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President's Welcome

For the past year, it has been a privilege and an honor for me to serve as VACo's President. Thank you for the opportunity to serve in this capacity. I have enjoyed working with all of you!



VACo's theme for this year's conference is "Building Bridges." Why this theme? Because building bridges is a large part of what VACo does - connecting county officials with one another. And we make these connections for two important reasons: to help us learn what our counties have in common and to help us discover and appreciate the unique qualities, features and histories that make each county in Virginia a very special place for the citizens we serve to live and work.

One example of how VACo forges connections between county officials is through the regional meetings. Over the past two years, VACo connected counties by holding legislative and educational meetings in all 13 VACo Regions. I have found these meetings to be a very important part of understanding the issues and concerns that are critical to each county. The information we receive from those regional meetings has also become very important to the development of our legislative program and the content of VACo's educational programs.

In 2016, VACo also built a bridge between its past and future. We did this by thanking Jim Campbell for his 26 years of service as VACo's Executive Director and wishing him a happy retirement. VACo then appointed Dean Lynch as the new Executive Director. For more than 20 years, Dean has served as an energetic and creative member of VACo's team, and we are excited about the future as VACo continues to grow. I have no doubt that with the support of our dedicated staff, Dean's leadership will take VACo to new levels of success.

As you attend VACo's Annual Conference, please take time to visit our Exhibit Hall where you will find more than 100 companies and organizations ready to assist counties. Please thank them for the support they provide to VACo's conference.

During our conference, I look forward to speaking and thanking you personally for your service. Have a great and educational conference!

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Judy S. Lyttle". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Judy Lyttle
VACo President

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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 5 p.m. | Sunday, November 13 | Mount Vernon Foyer
- 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. | Monday, November 14 | Mount Vernon Foyer

VACo staff and volunteers will be at the registration desk during the hours listed above and will be happy to assist you. There is a message board at the conference registration desk and a marquee in the main lobby where 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 2017 Legislative Program during the annual business meeting Tuesday morning.

A copy of the Preliminary Legislative Program is included in your bag. Proposed amendments to the program should be available to conferees by noon, November 14. Proposals should go through the steering committee process. The 2017 Preliminary Legislative Program was shared with members 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, 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 at the door by the VACo team, so don't forget your ticket!

Guest Programs

The Omni Homestead has undergone major renovations in recent years and now offers many new activities. For more information, visit www.thehomestead.com/activities or visit the Concierge Desk.

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

VACo's 20th Annual Golf Tournament will begin at 11 a.m. (tee off at 11:30 a.m.) on Saturday, November 12 on The Old Homestead Course.

The 2016 recipient of proceeds from the Mulligan sales is Bath County Christmas Mother, Inc., which provides assistance to needy families during the holidays. We also want to thank our sponsors for their generosity: **United Healthcare** for the refreshment cart, **Milestone Communications** for providing each player with a wireless charger and **Stewart** for multiple golf sponsorships.



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VACo 2017 Calendar

VML/VACo Finance Forum

January 4 | Omni Richmond Hotel

General Assembly Convenes

January 11 | Richmond

Rural Caucus Reception and Dinner

February 1 | Omni Richmond Hotel

VACo Board of Directors Meeting

February 2 | Omni Richmond Hotel

VACo County Government Day at the General Assembly

February 2 | Omni Richmond Hotel

Chairpersons' Institute

February 3-4 | Omni Richmond Hotel

Certified County Supervisors Program

March and May | TBA

NACo Legislative Conference

February 25-March 1 | Marriott Wardman Park Hotel |
Washington, D.C.

VACo Board of Directors Meeting

May 19-21 | Montgomery County

Certified County Supervisors Program

May and July | TBA

VACo Regional Meetings

June-September | TBA

NACo 2017 Annual Conference & Exposition

July 21-24 | Franklin County | Columbus, OH

VACo County Officials Summit

August | TBA

VACo Board of Directors Meeting

August | TBA

Certified County Supervisors Program

September and November | TBA and The Omni Homestead

VACo 83rd Annual Conference

November 11-14 | The Omni Homestead

VACo Board of Directors Meeting

November 12 | The Omni Homestead

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Sunday Afternoon Refreshment Break



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Monday Morning Break



GENERAL CODE
Monday Afternoon Refreshment Break



Energy Systems Group
Tuesday Morning Break

Exhibit Hall

The exhibit hall will be open **1:30 p.m. to 5 p.m.** on Sunday, November 13 and **8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.** on Monday, November 14.

There will be a refreshment break in the exhibit hall at 3 p.m. on Monday. Following the refreshment break, there will be the first Exhibitor Drawing (aka “Mini-Drawing”). You must be present to win, so make time in your schedule to attend. To enter, have the 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. Exhibitors who are not participating in the drawing are indicated on the card. Immediately following the Mini-Drawing, the name of one lucky exhibitor will be drawn for a free booth at the 2017 annual conference. The exhibitor must still be present and set up to win.

A second Exhibitor Drawing will take place after VACo’s annual business meeting on Tuesday. This drawing is made up of cards not drawn on Monday afternoon. The person whose name is drawn must be present to win. Good luck to everyone who participates!

WiFi | Charging Station

VACo will once again have the Cyber Lounge/Charging Station set up in the exhibit hall, generously sponsored by **Nationwide Retirement Solutions**. A laptop will be set up for your use, as well as the device charger. The charger has a variety of charging connections that can accommodate Android or Apple products. **You will find the Cyber Lounge Charging Station at Booth 705.** Nationwide’s booth is **#816**; stop by and meet them!

You can enjoy free Wi-Fi access in the exhibit hall and other areas during the conference, generously sponsored this year by **Aetna**. An instruction sheet on how to get connected to the sponsored Wi-Fi can be found in your conference bag. Please visit Aetna at **Booth 707** and say “Hi!”

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Conference Schedule

Saturday, November 12

Virginia Certified County Supervisors' Program - Governance in the 21st Century (Part II)

10 a.m. • Chesapeake

Golf Tournament

11 a.m. • Old Golf Course

Budget Committee Meeting

3 p.m. • Wilson

Virginia Certified County Supervisors' Alumni Education Program

3 p.m. • Lexington

Speakers: Dr. Mike Chandler, Professor Emeritus,
Virginia Tech; Dr. Martha Walker, Community
Viability Specialist, Virginia Cooperative Extension.

VACORP Supervisory Board Meeting

5 p.m. • Dominion

Sunday, November 13

Nondenominational Worship Service

7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. • Chesapeake

Speaker: The Honorable William J. Howell, Speaker
of the House, 28th House District

Exhibitor Setup

8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. • Grand Ballroom and
Colonnade

VACo Board of Directors

9 a.m. - 1 p.m. • Dominion

VACORP Annual Business Meeting

10 a.m. • Crystal and Empire

Sunday, November 13

Annual Conference Registration

10 a.m. - 5 p.m. • Mount Vernon Foyer

Sunday Afternoon Break

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

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Steering Committee Meetings

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

Economic Development and Planning • Piedmont

Education • Blue Ridge

Environment and Agriculture • Stratford

Exhibit Hall Opens

1:30 p.m. - 5 p.m. • Grand Ballroom and Colonnade

Sunday Afternoon Football & Refreshments

1:30 p.m. - 5 p.m. • Exhibit Hall

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Steering Committee Meetings

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

Finance • Mount Vernon

General Government • Piedmont

Health and Human Resources • Blue Ridge

Transportation • Stratford

Regional Caucuses to Nominate Representatives on

VACo 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 • Tower Suite

Region 10 • Madison

Region 11 • Chesapeake

Region 12 • Piedmont

Sunday, November 13

Sunday Evening Opening Reception

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

Sponsored by Dominion

Banquet

(Must present Banquet ticket to attend)

6:30 p.m. • Regency Ballrooms

Presiding: The Honorable **Judy S. Lyttle**, President,
Virginia Association of Counties, and Vice Chair,
Board of Supervisors, Surry County

Welcome: The Honorable **Claire A. Collins**, Chair,
Board of Supervisors, Bath County

Invocation: The Honorable **William J. Howell**,
Speaker of the House, 28th House District

Hosted Music

9 p.m. • DownTime

Monday, November 14

Resolutions Committee

7:15 a.m. - 8:15 a.m. • Dominion

Annual Conference Registration

8 a.m. - 2 p.m. • Mount Vernon Foyer

Exhibit Hall Opens

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

Sponsored by VML/VACo Finance

Presiding: The Honorable **Judy S. Lyttle**, President,
Virginia Association of Counties, and Vice Chair,
Board of Supervisors, Surry County

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

• VML WELCOME •

The Honorable **Robert K. Coiner**,
President, Virginia Municipal
League and Mayor, Town of
Gordonsville



Mayor Robert K. Coiner became the 97th President of the Virginia Municipal League in October 2016. Coiner is the first mayor of Gordonsville to serve as VML President in the 110-year history of the League, and is also the first Mayor from Central Virginia. Gordonsville is the smallest locality in League history to produce a President.

• KEYNOTE SPEAKERS •

Jeff E. Schapiro, Politics Columnist, Richmond Times-Dispatch and **Dr. Quentin Kidd**, Vice Provost for Undergraduate Education, professor of political science, and Director of the Judy Ford Wason Center for Public Policy at Christopher Newport University

Civility in Politics

This general session will be a discussion of political civility in the United States. **Dr. Quentin Kidd** will review his survey on civility in Virginia's politics as compared to the rest of the nation and **Jeff E. Schapiro** will discuss his observations on civility in Virginia witnessed during his time following the state legislature.

Jeff E. Schapiro has covered campaigns and government for nearly 35 years, a period during which Virginia has emerged as a decisive swing state prized by the national political parties.



He has covered nine gubernatorial campaigns, 10 governors, every

Monday, November 14

session of the General Assembly since 1981, nearly 10 presidential primaries and conventions, as well as dozens of congressional and legislative elections.

Schapiro's column appears in the Times-Dispatch Wednesday and Sunday. It also is carried by many other Berkshire Hathaway-published newspapers in Virginia. Schapiro's video column is posted Thursday to the Times-Dispatch's website, richmond.com.

A native of New York City, Schapiro was graduated from Georgetown University with a bachelor's degree in history. His wife, Clare, is a food columnist for the Times-Dispatch.

Dr. Kidd holds a Ph.D. in Political Science from Texas Tech University and a Bachelor's and Master's from the University of Arkansas. He was born and raised in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Kidd's teaching and research focuses on American civil and political behavior and politics of the American South.



Kidd's most recent book, *The Rational Southerner*, from Oxford University Press (co-authored with M.V. Hood III and Irwin L. Morris), was nominated for the **V.O. Key Award** for outstanding book on Southern Politics, the **Ralph Bunch Award** for best scholarly work exploring the phenomenon of ethnic and cultural pluralism and the **Leon D. Epstein Award** for research on political organizations and parties. He is also the author of *Civic Participation in America* from Palgrave Macmillan and *A Simple Guide to SPSS® for Political Science* from Wadsworth (co-authored with Lee Kirkpatrick).

Monday Morning Break

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

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CONCURRENT SESSIONS

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

PROFFERS: HOW THE NEW LAW IMPACTS LOCALITIES

- Mount Vernon

Speakers: The Honorable **L. Mark Dudenhefer**, 2nd House District; **Jeffrey S. Gore**, Hefty Wiley & Gore, P.C.

Virginia's 2016 General Assembly made significant amendments to the law concerning the conditional zoning process. This breakout is an opportunity to learn how these changes affect a locality's ability to utilize conditional zoning as a tool for accommodating new residential growth.

FROM AIRBNB TO UBER: CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES IN THE EMERGING ECONOMY •

Chesapeake

Speakers: The Honorable **William M. "Bill" Stanley, Jr.**, 20th Senate District; **Frank H. Shafroth**, Instructor/Director, Center for State and Local Government Leadership, George Mason University; **Raymond A. Warren**, Deputy Commissioner/Legal Counsel, Arlington County Commissioner of the Revenue

The "sharing" or "gig" economy presents challenges and opportunities. What kind of economic growth opportunity do these companies represent for counties? How should these new companies be regulated? How will this type of employment affect the state and local tax structure? This session is an opportunity to hear about national trends and their effects in Virginia.

THE LATEST IN FRACKING, MINING AND ENERGY •

Lexington

Moderator: **Eric A. Gregory, Esq.**, Hefty Wiley & Gore, P.C.

Speakers: **John Warren**, Director, Virginia Department of Mines, Minerals, and Energy;

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Michael Skiffington, Policy and Planning Manager,
Virginia Department of Mines, Minerals, and Energy

The Department of Mines, Minerals and Energy will provide an update on the proposed regulatory changes on hydraulic fracking. Come learn about programs that are available to local governments, such as Performance Contracting, Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE), and Virginia Sustainable and Verifiable Energy Savings (VirginiaSAVES) program.

'STEPPING UP' DIVERSION FOR THE MENTALLY ILL/2017 PREVIEW OF JAIL ISSUES • Stratford

Moderator: The Honorable **Phyllis J. Randall**, Chair,
Board of Supervisors, Loudoun County

Speakers: **Matthew D. Chase**, Executive Director,
National Association of Counties; **Michael L.**

Edwards, Vice President, Kemper Consulting Inc.,
representing the Virginia Association of Regional
Jails

Local jails in many cases have become the mental health treatment facilities of last resort, a situation that stresses local resources. Learn about NACo's "Stepping Up" initiative, which seeks to reduce the number of individuals with mental illness in jails. This session will also provide an update on jail-related issues that are expected to be addressed in the upcoming General Assembly.

CONCURRENT SESSIONS

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

FISCAL OUTLOOK FOR THE 2017 GENERAL ASSEMBLY SESSION • Chesapeake

Speaker: **Jim Regimbal**, Principal, Fiscal Analytics

This session will review the 2016 revenue shortfall, how to manage it, where to go from here and programs that may be affected. Human services, education, and public safety funding will be discussed. We are ready to answer your questions.

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SNAPSHOTS OF INNOVATIVE COUNTY PROGRAMS •

Mount Vernon

Moderator: William E. Quarles, Achievement Awards Judge and former Goochland County Supervisor

Speakers: The Honorable Sherrin C. Alsop, Board of Supervisors, King and Queen County; The Honorable Stephanie L. Koren, Board of Supervisors, Louisa County and Randy Herman, Supervisor of School Nutrition Programs, Louisa County; Lauren Stienstra, Deputy Coordinator – Training, Arlington County; The Honorable Jeffrey D. Wassmer; Board of Supervisors, York County; The Honorable John D. Miller, Board of Supervisors, Middlesex County and Former President, Virginia Association of Counties; Frank A. Pleva, County Administrator, Lancaster County

An important objective of the VACo Achievement Awards Program is to celebrate innovative and smart solutions to problems in our counties. This session allows Achievement Award winners an opportunity to tell their stories on how they overcame challenges.

Q&A WITH GENERAL ASSEMBLY LEADERSHIP •

Stratford

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

This session will be a free flowing discussion with the House of Delegates leadership. Speakers will respond to questions on top issues facing the 2017 General Assembly and top issues facing counties.

HERE'S WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH STORMWATER AND CHESAPEAKE BAY CLEANUP • Lexington

Moderator: Chris Pomeroy, President, AquaLaw

Speakers: The Honorable Penelope A. Gross, Board of Supervisors, Fairfax County and Former President, Virginia Association of Counties; Lewis L. Lawrence, III, Director, Middle Peninsula Planning District;

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Russell W. Baxter, Deputy Secretary of Natural Resources for the Chesapeake Bay, Commonwealth of Virginia

The issue of stormwater is likely to be a key issue in the 2017 General Assembly Session. Related to stormwater is the issue of the Chesapeake Bay and ongoing efforts to substantially improve water quality in the Bay by 2025. By the end of 2018 the Commonwealth of Virginia is expected to submit a Chesapeake Bay Watershed Improvement Plan (WIP) to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. The process of developing the WIP could have major implications for Virginia's local governments.

Deli Luncheon

12:45 p.m. - 1:45 p.m. • Grand Ballroom

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VLGMA Luncheon

12:45 p.m. - 1:45 p.m. • Crystal and Empire

(Must have ticket to attend)

Speaker: Kathleen D. Guzi, Public Entity Specialist, VACORP

The VLGMA Luncheon is a ticketed event for county managers and key members of their management teams.

Credentials Committee

1 p.m. • Monroe

Building Bridges: Connect • Collaborate • Innovate

1:45 p.m. • Exhibit Hall

Take this opportunity to network and meet and speak with our exhibitors in the Exhibit Hall.

Exhibitor Mini Drawing

3 p.m. • Exhibit Hall

Monday Afternoon Refreshment Break

3 p.m. • Exhibit Hall

Sponsored by General Code

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CONCURRENT SESSIONS

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

FROM PRE-K TO CAREER: EDUCATING VIRGINIA'S WORKFORCE • Chesapeake

Moderator: The Honorable **William B. Kyger, Jr.**,
Board of Supervisors, Rockingham County

Speakers: The Honorable **Barbara A. Favola**, 31st
Senate District; **Holly Coy**, Deputy Secretary of
Education, Commonwealth of Virginia

How can Virginia prepare the workforce of
the future? Learn from state leaders about efforts
currently underway to ensure that students
graduate from high school “life-ready” by
improving school readiness for young learners and
restructuring the high school curriculum to prepare
graduates for college or careers.

TRANSPORTATION TODAY: AN UPDATE ON RAILS AND ROADS • Stratford

Moderator: The Honorable **Jeff C. McKay**, Board
of Supervisors, Fairfax County and Chair of VACO
Transportation Steering Committee

Speakers: **Ronique Day**, Policy Analyst, Office of
the Secretary of Transportation, Commonwealth
of Virginia; **Jennifer Mitchell**, Director, Virginia
Department of Rail and Public Transportation

Virginia has undergone many changes with
respect to the way transportation projects are
planned and financed. This session will provide
information on how “smart scale” works. The
session will also include discussions about public
transportation, and the role of high speed rail in
changing the way Virginians travel.

RESPONSES TO THE OPIATE ADDICTION CRISIS • Lexington

Moderator: The Honorable **Catherine M. Hudgins**,
Board of Supervisors, Fairfax County and Former
President, Virginia Association of Counties

Monday, November 9

Speakers: The Honorable **Dr. William A. Hazel, Jr.**, Secretary of Health and Human Resources, Commonwealth of Virginia; The Honorable **Ashley C. Chriscoe**, Board of Supervisors, Gloucester County; **Brenda G. Garton**, County Administrator, Frederick County; **Timothy Coyne**, Public Defender for the City of Winchester and Counties of Clarke, Frederick, Page, Shenandoah and Warren

Addiction to opiates and other drugs has taken a painful toll on Virginia. This session will present an opportunity to learn about efforts at the state and local levels to combat this epidemic.

CREATIVE BROADBAND SOLUTIONS • Mount Vernon

Moderator: The Honorable **Alexa Fritz**, Board of Supervisors, Culpeper County and Chair of VACo General Government Steering Committee

Speakers: The Honorable **Karen Jackson**, Secretary of Technology, Commonwealth of Virginia; **Bryan David**, County Administrator, Orange County

Having reliable Broadband coverage is crucial to local governments yet many areas in Virginia remain unserved or underserved. Communities need this access to provide the best education, medical care, economic development and overall quality of life. This session will provide examples, experiences and solutions.

High Growth Coalition

5 p.m. • Dominion

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5 p.m. • Stratford

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Tuesday, November 15

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9 a.m. • Regency Ballrooms

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• NACO SPEAKER •

The Honorable **Bryan M. Desloge**, President, National Association of Counties, and Board of County Commissioners, Leon County, Florida

Desloge was elected NACo president on July 24, 2016. In addition to being a NACo officer, Desloge holds several positions within the organization including his membership on the Health Steering Committee, Financial Services Corporation Board of Directors and the Next Generation NACo Network.



Tuesday, November 10

Desloge was elected to a two-year term of office in 2006 as Leon County commissioner and was reelected to four-year terms in 2008 and 2012. He is a board member and past president of the Florida Association of Counties.

• KEYNOTE SPEAKER •

Dr. Quentin Kidd, Vice Provost for Undergraduate Education, Professor of Political Science, and Director of the Judy Ford Wason Center for Public Policy at Christopher Newport University

Dr. Kidd will provide an analysis of last week's state and national elections and discuss possible impacts on Virginia.



Tuesday Morning Break

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

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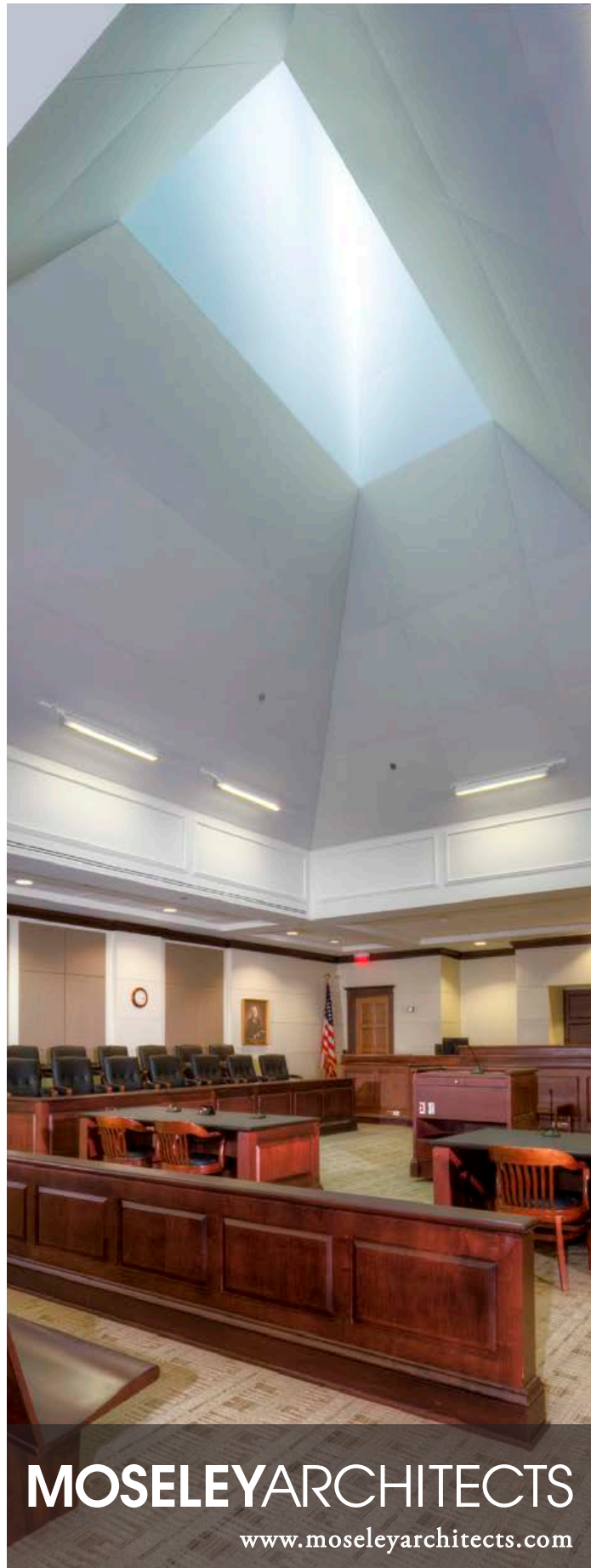


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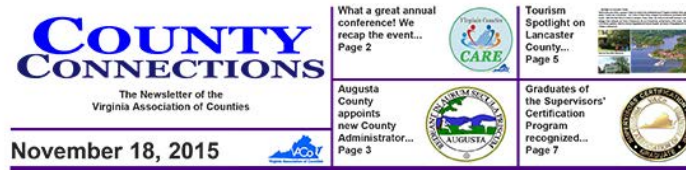
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VACo Elects Judy Lyttle President for 2015-2016

The membership of the Virginia Association of Counties elected Surry County Chair Judy S. Lyttle as 2015-2016 President during VACo's 81st Annual Conference in Bath County. Lyttle and other newly elected officers started their terms at the association's Annual Business Meeting on November 10.

Lyttle succeeds Fairfax County Supervisor Penny Gross. She becomes the first President from Surry County and the third from VACo's Region 1 since 2009.

"It is an honor to lead the association," Lyttle said. "Years ago, being VACo President was not in my future plans but here I am. I'm truly excited about the opportunity, and will do my best to help VACo move forward."

Lyttle is familiar with VACo's educational opportunities having participated in the Supervisors' Forum and the Chairs' Institute. She is a 2006 graduate of the Certified County Supervisors' Program.

"I plan to devote some of my efforts to strengthening VACo's Educational Programs," Lyttle said. "I believe in the power of education, and it is my hope that we can help every supervisor become a better elected official through education."

Lyttle became the first African-American woman to sit on the Surry County Board of Supervisors when she was elected in 1999. She currently serves as Chair and also has served as Vice Chair.

"Judy is a quiet but strong presence in our association," VACo Executive Director James D. Campbell said. "Judy takes the time to know her fellow supervisors across the state. She is known for building friendships, learning from others as well as bringing people together."

Lyttle joined the VACo Board of Directors in 2006. She became VACo's Second Vice President in 2013.

"My love for public service has grown stronger over the years because I know I've made a difference," Lyttle said. "I love people and I love serving people. When you have that in your heart, you are able to handle anything with a smile."

Lyttle retired after working 33 years as a Program Assistant and Assistant Manager with the U.S. Department of Agriculture. She graduated from Westside High School in Isle of Wight County and attended Virginia State University. She serves on numerous boards and committees. Lyttle is married to James Lyttle and they have two daughters - Andrea and Darylnet.

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HEALTH AND HUMAN RESOURCES

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Speaker: The Honorable **William J. Howell**, Speaker of the House, 28th House District

Exhibitor Setup

8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. • Grand Ballroom and Colonnade

VACo Board of Directors

9 a.m. • Dominion

VACORP Annual Business Meeting

9 a.m. • Crystal and Empire

Annual Conference Registration

10 a.m. - 5 p.m. • Mount Vernon Foyer

Sunday Afternoon Coffee Break

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

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Steering committee meetings

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

Economic Development and Planning • Piedmont

Education • Blue Ridge

Environment and Agriculture • Stratford

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

Finance • Mount Vernon

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**Regional Caucuses to Nominate Representatives
on VACo Board of Directors**

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

Region 1 • Blue Ridge

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Region 6 • Stratford

Region 7 • Mount Vernon

Region 8 • Tower Suite

Region 10 • Madison

Region 11 • Chesapeake

Region 12 • Piedmont

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VACo Annual Banquet

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6:30 p.m. • Regency Ballrooms

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Monday, November 14

Resolutions Committee

7:15 a.m. - 8:15 a.m. • Dominion

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OPENING GENERAL SESSION

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

VML Welcome: The Honorable **Robert K. Coiner**, President, Virginia Municipal League and Mayor, Town of Gordonsville

• KEYNOTE SPEAKERS •

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CONCURRENT SESSIONS

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

PROFFERS: HOW THE NEW LAW IMPACTS LOCALITIES •

Mount Vernon

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Chesapeake

THE LATEST IN FRACKING, MINING AND ENERGY •

Lexington

'STEPPING UP' DIVERSION FOR THE MENTALLY ILL/2017 PREVIEW OF JAIL ISSUES •

Stratford

Monday, November 14

CONCURRENT SESSIONS

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

FISCAL OUTLOOK FOR THE 2017 GENERAL ASSEMBLY SESSION • Chesapeake

SNAPSHOTS OF INNOVATIVE COUNTY PROGRAMS • Mount Vernon

Q&A WITH GENERAL ASSEMBLY LEADERSHIP • Stratford

HERE'S WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH STORMWATER AND CHESAPEAKE BAY CLEANUP • Lexington

Deli Luncheon

12:45 p.m. - 1:45 p.m. • Grand Ballroom

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Credentials Committee

1 p.m. • Monroe

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Monday Afternoon Refreshment Break

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CONCURRENT SESSIONS

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

**FROM PRE-K TO CAREER: EDUCATING VIRGINIA'S
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**TRANSPORTATION TODAY: AN UPDATE ON RAILS AND
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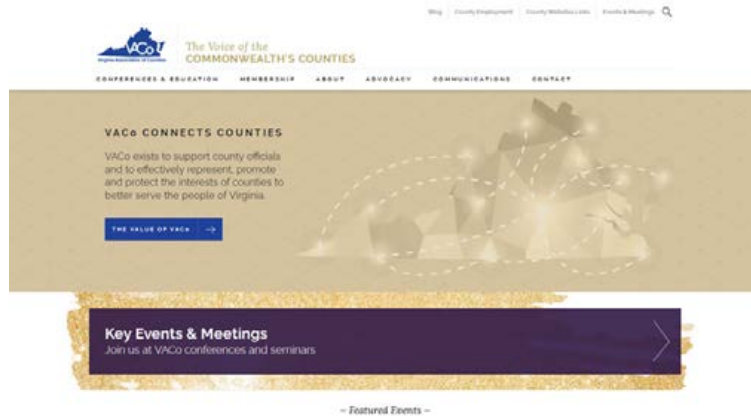
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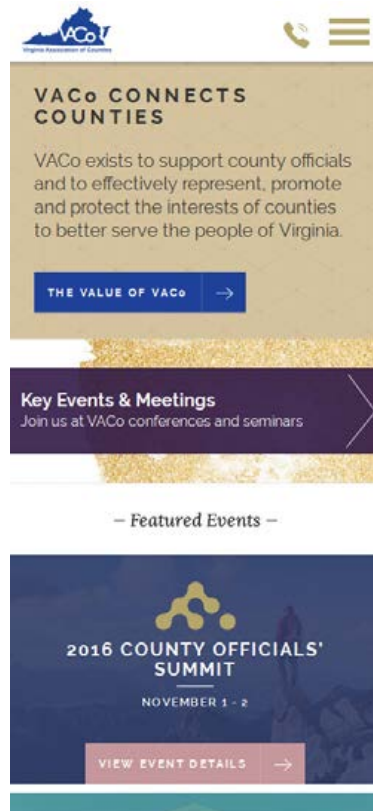
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1. Spring regional meetings: VACo members are invited to attend regional meetings to identify and discuss key statewide legislative and policy issues.

2. Resolutions Committee meetings: The committee oversees the development of the annual Legislative Program. It meets 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 President-Elect chairs the Resolutions 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 in 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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