

CONVENTION Notes

ACCA's 81st Annual Convention • Aug. 18 - 20, 2009 • Perdido Beach Resort • Orange Beach, Ala.

IS YOUR COUNTY STRUGGLING THROUGH THESE ECONOMIC TIMES?

Then you don't want to miss this year's Annual Convention. The Opening General Session will focus on Economic Development and will include a keynote address from Joe Zidle. Joe is the deputy director of the Banc of America Securities-Merrill Lynch Research Investment Committee and head of Global Wealth Management Investment Strategy. Joe has an extensive knowledge of the markets and will bring us an economic update and talk about when counties might begin to see some relief. In addition we will talk about the development of rural areas and how to better partner with existing industry. We will also have an update on stimulus funding. If you are looking for a way to help your county through these economic times then this convention has the answers!

SEE YOU THERE!

Economic Development...The Missing Piece

If you haven't already made your plans to attend **ACCA's 81st Annual Convention** scheduled for **Aug. 18-20, 2009**, at the **Perdido Beach Resort** in **Orange Beach, Ala.**, you don't know what you'll be missing! Conference registration will be \$185 before July 24. Registration following July 24 will be \$210.

Monday, Aug. 17

- Annual Convention Golf Tournament at Glenlakes Golf Club and the Second Annual Fishing Expedition (see page 7 for details).

Tuesday, Aug. 18

- Membership meetings for ACEA, ACAA, AAND, AAEM, and the Association's Workers Compensation and Liability Insurance Fund
- Exhibit Showcase in the Grand Ballroom of the Perdido Beach Resort, with more than 70 exhibitors

Wednesday, Aug. 19

- Morning general session with topics to focus on the State of the Economy, Development of Rural Areas Through Education, Stimulus Funding for Alabama Counties, How to Better Partner With Existing Industry, and a great Economic Success Story in Houston County
- County Agents Kitchen lunch
- Concurrent sessions with topics such as County Bond Financing Review, Feeding of Prisoners, Is Self-Governance for Your County?, Improvement Districts, a Jail Workshop, and Pros and Cons of Subdivision Regulations

Thursday, Aug. 20

- Breakout sessions for ACEA, ACAA, AAND, AAEM, CROAA and County Commissioners (see detailed agenda on page 3)
- Convention Luncheon honoring 2008-09 President Joe Faulk
- Awards Ceremony, Washington Report from Senator Jeff Sessions, Congressman Mike Rogers and NACo President Valerie Brown, and our business session in which members of the ACCA Board of Directors and Legislative Committee are elected
- President's Banquet honoring 2009-10 President-Elect Larry White with special after-dinner entertainment by *The Sweet Young Uns*

INSTRUCTIONS FOR ONLINE REGISTRATION

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- Before you begin, please understand that we have put a lot of effort into making sure this system works well for the ACCA and our affiliates. That said, we are aware that some of you will experience problems or have trouble registering. Change is not always easy. Please do not hesitate to contact Jennifer in the ACCA office to help resolve issues.
- Registrations will not be accepted via any other method. You **MUST** register through the online system.
- Each person must register individually for the conference. You might want to think about assigning the duty of registering everyone in the office to one staff member. That staff member would then be responsible for registering each person individually for all ACCA events and keeping up with everyone's login and password.
- Go to www.acca-online.org
- Click on the Conference and Events tab on the top left hand side of the menu bar. Scroll down to the ACCA Annual Convention. 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 hand side of the page.
- Enter your primary email address. Right now the default password is **Password1**. After you login for the first time it will prompt you to change to password to something else. 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 email 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 on Upcoming Events on the left hand side of the page. This will bring up a list of all upcoming events. There will be several pages. You may have to scroll to page 4 or 5 to find the convention information.
- Click on Convention Registration for Counties and click Register for this Event. Look over the badge information provided and click on Add to Cart.
- If you need to register for something else (fishing, golf, spouse tour, etc.) click Continue Shopping and then click on Upcoming Events again on the left hand side of the page and find the correct event. **NOTE:** You can have multiple items in your cart and check out all at once.
- **IF YOU NEED TO REGISTER YOUR SPOUSE OR GUEST:** First put your convention registration in your shopping cart. Then hit Continue Shopping and click on Upcoming Events again on the left hand side of the page. From there Click on ACCA Annual Convention Spouse Registration. Please note that Spouse Registration is different from the Spouse Tour. There is no charge for Spouse Registration, but the Spouse Tour costs money. Change the information in the boxes provided to your spouse/guests information and click on add to cart.
- 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 North Jackson Street, Montgomery, AL 36104.**
- Once you complete your registration you will receive an confirmation email detailing your purchase.
- Again, please call or email Jennifer or Donna in the ACCA Office if you have any questions.
 - Jennifer Datcher - jdatcher@acca-online.org
 - Donna Key - dkey@acca-online.org
 - (334) 263-7594

81st ANNUAL Convention

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Monday, August 17

12:00 p.m.

Golf Tournament Lunch

1:00 p.m.

Golf Tournament Shotgun Start
Glenlakes Golf Club in Foley, Ala.

1:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Fishing Expedition
Reel Surprise Charter Docks

Tuesday, August 18

9 - 10 a.m.

ACEA Board Meeting

10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Affiliate Membership Meetings
ACEA - 10 a.m.; ACAA - 1 p.m.; AAND - 3 p.m.;
AAEM - 4 p.m.

11 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Registration Desk Open

11 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Exhibit Showcase

11 a.m. - Noon

ACCA Board of Directors Meeting

12 - 1 p.m.

Strolling Lunch in the Exhibit Hall

1 - 5 p.m.

CROAA Educational Session

2 - 3 p.m.

Minority Issues Steering Committee (Open
Forum)

2 - 3 p.m.

ACCA Workers Compensation & Liability
Insurance Fund Meeting

5 - 6:30 p.m.

Opening Reception in the Exhibit Hall

Wednesday, August 19

7:30 - 8:30 a.m.

Convention Breakfast

7:45 - 8:30 a.m.

Nominating Committee Meeting
Resolutions Committee Meeting

8 - 11:30 a.m.

Registration Desk Open

8:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Opening General Session

- State of the Economy - An Overview of Today's Markets, *Joe Zidle, Senior Director - Merrill Lynch Investment Strategy Management*
- Development of Rural Areas, *Larry Lee, Director, The Center for Rural Alabama*

- Stimulus Funding for Alabama Counties, *David Perry, Attorney, Maynard Cooper & Gale*
- Report of the Nominating Committee
- How to Better Partner with Existing Industry, *Bob Smith, Senior Project Mgr., ADO*
- An Economic Success Story in Houston County, *Ronnie Gilley, President, Ronnie Gilley Properties and Mark Culver, Chairman, Houston County Commission*

12 - 1:15 p.m.

County Agents Kitchen Lunch

1:30 - 4:45 p.m.

Concurrent Sessions

- County Bond Financing Review, *Mike Scroggins, Dept. of Examiners of Public Accounts*
- Feeding of Prisoners, *Mary Pons, ACCA Staff Attorney*
- Is Self-Governance for Your County?, *Bill Cook, Macon County Compliance Officer*
- Improvement Districts, *Alston Ray, Johnston Barton Proctor & Rose, P.C.*
- Jail Workshop, *Daryl Masters, Webb & Eley*
- Pros and Cons of Subdivision Regulations, *Randy Tindell and Marty Lentz, Coffee County*

4:45 p.m.

ALGTI Board Meeting

Thursday, August 20

7:45 - 8:45 a.m.

County Agents Kitchen Breakfast

8 a.m. - 12 p.m.

CROAA Educational Session

8:45 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Breakout Sessions:

Commissioners

- Stimulus Discretionary Project, *Richie Beyer, Elmore County Engineer*
- Update on FEMA Public Assistance Grants, *Benjie Abbott, AEMA*
- ADEM's Recycling Grant Program, *Phillip Davis, ADEM*
- The Role & Duties of the Ala. Dept. of Agriculture & Industries, *Glen Zorn, Assistant Commissioner*
- County Striping Programs: Two Approaches, Same Results - Saving Money!, *Mark Pool, Houston County Engineer and Benjie Sanders, Crenshaw County Engineer*

ACEA

- ALDOT Update, *Ed Phillips, ALDOT*
- Employee Recruitment and Retention, *Robbie Hyde, Webb & Eley, P.C.*
- Workers Compensation Issues, *Hope Curtis Hicks, Webb & Eley, P.C.*

- Stimulus Discretionary Project, *Richie Beyer, Elmore County Engineer*

ACAA

- Examiners Report, *Mike Scroggins, Dept. of Examiners of Public Accounts*
- The Ins and Outs of Self-Collecting Solid Waste, *Jim Ransom, Baldwin County Environmental Services Director and Robert Bevis, Lauderdale County Solid Waste Manager*
- State Employees Insurance Board Update, *Tonya Campbell, Marketing Director, SEIB*
- New Requirements for Performance Bonds, *Mary Pons, ACCA Staff Attorney*
- Insurance Update, *Sonny Brasfield, ACCA Executive Director*

AAEM

- Emergency Fund Legislation, *Rep. Mac Gipson and Sen. Bobby Denton (Invited)*
- EMA's Relationship to the County Commission, *Rbondel Rhone, Clarke County Commissioner*
- Bid Law Overview, *Mike Scroggins, Dept. of Examiners of Public Accounts*
- Good Government (Ethics Law, Open Meeting Law and Other Important Issues), *Mary Pons, ACCA Staff Attorney*

AAND

- Levelizing the Statewide Fee for 9-1-1 Service, *Bill Cobb, AT&T*
- Phase II Observations, *Roger Wilson and Bill Brodeur*
- Statute Governing the Release of 9-1-1 Tapes, *Sonny Brasfield, ACCA Executive Director*
- Working With Your Elected Officials, *Stan Bateman, Chairman, St. Clair County*
- Best Practices in Accounting and Audits, *Mike Scroggins, Dept. of Examiners of Public Accounts*

10:45 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Spouse Program - A Day at the SPA

12 - 1:15 p.m.

Convention Luncheon Honoring
2008-2009 President Joe Faulk

1:45 - 4:45 p.m.

Afternoon General Session

- Awards Ceremony
- Washington Report (Sen. Jeff Sessions (Invited), Rep. Mike Rogers, NACo President Valerie Brown)
- ACCA Business Session, Executive Directors Report, District Caucuses

6:30 p.m.

President's Banquet Honoring 2009 - 2010
President-Elect Larry White

8 p.m.

President's Inaugural Dance
Featuring *The Sweet Young Uns*

Running for ACCA Second Vice President or Minority Director?

Then you need to know about the ACCA's new elections process!

One of the most important elements of the ACCA Annual Convention is the election of the Association's Officers, Board of Directors and Legislative Committee. Officer positions to be filled at the Convention are President, First Vice President and Second Vice President. Tradition has held that those currently holding the position of First and Second Vice President move up to the posts of President and First Vice President respectively. This progression would mean that Escambia County Commissioner Larry White would become President and Clay County Commissioner Ricky Burney would become First Vice President for 2009 - 2010.

In the past, those wishing to run for Second Vice President or Minority Director would meet with the Nominating Committee during the Convention. The ACCA Board of Directors has approved a new process for electing these positions. Those wishing to run for Second Vice President or Minority Director of the Association should fill out the form below and return it to the ACCA Office **no later than July 17, 2009**.

All candidates should be available to come to the ACCA office in Montgomery to meet with the Nominating Committee on August 4, 2009, at 10 a.m. This will be a time for the Nominating Committee to meet with each candidate and ask questions about his/her goals for the Association. The Nominating Committee will then meet during the convention and present a slate of candidates for consideration by the membership during the Business Session on Thursday afternoon.

Chairing the Nominating Committee this year is ACCA Second Vice President Ricky Burney. Committee members include **Barry Moore**, Franklin County; **Jerry Craig**, Madison County; **Dewitt Jackson**, DeKalb County; **Don Stisher**, Morgan County; **Bobby Humphryes**, Jefferson County; **Tennyson Smith**, Greene County; **Corley Ellis**, Shelby County; **T.C. Coley**, Tallapoosa County; **Jay Thompson**, Autauga County; **Freddie Armstead**, Marengo County; **Ronnie Hudson**, Crenshaw County; **Merceria Ludgood**, Mobile County.

Please understand that leadership positions within the Association carry with them a commitment of time and effort. Candidates should not seek these offices unless they are willing to make a commitment to be an active and regular participant in Association activities and endeavors. Officers are called upon to meet several times per year and often make unexpected trips to Montgomery to represent the best interests of counties. Those willing to serve as an officer must be willing and able to make these trips to Montgomery.

It is also important for potential candidates to keep in mind that the Association's by-laws now require those persons being elected to officer positions to be in compliance with the provisions of Alabama law regarding the mandatory training program for newly-elected county commissioners.

Name: _____

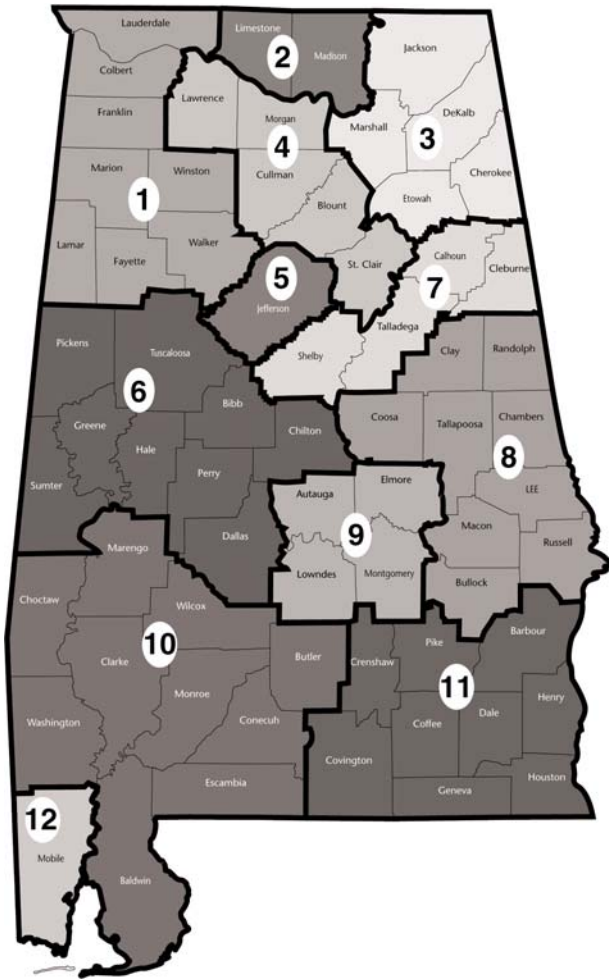
County: _____

Are you running for _____ Second Vice President or _____ Minority Director

Please fax completed form to the ACCA office at (334) 263-7678 by July 17, 2009

Running for the ACCA Board of Directors or Legislative Committee?

Then you need to know about the ACCA's new elections process!



One of the most important elements of the ACCA Annual Convention is the election of the Association's Officers, Board of Directors and Legislative Committee. In the past, those wishing to run for the ACCA Board of Directors or Legislative Committee would notify the ACCA of their intentions and begin campaign efforts within their district. But there was no formal way of communicating to the membership who was running in each district.

The ACCA Board of Directors has approved a new process of notifying the membership of those wishing to run for the ACCA Board of Directors or Legislative Committee. The names of those wishing to run will be collected by the ACCA staff and printed on a sheet that will be inserted in the Convention registration packets.

If you are interested in running for the ACCA Board of Directors or Legislative Committee from your district, please fill out the form below and return it to the ACCA Office no later than Friday, August 7.

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Name: _____

County: _____

Are you running for _____ Board of Directors or _____ Legislative Committee

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Have you made your hotel reservations?

Our block at the Perdido Beach Resort is full. Overflow accommodations have been set up at the Phoenix Condos. If you would like to reserve a room, please call 800-221-0258 and use group code #1193025. The deadline to reserve a room is July 30.

Donna Key will be keeping a waiting list in the ACCA office. If you would like to be on the waiting list for a room at Perdido, please email me at dkey@acca-online.org. **And as always, if you have rooms to cancel at Perdido, PLEASE CALL ME FIRST AT (334) 263-7594.**

A Day at the SPA



Planning to attend the Association of County Commissions of Alabama's 81st Annual Convention, but looking for something fun to do while your spouse is busy with meetings on Thursday? Then, we have the perfect thing for you! A Day at the SPA!

We'll meet in the Perdido Beach Resort lobby at 10:45 a.m. and walk across the street to Red's Diner for lunch at 11:00. Following lunch we'll hit the East of Eden Spa and Salon for a relaxing afternoon of pampering. East of Eden is a full service salon and spa. Your registration fee will cover lunch and one of the following: massage (\$60), facial (\$60), manicure (\$45), or pedicure (\$45). You can certainly choose to take advantage of more than one of the Spa's services, but only one is included in your registration fee. While waiting you can visit the shops at the SanRoc Cay Marina.

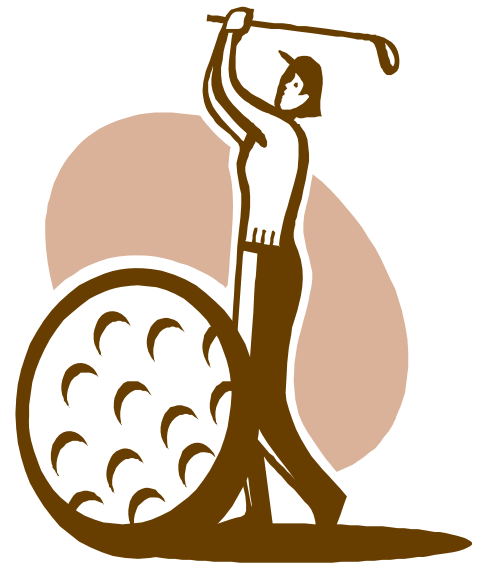
Following your afternoon of pampering you'll be back at the hotel in time for the President's Banquet at 6:30 p.m. *Spa times will be reserved on a first come, first served basis, so register ONLINE NOW! **The deadline to register is July 31.*** If you have any questions or would like to schedule any additional spa services, please call Jennifer Datcher in the ACCA office at (334) 263-7594.

You may pay online by credit card or send a check to the following:

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FORE!

ACCA's 81st Annual Convention Golf Tournament



WHERE: Glenlakes Golf Course
9530 Clubhouse Drive, Foley, AL 36535

WHEN: Monday, August 17, 2009

TIME: Noon – Lunch 1 p.m. – Shotgun Start

FORMAT: The tournament will use a scramble format to allow every player to be directly involved in the scoring. This format does not require that all players be expert golfers. Everyone, regardless of skill level, is encouraged to play!

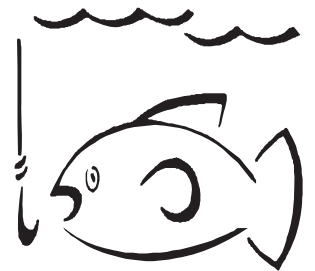
COST: \$40 per player for county officials and employees – this includes lunch, green fees, cart, cold drinks and prizes! You may pay online by credit card or send a check to the following:
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ACTION: Register ONLINE by **Monday, August 3, 2009.**

Fishing Expedition

Not a golfer? No problem.

This fishing expedition is for you!



WHEN: Monday, August 17, 2009

WHERE: Reel Surprise Charter Docks (under the Alabama Point Bridge)
27515 Perdido Beach Boulevard
Orange Beach, AL 36561

TIME: 1 - 7 p.m.

COST: \$95 per person – this includes 6 hours of fishing, snacks and drinks! You may pay online by credit card or send a check to the following:
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ACTION: Register ONLINE by **Friday, July 17, 2009.** *We must have a minimum of 27 people signed up by July 17 or we will have to cancel!*

ACCA Annual Convention Registration Packet!



Association of County
Commissions of Alabama
100 North Jackson Street
Montgomery, AL 36104