunday, November 9 | Mount Vernon Foyer
- **8 a.m. to 1 p.m.** Monday, November 10 | Mount Vernon Foyer

VACo staff and volunteers will be at the registration desk during the hours above and will be glad to answer your questions. There is a message board at the conference registration desk and a marquee in the main lobby where various notices will be posted.

Legislative Program

VACo's annual legislative program is finalized and adopted during the conference. The seven steering committees meet Sunday afternoon, the Resolutions Committee meets Monday morning and the membership acts on the 2015 Legislative Program during the annual business meeting Tuesday morning. A copy of the amended Preliminary Legislative Program was included in your bag. Proposals should originate through the steering committee process. The 2015 Preliminary Legislative Program was shared with members in mid-October and will be available at the Registration Desk.

Banquet Tickets

All county officials, county staff, VACo associate members and exhibitors registered for the conference are welcome to attend the Sunday banquet, as are registered spouses and guests. If you are staying at The Omni Homestead Resort, the banquet ticket is included in your meal package. If you are not, you may purchase a banquet ticket for \$75. If you have registered for the banquet but do not attend, you will be charged \$75 for the meal. Check at the registration desk if you do not have a ticket. Tickets will be collected, so don't forget your ticket!

Guest Programs

The Omni Homestead has undergone major renovations and is now offering many new activities. Information is available on their website at www.thehomestead.com/activities or at the Concierge Desk.

Guests are invited to attend Bath County Historical Society's Open House on Sunday from 2-5 p.m. at 99 Courthouse Hill Road, Warm Springs, 22484. This free event will provide attendees a history of Bath County, including information on The Omni Homestead, and feature a special Veterans Day exhibit. For more information, please contact the Bath County Historical Society at 540.839.2543.

Other Information

Voting Credentials

Article VI of the VACo bylaws provides that each county is to designate a representative of its Board of Supervisors to vote at the annual business meeting. However, the bylaws allow a county to designate a proxy to vote if a member of the Board of Supervisors cannot be present for this meeting. Counties should have received voting credential forms and proxy forms by mail in September. If you did not return your form to VACo in the mail, you can submit it to the VACo Credentials Committee at its meeting on Monday at 1 p.m. in the Monroe Room. You can also drop it off at the conference registration desk before the Credentials Committee meeting.

Election of Officers

The election of VACo Officers and Board members will take place at the annual business meeting Tuesday morning.

Golf

Golf Tournament

VACo's 18th Annual Golf Tournament will begin at 11 a.m. (tees off at 11:30 a.m.) on Saturday, November 8 on The Old Homestead Course.



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VACo 2015 Calendar

VACo Executive Committee

January 7 | VACo Headquarters, Richmond

General Assembly Convenes

January 14 | Richmond

Rural Caucus Reception and Dinner

February 4 | Richmond Marriott, Richmond

VACo Board of Directors Meeting

February 5 | Richmond Marriott, Richmond

County Government Day at the General Assembly

February 5 | Richmond Marriott, Richmond

Chairpersons' Institute

February 5-7 | Richmond Marriott, Richmond

NACo Legislative Conference

February 21-25 | Marriott Wardman Park Hotel,
Washington, D.C.

Certified County Supervisors Program

March and May | Albemarle County

VACo Board of Directors Meeting

May 2 | Fairfax County

Certified County Supervisors Program

May and July | Albemarle County

NACo 2014 Annual Conference & Exposition

July 10-13 | Charlotte, North Carolina

VACo County Officials Summit

August | TBA

VACo Board of Directors Meeting

August | TBA

Certified County Supervisors Program

September and November | Albemarle County and
The Omni Homestead Resort

VACo 81st Annual Conference

November 8-10 | The Omni Homestead Resort

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Tuesday Morning Break

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WiFi Access in the Exhibit Hall

Exhibit Hall

The exhibit hall will be open **2 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.** on Sunday, November 9 and **8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.** on Monday, November 10.

There will also be a soda break in the exhibit area at 3 p.m. on Monday.

Another special event connected with the exhibit hall is the Annual Raffle, which will take place after VACo's annual business meeting on Tuesday morning. To enter, have the bingo card in your registration packet marked by each exhibitor and place your completed card in the box at the registration desk by 2:30 p.m. on Monday.

There will also be a mini-affle in the exhibit hall at 3 p.m. on Monday. You or your guest must be present to win, so make time in your schedule to attend. The drawing for a free exhibitor booth for next year's conference will be held following the mini-affle drawing.

WiFi | Charging Station

VACo has created several new sponsorships to keep up with growing technology needs. If you attended this year's County Officials Summit, then you may have seen the Cyber Lounge Charging Station.

This device, which VACo staff is calling the "modern-day water cooler," is the place to give your device a quick charge without having to carry your charger and finding an outlet. Sporting a variety of charging connections (eight total), you can be assured that you stay connected while at the conference. You will find the Cyber Lounge Charging Station at All Points Broadband's Booth 705.

After your device is charged, you can enjoy free WiFi access in the exhibit hall sponsored by NRTC. An instruction sheet on how to get connected to the sponsored WiFi can be found in your conference bag. You can also visit NRTC at Booth 911.

Keep up with conference events in real time by following #VACo80 on Twitter, Facebook or Instagram.

Conference Schedule

Saturday, November 8

Supervisor Certification

10:15 a.m. - 4 p.m. • Chesapeake

Golf Tournament

11 a.m. • Old Golf Course

Budget Committee Meeting

3 p.m. • Wilson

VACoRP Supervisory Board Meeting

5 p.m. • Hunt

Sunday, November 9

Nondenominational Worship Service

7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. • Chesapeake

VACo Board of Directors

9 a.m. - 1 p.m. • Dominion

Exhibitor Setup

9 a.m. - 2 p.m. • Grand Ballroom and Colonnade

The Omni Homestead History Tour

10 a.m. • Register at Concierge Desk

Annual Conference Registration

10 a.m. - 6:30 p.m. • Mount Vernon Foyer

Coffee Break for Committee Members

1 p.m. - 4:15 p.m. • Regency Ballroom Foyer

Steering committee meetings

1 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

-Economic Development and Planning • Blue Ridge

-Education • Piedmont

-Finance • Mount Vernon

-Health and Human Resources • Appalachian

Exhibits Open

2 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. • Grand Ballroom and Colonnade

Sunday Afternoon Football & Refreshments

2 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. • Exhibit Hall

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Sunday, November 9

Bath County Historical Society Open House

2 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Guests are invited to attend Bath County Historical Society's Open House at 99 Courthouse Hill Road, Warm Springs, 22484.

Steering committee meetings

2:45 p.m. - 4:15 p.m.

- Environment and Agriculture • Piedmont
- General Government • Blue Ridge
- Transportation • Appalachian

Regional Caucuses to Nominate Representatives on Board of Directors

4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

- Region 1 • Blue Ridge
- Region 3 • Wilson
- Region 5 • Appalachian
- Region 6 • Stratford
- Region 7 • Mount Vernon
- Region 8 • Hunt
- Region 10 • Madison
- Region 11 • Chesapeake
- Region 12 • Piedmont

Supervisor Certification Reunion of Graduates

4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. • Lexington

Sunday Evening Opening Reception

5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. • Crystal Empire Room

Sponsored by Dominion

Banquet

(Must have ticket to attend)

6:30 p.m. - 9 p.m. • Regency Ballrooms

Presiding: The Honorable **Harrison A. Moody**, President, Virginia Association of Counties, and Board of Supervisors, Dinwiddie County

Welcome: The Honorable **Bruce W. McWilliams**, Chair, Board of Supervisors, Bath County

Invocation: The Honorable **William D. Chavis**, Board of Supervisors, Dinwiddie County

Wine Sponsored by Sands Anderson

Hosted Music

9 p.m. - Midnight • DownTime

Monday, November 10

Resolutions Committee

7:15 a.m. - 8:15 a.m. • Dominion

Annual Conference Registration

8 a.m. - 1 p.m. • Mount Vernon Foyer

Exhibits Open

8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. • Grand Ballroom and Colonnade

OPENING GENERAL SESSION

8:30 a.m. - 9:45 a.m. • Regency Ballrooms

Presiding: The Honorable **Harrison A. Moody**,
President, Virginia Association of Counties, and Board of
Supervisors, Dinwiddie County

Presentation of the Colors: Police Department Color
Guard, Roanoke County

• Keynote Speaker •

Rick Boucher, former U.S. Representative, Virginia's 9th
District, and Co-Chair, Commission to Ensure Integrity
and Public Confidence in State Government

Rick Boucher serves as
the head of Sidley's Government
Strategies group. His focuses are
telecommunications, life sciences,
energy and the environment and
financial services industries. Prior
to joining Sidley, Boucher served
for 28 years in the U.S. House of
Representatives as Virginia's 9th District congressman.



Boucher also served in the Virginia Senate for
seven years and before entering public service was in
the private practice of law for 12 years in New York and
Virginia.

In October, Governor Terry McAuliffe selected
Boucher to co-chair a bipartisan group created to
examine ethics reform in Virginia.

Monday, November 10

• Spotlight on VACo Education •

The Honorable **H.A. “Andy” McCready**, Board of Supervisors, Pulaski County; **Dr. Michael A. Chandler**, Professor Emeritus, Virginia Tech University; **Dr. Martha Walker**, Community Viability Specialist, Virginia Cooperative Extension; and **Phyllis A. Errico**, General Counsel, Virginia Association of Counties

• Keynote Speakers •

The Honorable **Riki Hokama**, President, National Association of Counties, Council Member, Maui County, Hawaii

Riki Hokama was elected president of the National Association of Counties (NACo) on July 14, 2014 at the NACo Annual Conference: County Solutions and Idea Marketplace in Orleans Parish, La.



Hokama has been active in NACo since 2001 as a member of the Board of Directors, Financial Services Corporation Board of Directors, Election Reform Task Force and the Finance Committee.

Hokama was first elected to public office in 1978 as a delegate to the Hawaii State Constitutional Convention. Later, he was elected to serve on the Maui County Council from 1999 to 2009 and again in 2011.

Matthew D. Chase, Executive Director, National Association of Counties

Matthew D. Chase became Executive Director of the National Association of Counties (NACo) in September 2012.



Prior to becoming NACo’s fifth executive director, Matt served nearly a decade as executive director of the National Association of Development Organizations (NADO), which represents local government-based regional planning and development organizations.

Monday, November 10

Coffee Break

9:45 a.m. - 10 a.m. • Regency Ballroom Foyer

Sponsored by Virginia Economic Development Partnership

SPECIAL SESSION

10 a.m - 12:45 p.m. • Chesapeake

THE DOC IS IN

Speakers: The Honorable **Dr. William A. Hazel, Jr.**, Secretary of Health and Human Resources, Commonwealth of Virginia; and state agency Commissioners and Directors

This session will be an informative one-on-one with Secretary Bill Hazel and department heads to discuss concerns, funding, program management and services in the delivery of local human services.

CONCURRENT SESSIONS

10 a.m - 11:15 a.m.

COUNTY AND SCHOOL BOARD RELATIONS: COMMUNITY LEADERS - COMMON GOALS • Stratford

Moderator: The Honorable **Mary W. Biggs**, Board of Supervisors, Montgomery County

Speakers: **Stewart D. Roberson, Ed.D.**, Chairman, President and CEO, Moseley Architects; The Honorable **Libby Garvey**, Board of Supervisors, Arlington County; and **Douglas P. Stanley**, County Administrator, Warren County

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This session will explore the natural tension that exists between local governing bodies and local school boards. The speakers will share their experiences and provide realistic and practical advice on how to improve communication and promote positive interaction between the parties. Each speaker has a unique perspective to share on this issue and will offer suggestions on how to best approach the challenges presented and to facilitate work together towards a common goal.

HOW TO CONVINCE LEGISLATORS IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY • Piedmont

Moderator: The Honorable **David V. Hutchins**, Board of Supervisors, Carroll County

Speakers: The Honorable **William J. Howell**, Speaker of the House, 28th House District; The Honorable **Terry G. Kilgore**, 1st House District

This session will feature Q&A with the Speaker of the House and a senior delegate who will provide tips and advice on how to effectively advocate elected officials. Learn to communicate with state legislators and how to communicate with constituents. Learn how caucuses work and the negotiation required to pass legislation.

PROTECTING YOUR COUNTY'S REVENUE • Mount Vernon

Moderator: The Honorable **J. Michael Hobert**, Board of Supervisors, Clarke County

Speakers: The Honorable **Lee Ware**, 65th House District; and **Jim Regimbal**, Principal, Fiscal Analytics

The authority to levy and collect local business taxes will be under attack again in the 2015 General Assembly. The speakers will address strategies to protect local authority and discuss other potential tax and revenue actions that impact county governments.

FARMING IS VITAL TO COUNTIES • Blue Ridge

Moderator: The Honorable **Cassandra L. Stish**, Board of Supervisors, Buckingham County

Speakers: The Honorable **Robert "Bobby" D. Orrock, Sr.**, 54th House District; **Carrie Chenery**, Assistant Secretary of Agriculture & Forestry, Commonwealth of Virginia; **Thomas H. Miller**, County Attorney, Rockingham County

This session will provide a status report on the health of agriculture in Virginia. Also, the 2014 General

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Assembly passed companion bills HB 268 (Orrock) and SB 51 (Stuart) that limit the authority of localities to regulate certain activities on agricultural operations. The legislation stipulates that such operations can only be subject to local permit requirements if they have “substantial impact” upon public health and safety. The purpose of this session is to discuss various approaches localities can take to comply with the provisions of this legislation.

CONCURRENT SESSIONS

11:30 a.m - 12:45 p.m.

GETTING CONNECTED: IMPROVING BROADBAND IN YOUR COUNTY • Mount Vernon

Moderator: Erik Johnston, Director of Government Affairs, Virginia Association of Counties

Speakers: Sandie Terry, Broadband Program Manager, Center for Innovation and Technology; and Rob Billingsley, Cable Administrator, Arlington County and President, Virginia Association of Telecommunications Officers and Advisors (VATOA)

This session will provide an overview of state and federal resources and technical assistance available to counties seeking to improve the quality and availability of broadband for their citizens. The presenters will also provide information on policies, planning initiatives, public/private partnerships, cell tower leasing, broadband authorities and other local options.

GETTING YOUR FAIR SHARE OF TRANSPORTATION MONEY

• Stratford

Moderator: The Honorable William D. Chavis, Board of Supervisors, Dinwiddie County

Speakers: Nick Donohue, Deputy Secretary of Transportation, Commonwealth of Virginia; and The Honorable Jeffrey C. “Jeff” McKay, Board of Supervisors, Fairfax County

The 2014 General Assembly passed House Bill 2 (Stolle), legislation that establishes a prioritization process for state transportation funds for local projects. HB 2 requires the Commonwealth Transportation Board to use five factors to rank projects: congestion mitigation, economic development, accessibility, safety and environmental quality. This session’s speakers will discuss HB2 and other statewide transportation issues.

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FEDERAL POLICY ISSUES FACING COUNTIES • Piedmont

Moderator: The Honorable **J. Walter Tejada**, County Board, Arlington County

Speakers: **Matt Chase**, Executive Director, National Association of Counties; **John Stirrup**, Chairman, Commission on Local Government and Partner, Alcalde & Fay

This session will provide an overview of the key federal issues facing counties including unfunded mandates, infrastructure and community development funding, online sales tax, immigration reform and more. The panel will also focus on the impacts of federal defense and discretionary cuts on Virginia and specific actions counties can take to position their county and region to weather these cuts.

Deli Luncheon

12:45 p.m. - 2 p.m. • Grand Ballroom

Sponsored by SunTrust

VLGMA Luncheon

12:45 p.m. - 1:45 p.m. • Empire

(Must have ticket to attend)

Speaker: **Elizabeth Povar**, Vice-President, Business Expansion, Virginia Economic Development Partnership

Credentials Committee

1 p.m. • Monroe

Walk and Talk

1:20 p.m. - 1:45 p.m. • Meet at Registration Desk

This 25-minute walk will allow participants to get up and move after lunch. Weather will determine the destination while participants will determine the topic!

CONCURRENT SESSIONS

1:45 p.m - 3 p.m.

EBOLA: STATE AND LOCAL PREPAREDNESS • Stratford

Moderator: The Honorable **Martin Nohe**, Board of Supervisors, Prince William County

Speakers: The Honorable **Dr. William A. Hazel, Jr.**, Secretary of Health and Human Resources, Commonwealth of Virginia (or designee of); **Tim Hemstreet**, County Administrator, Loudoun County

This session will focus on how Virginia is preparing

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for the Ebola virus at the state and local level. The Virginia Department of Health will provide the most up-to-date information on how it has been preparing and what local governments need to know about the virus and preparedness. This session will also highlight how Loudon County has been handling Ebola-related issues, particularly due to Dulles International Airport in its jurisdiction.

HYDRAULIC FRACKING: WHAT IS IT? AND WHAT DOES IT MEAN FOR LOCALITIES? • Mount Vernon

Moderator: The Honorable **Steven E. Nixon**, Board of Supervisors, Culpeper County

Speakers: **Eric A. Gregory**, County Attorney, King George County; **Michael A. Skiffington**, Program Support Manager, Department of Mines, Minerals and Energy

In recent years the process of hydraulic fracking has generated many questions among county officials. The purpose of this session is to explain the basics about the hydraulic fracking process, and efforts by the state to develop a regulatory program to ensure protection of public health and natural resources.

YOU TOO CAN DO IT: LEARNING FROM AWARD WINNERS

- Blue Ridge

Moderator: **William Quarles, Jr.**, Achievement Awards Judge and Former Supervisor, Goochland County

Speakers: **Christine Campbell**, Assistant Library Director, Henrico County Public Library; **Rhu Harris**, County Administrator, Hanover County; **Peter M. Huber**, County Administrator, Pulaski County; **Kris C. Tierney**, Assistant County Administrator, Frederick County

An important objective of the VACo Achievement Awards Program is to celebrate innovative and smart solutions to problems in our counties. But perhaps the biggest aspect of the Achievement Awards Program is to have counties share knowledge with other counties. This session will feature Achievement Award winners telling their stories on how they solved issues in staffing, community service, environment and customer service.

Soda Break

3 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. • Grand Ballroom

Mini-Raffle

3 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. • Grand Ballroom

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CONCURRENT SESSIONS

3:30 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.

RESPONDING TO HOT ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES • Stratford

Moderator: Larry Land, Director of Policy Development, Virginia Association of Counties

Speakers: The Honorable **Molly Ward**, Secretary of Natural Resources, Commonwealth of Virginia; The Honorable **Penelope A. "Penny" Gross**, President-Elect, Virginia Association of Counties, and Board of Supervisors, Fairfax County; and The Honorable **Janine Burns**, Board of Supervisors, Mathews County

From hydraulic fracking to stormwater management, the Chesapeake Bay TMDL, energy efficiency and other high priority issues, there is little doubt that environmental programs have huge impacts upon counties. The purpose of this session is to provide details about programs to protect the environment, both from the perspective of the Administration and county officials.

GROWING YOUR ECONOMY THROUGH REGIONAL PARTNERSHIPS • Mount Vernon

Moderator: The Honorable **Scott York**, Chairman, Board of Supervisors, Loudoun County

Speakers: **Gary Larrowe**, County Administrator, Carroll County; **Jay Stegmaier**, County Administrator, Chesterfield County; and **Jonathan Sweet**, County Administrator, Grayson County

What are the ingredients, both big and small that have led to regional economic development success stories in the Commonwealth? Learn from a panel of experts whose localities have been recognized for both attracting major economic development projects and building home grown entrepreneurial success stories.

NEW GASB PENSION ACCOUNTING RULES: THE IMPACT TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS • Piedmont

Moderator: **Moderator:** The Honorable **William A. Robertson**, Chair, Board of Supervisors, Prince George County

Speaker: **Bob Schultze**, Director, Virginia Retirement System

Learn how new GASB accounting rules will require local governments for the first time to report unfunded pension liabilities on annual financial statements, beginning in FY2015. The session will

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provide local officials an idea of what to expect a year from now and help you navigate the maze of new and contrasting accounting methods evolving for books, bonds, and budgets. A brief update on the status of the new Hybrid Retirement Plan will also be covered.

VACo LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT SERIES: EXPLORING VACo MEMBER SERVICES PROGRAMS • Blue Ridge

Moderator: The Honorable **Ruby A. Brabo**, Board of Supervisors, King George County

Speaker: **James D. Campbell**, Executive Director, Virginia Association of Counties

Over the last year, the VACo Leadership Series program has explored the four pillars identified within the 2014 Strategic Plan of the Virginia Association of Counties. With VACo Education programs and Communications most recently covered, this breakout session will explore VACo's Member Services Programs. Come to learn more about the partnerships that VACo has established to provide counties insurance, finance, retirement, service and discount programs to better serve their employees and citizens.

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5 p.m. • Dominion

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Speakers: **Christy Morton**, Executive Director, Virginia Rural Center; and **Gary Larowe**, County Administrator, Carroll County

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7:45 a.m. - 8:15 a.m. • Empire

GENERAL SESSION

9 a.m. - 10:15 a.m. • Regency Ballrooms

Presiding: The Honorable **Harrison A. Moody**, President, Virginia Association of Counties, and Board of Supervisors, Dinwiddie County

• Keynote Speaker •

Dr. Robert Holsworth, DecideSmart, LLC

Dr. Robert Holsworth will speak about the evolving political landscape and how this will effect local elected officials in Virginia.

He will discuss how recent events have shaped recent elections as well as how they may impact the 2015 elections.

Dr. Holsworth is one of the leading political analysts in Virginia. His comments on Virginia and national politics have appeared in the *Wall Street Journal*, *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post* and in newspapers throughout the nation. He has appeared on almost all the major American television networks and on the BBC. He was recently named one of the 100 Influentials in Virginia Politics by *Campaigns and Elections* magazine.



Refreshment Break

10:15 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. • Regency Ballroom Foyer

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Annual Business Meeting followed by Raffle and Adjournment

10:30 a.m. - Noon • Regency Ballrooms

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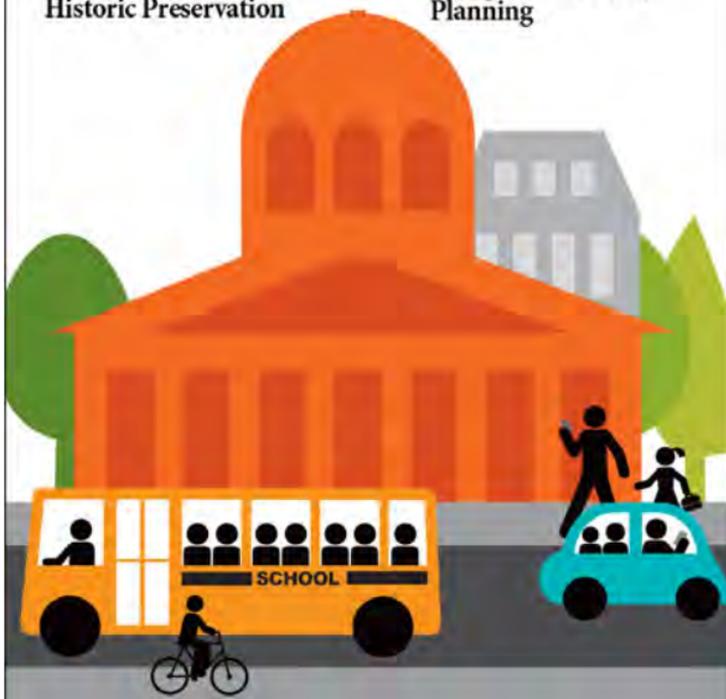
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Sunday, November 9

Nondenominational Worship Service

7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. • Chesapeake

VACo Board of Directors

9 a.m. - 1 p.m. • Dominion

Exhibitor Setup

9 a.m. - 2 p.m. • Grand Ballroom and Colonnade

The Omni Homestead History Tour

10 a.m. • Register at Concierge Desk

Annual Conference Registration

10 a.m. - 6:30 p.m. • Mount Vernon Foyer

Coffee Break for Committee Members

1 p.m. - 4:15 p.m. • Regency Ballroom Foyer

Steering committee meetings

1 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

-Economic Development and Planning • Blue Ridge

-Education • Piedmont

-Finance • Mount Vernon

-Health and Human Resources • Appalachian

Exhibits Open

2 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. • Grand Ballroom and Colonnade

Sunday Afternoon Football & Refreshments

2 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. • Exhibit Hall

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Bath County Historical Society Open House

2 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Steering committee meetings

2:45 p.m. - 4:15 p.m.

-Environment and Agriculture • Piedmont

-General Government • Blue Ridge

-Transportation • Appalachian

Regional Caucuses to Nominate Representatives on Board of Directors

4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Region 1 • Blue Ridge

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Region 12 • Piedmont

Supervisor Certification Reunion of Graduates

4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. • Lexington

Sunday Evening Opening Reception

5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. • Crystal Empire Room

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Banquet

(Must have ticket to attend)

6:30 p.m. - 9 p.m. • Regency Ballrooms

Presiding: The Honorable **Harrison A. Moody**, President, Virginia Association of Counties, and Board of Supervisors, Dinwiddie County

Welcome: The Honorable **Bruce W. McWilliams**, Chair, Board of Supervisors, Bath County

Invocation: The Honorable **William D. Chavis**, Supervisor, Dinwiddie County

Wine Sponsored by Sands Anderson

Hosted Music

9 p.m. - Midnight • DownTime

Monday, November 10

Resolutions Committee

7:15 a.m. - 8:15 a.m. • Dominion

Annual Conference Registration

8 a.m. - 1 p.m. • Mount Vernon Foyer

Exhibits Open

8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. • Grand Ballroom and Colonnade

OPENING GENERAL SESSION

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Presentation of the Colors: Police Department Color Guard, Roanoke County

• Keynote Speaker •

Rick Boucher, former U.S. Representative, Virginia's 9th District, and Co-Chair, Commission to Ensure Integrity and Public Confidence in State Government

Monday, November 10

• Spotlight on VACo Education •

The Honorable **H.A. “Andy” McCready**, Board of Supervisors, Pulaski County; **Dr. Michael A. Chandler**, Professor Emeritus, Virginia Tech University; **Dr. Martha Walker**, Community Viability Specialist, Virginia Cooperative Extension; and **Phyllis A. Errico**, General Counsel, Virginia Association of Counties

• Keynote Speakers •

The Honorable **Riki Hokama**, President, National Association of Counties, Council Member, Maui County, Hawaii

Matthew D. Chase, Executive Director, National Association of Counties

Coffee Break

9:45 a.m. - 10 a.m. • Regency Ballroom Foyer

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SPECIAL SESSION

10 a.m. - 12:45 p.m. • Chesapeake

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CONCURRENT SESSIONS

10 a.m - 11:15 a.m.

COUNTY AND SCHOOL BOARD RELATIONS: COMMUNITY LEADERS - COMMON GOALS • Stratford

HOW TO CONVINCe LEGISLATORS IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY • Piedmont

PROTECTING YOUR COUNTY’S REVENUE • Mount Vernon

FARMING IS VITAL TO COUNTIES • Blue Ridge

CONCURRENT SESSIONS

11:30 a.m - 12:45 p.m.

GETTING CONNECTED: IMPROVING BROADBAND IN YOUR COUNTY • Mount Vernon

GETTING YOUR FAIR SHARE OF TRANSPORTATION MONEY • Stratford

FEDERAL POLICY ISSUES FACING COUNTIES • Piedmont

Deli Luncheon

12:45 p.m. - 2 p.m. • Grand Ballroom

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Monday, November 10

VLGMA Luncheon

12:45 p.m. - 1:45 p.m. • Empire (Must have ticket to attend)
Speaker: Elizabeth Povar, Vice President, Business Expansion,
Virginia Economic Development Partnership

Credentials Committee

1 p.m. • Monroe

Walk and Talk

1:20 p.m. - 1:45 p.m. • Meet at Registration Desk

CONCURRENT SESSIONS

1:45 p.m - 3 p.m.

EBOLA: STATE AND LOCAL PREPAREDNESS • Stratford

**HYDRAULIC FRACKING: WHAT IS IT? AND WHAT DOES IT
MEAN FOR LOCALITIES?** • Mount Vernon

YOU TOO CAN DO IT: LEARNING FROM AWARD WINNERS •
Blue Ridge

Soda Break

3 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. • Grand Ballroom

Mini-Raffle

3 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. • Grand Ballroom

CONCURRENT SESSIONS

3:30 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.

RESPONDING TO HOT ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES • Stratford

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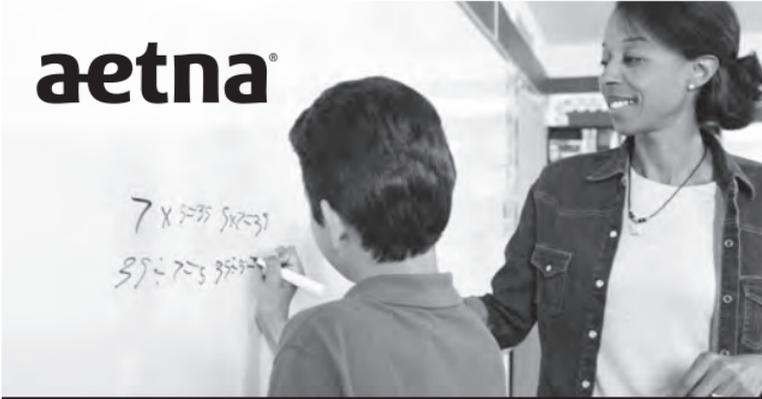


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VACo Names Moody President



The membership of the [Virginia Association of Counties](#) elected Dinwiddie County Supervisor Harrison A. Moody as 2013-2014 President during VACO's 70th Annual Conference in Bath County. Moody and other newly elected officers started their terms at the association's Annual Business Meeting on Nov. 12.

Moody succeeds Middlesex County Supervisor John D. "Jack" Müller, Jr.

Moody becomes the second president from Dinwiddie County and the first in nearly 60 years. C. Harrison Zehmer served from 1957-58 and was Moody's second cousin once removed.

"I'm honored that the VACO membership has elected me President," Moody said. "Although being VACO President comes with its opportunities to network with key stakeholders in the legislative and executive branch, the important part is my service to VACO membership. I will do my best to serve VACO members with enthusiasm, humility and resolve."

Moody has served as Dinwiddie County Supervisor since 1987 and was selected chair six times during his tenure. He also served as vice chair six times.

"Harrison is longtime leader of VACO and his vast experience in county government is an asset to the association," VACO Executive Director James D. Campbell said. "Harrison is a proven leader and knows the issues that concern our counties. His work with NACO also gives him a broader perspective that will serve our members well. VACO is fortunate to have Harrison Moody as its president."

Among his many accomplishments on the Dinwiddie County Board of Supervisors is the establishment of major industry leaders in the County. Moody was instrumental in bringing in a Wal-Mart Distribution Center, an Amazon.com fulfillment center and Chaparral Steel production facility (now Gerdau Ameristeel) to Dinwiddie County.

Moody is also proud of the county's Dinwiddie Sports Complex, which provides recreation for county citizens and also draws thousands each year for regional and national tournaments. The county also has improved its communications with citizens through its advanced website and social media presence. Moody also is an avid supporter of public education providing adequate funding yearly and support for the capital projects the school system has needed during his tenure.

Moody was elected to the VACO Board of Directors in 2001 as the Region 4 representative. Moody has served on the following boards and committees: VACO Agriculture and Environment Steering Committee since 2001; Chairman of the VACO Rural Caucus Committee since 2007; NACO Board of Directors (May to December 2007, December 2009 to July 2010, July 2012 to June 2013 and July 2013 to present); NACO's Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee (2008-present-currently chair food safety subcommittee); and NACO Rural Action Caucus since 2008 and currently serving as vice chair.





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1. Spring regional meetings: VACo members are invited to attend regional meetings to identify and discuss key statewide legislative and policy issues.

2. Resolutions Committee meetings: The committee oversees the development of the annual Legislative Program. They meet in early fall and during the annual conference in November. The committee receives legislative updates during the annual legislative session.

The Resolutions Committee includes the six members of VACo's Executive Committee and the chairs and vice chairs of VACo's seven steering committees. VACo's First Vice President chairs the Resolution Committee.

The seven steering committees are Economic Development and Planning, Education, Environment and Agriculture, Finance, General Government, Health and Human Resources and Transportation.

3. Steering Committees: The seven steering committees meet at least twice - once in late summer and again November during the annual conference. The Steering Committees develop their policy sections for the annual Legislative Program.

4. VACo membership: The VACo membership adopts the new Legislative Program during the annual business meeting on the last day of the annual conference in November.

Additional information

The President appoints steering committee chairs and vice chairs. VACo members volunteer to serve on steering committees.

In early Fall, prior to the annual conference, the membership receives a Preliminary Legislative Program. This draft is revised during the annual conference.

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