



# ACAA Today

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## Happy New Year!

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know it isn't Jan. 1; however, it is a new fiscal year for us as we move from end-of-the-year close out and financial statements.



Roger Rendleman, CPA, CGFO  
Lee County  
ACAA President

We confidently head into the year with a budget we can feel good about (hopefully) and start the annual process all over again. I imagine we are all anxious to know how revenues and expenditures will play out for the year compared to the new budget plan.

Usually that part of the process takes on importance towards February and March; which

means December and January are good months to relax and catch up on those odds and ends projects.

Unfortunately, this year there is no rest for the weary. We are at the end of a legislative quadrennium, which means elections, which means early legislative session.

With the challenges the state is facing with both budgets, we all need to be vigilant to recognize attempts to take our very limited resources and/or attempts to push state responsibilities and costs onto our own fragile budgets.

I know you are probably tired and feel that you don't have enough depth in your staff to do all that needs to be done. We can't be like my beloved Tigers and use that excuse!

We just can't afford to have a bad legislative season, especially this year. So, get that game face on, and get ready to make phone calls and a few trips to Montgomery! We already have enough challenges without any more being created for us in Montgomery.

**PAST SUCCESS GUARANTEES NOTHING, AND COMPLIANCY LEADS TO FUTURE FAILURE.**

We have a great staff at the ACCA office; however, they need us as much as we need them to achieve success in Montgomery.

I look forward to seeing you at the ACCA Legislative Conference and in the halls of the Alabama State House!

### SAVE THIS DATE...

**COMMUNICATION AND MEDIA RELATIONS (Dec. 8-9 in conjunction with ACCA's Legislative Conference in Montgomery)** Participants learn effective communication in the workplace, the factors that foster poor communication, and the elements needed to make a good communicator. Understanding how to communicate with different personality types, constructive criticism, effective listening skills, and verbal and nonverbal communication are topics in this course. Participants also learn how to more effectively deal with the media, and when and what type of response is needed for specific situations.

Call 800-634-7199 to register. Registration fee is \$155.



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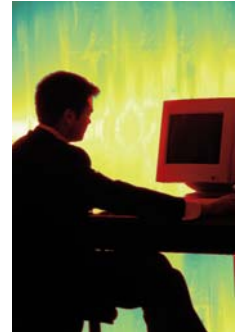
**KEN JOINER, CCA** .....Calhoun County

## Administrators' Board of Directors approves online reference page

Alabama's county administrators will soon have a new online resource tool to help answer some of the many questions that often get bounced around by e-mail, yet tend to get very few answers.

This new resource page will be a password-protected section of the ACAA affiliates' page of the ACCA Web site ([www.acca-online.org](http://www.acca-online.org)) in which county administrators may submit material for other county administrators to view and use. The new section, which is currently under development, will be designed to house materials, such as RFPs for banking services, policies for travel, policies for cell phone and computer usage, employee job descriptions, long-range plans, etc.

If you have an idea for a section of the online resource tool, please e-mail **Roger Rendleman** at [rrendleman@lecco.us](mailto:rrendleman@lecco.us).



## Education Committee appointed to assist in affiliate education program revamp

ACAA President Roger Rendleman accepted volunteers and appointed several board members to a special education committee to work with ACCA staff on curriculum changes for the revitalized affiliate education program.

The new education committee's first assignment will be to redesign the General Accounting classes.

Serving on the ACAA Education Committee are **Coffee County Administrator Kathy Lolley**; **Mobile County Administrator John Pafenbach, CCA**; **Sumter County Administrator Lucinda Cockrell, CPA**; **Lee County Coordinator of Governmental Relations Wendy Swann**; **Covington County Administrator Brenda Petty, CCA**; and **Lowndes County Administrator Jacquelyn Thomas, CCA**.



## CONGRATS AND A FOND FAREWELL TO ONE OF OUR OWN...

Congratulations to **Calhoun County Administrator Ken Joiner, CCA**, who will soon be retiring after more than 38 years of dedicated service to county government. We know that your fellow commission staffers will surely miss you...as well as your fellow county administrators! We hope you'll stop in and join us come annual conference time!



# 2009 LEGISLATIVE Conference

Dec. 9-10 • Renaissance Montgomery Hotel and Conference Center • Montgomery, Ala. • REGISTER TODAY!

## OPENING GENERAL SESSION

- **Preview of the 2010 Legislative Session**  
*Hon. Seth Hammett, Speaker of the House*
- **Financial Challenges for the 2010 Session**  
*Rep. John Knight (D-Montgomery)*
- **Projections on the Federal Highway Trust Fund**  
*Speaker TBA*
- **A Health Care Reform Update**  
*Paul Beddoe, NACo Associate Legislative Director*
- **An Unemployment Forecast**  
*Tom Surtees, Director of Alabama Department of Industrial Relations*

- **A Forecast for the Coming Election Year and a Focus on Overseas Absentee Voting**

*Beth Chapman, Alabama Secretary of State*

## ACAA BREAKOUT AGENDA

- **Reimbursement of Elections**  
*Jan Worthington, State Comptroller's Office*
- **Preparing for the Election: Precincts and Other Stuff**  
*Brenda Smith, Divisions Chief, Assistant Attorney General*
- **The Next County Modernization Act**  
*Mary Pons, ACCA Association Counsel*

For more details, log online at [www.acca-online.org](http://www.acca-online.org).

## HOW TO REGISTER ONLINE FOR ACCA'S LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE

- Registrations will not be accepted via any other method. You **MUST** register through the online system.
- Think about assigning the duty of registering everyone in your office to one staff member. That staff member would be responsible for registering each person for all ACCA events and keeping up with everyone's login and password.
- Go to [www.acca-online.org](http://www.acca-online.org).
- Click on the **Conferences and Events** tab on the top left side of the menu bar. Scroll down to the **ACCA Legislative Conference**. Click on the tab to register online. *(This will bring you to a welcome page.)*
- Your first step is to login. You must be logged in to register for an event. Click on **Login** on the left side of the page.
- Enter your primary e-mail address. *If you have never registered before, your default password is **Password1**.* After you login for the first time, it will prompt you to change to password. After you change your password, click on **Click Here to Continue**. This will bring up all of your current account information.
- **If it says incorrect e-mail or password**, we must not have you in the system. Go up to **New Visitor Registration** to create an account. You'll need to enter your contact information and hit **Create Account**. From there continue on to the next step.
- From here click **Upcoming Events** on the left side of the page. This will bring up a list of all upcoming events. There will be several pages. Scroll through the pages to find the Legislative Conference.
- Click on the **Legislative Conference** and click **Register for this Event**. Look over the badge information provided and click on **Add to Cart**.
- When you click on Add to Cart you might see a button at the bottom of the page that says **Group Registration**. Click on this to register multiple people from your county at once.
- When you are ready, hit the **Checkout** button in the shopping cart. Enter your billing information if necessary. Click **Next**. Then choose your payment option. You have the option of being billed for the event or paying with a credit card. **If you choose Bill Me, please print your receipt and use that as an invoice for payment.** Please make all checks payable to ACCA, 100 N. Jackson Street, Montgomery, AL 36104.
- Once you complete your registration, you will receive a confirmation e-mail detailing your purchase.
- Questions? Please call (334) 263-7594 or e-mail Jennifer Datcher ([jdatcher@acca-online.org](mailto:jdatcher@acca-online.org)) or Donna Key ([dkey@acca-online.org](mailto:dkey@acca-online.org)) in the ACCA Office.

