

# CONVENTION Notes

ACCA's 82nd Annual Convention • Aug. 24 - 26, 2010 • Perdido Beach Resort • Orange Beach, Ala.

## Making the Right Move

Hurry and make your plans to attend the ACCA's 82nd Annual Convention scheduled for August 24-26, 2010, at the Perdido Beach Resort in Orange Beach, Ala. Conference registration will be \$185 before July 30. Registration following July 30 will be \$210. **Register online at [www.acca-online.org](http://www.acca-online.org)!**

### Monday, Aug. 23

- Annual Convention Golf Tournament at Glenlakes Golf Club. **Please Note:** Because of the oil situation in the Gulf, and on the recommendation of the charter fishing company, we have decided to cancel the fishing expedition. **All other Convention events remain unchanged.**

### Tuesday, Aug. 24

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

### Wednesday, Aug. 25

- Morning general session with topics to focus on Improving Pretrial Justice and Reducing Expenses Associated with Pretrial Detainees. We will also hear from the Republican and Democrat nominees for Governor, Lieutenant Governor and Attorney General
- County Agents Kitchen lunch
- Concurrent sessions with topics such as The Future of Alabama's Prison System, EPA Storm Water and Wetlands Update, Tour of Auburn University's Biomass Gasification & Electrical Power Lab, Electronic Hearings for Prisoners, Problems with Municipal Jurisdictions, Increasing County Influence in Legislative Elections, and Managing Public Input

### Thursday, Aug. 26

- Breakout sessions for ACEA, ACAA, AAND, AAEM, CROAA and County Commissioners (see detailed agenda on pages 2 & 3)
- Convention Luncheon honoring 2009-2010 President Larry White
- Awards Ceremony, Update on the Alabama Trust Fund, Update on the Road and Bridge Constitutional Amendment, and the ACCA business session in which members of the ACCA Board of Directors and Legislative Committee are elected
- President's Banquet and Inaugural Dance honoring 2010-2011 President-Elect Ricky Burney

## 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 condo, please call 800-221-0258 and use the group code #1302895.

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](mailto:dkey@acca-online.org). **And as always, if you have rooms to cancel at Perdido, PLEASE CALL ME FIRST AT (334) 263-7594.**

# 82nd ANNUAL Convention

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## Monday, August 23

**12:00 p.m.**

Golf Tournament Lunch  
Glenlakes Golf Club in Foley, Ala.

**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 24

**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 Board Meeting  
- 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 Breakout Session

- Sales Tax Exemption for Pollution Control Devices, *Debbie Lee, ADOR*

- Steps to Deny License Renewal, *Captain Mark Hatfield, Assistant Director of Licensing, ABC Board Law Enforcement Division*
- Auditing for 6 Years and How the 25% Rule Applies, *Debbie Lee, ADOR*
- Ethics Overview, *Mary Pons, ACCA Association Counsel*
- Overview of the County Government Education Institute, *Mary Pons, ACCA Association Counsel*
- CROAA Business 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 25

**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

- Improving Pretrial Justice, *Timothy J. Murray, Executive Director, Pretrial*

*Justice Institute*

- Reducing Expenses Associated with Pretrial Detainees, *Don Murray, NACo, Senior Legislative Director*
- Gubernatorial Candidate Ron Sparks (D)
- Gubernatorial Candidate (R)
- Report of the Nominating Committee
- Attorney General Candidate Luther Strange (R)
- Lieutenant Governor Candidate Kay Ivey (R)
- Lieutenant Governor Candidate Jim Folsom (D)
- Attorney General Candidate (D)

**12 - 1:15 p.m.**

County Agents Kitchen Lunch

**1:30 - 4:45 p.m.**

Concurrent Sessions

- The Future of Alabama's Prison System, *Richard Allen, Commissioner, Alabama Department of Corrections*
- EPA Storm Water Update, *Doug Mundrick, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency*
- Tour of Auburn University Biomass Gasification and Electrical Power Mobile Laboratory, *Larry Filmer, Executive Director*
- Electronic Hearings for Prisoners, *David Seibert, Limestone County Chairman, David Freeman, Limestone County IT Director*
- Problems with Municipal Police Jurisdictions, *Robert Spence, Tuscaloosa County Attorney*

# 82nd ANNUAL Convention

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- How the Yellow Dot Program and USDA Rural Development Can Benefit YOUR County, *Lora Weaver, Alabama Yellow Dot Program, Ronnie Davis, USDA Rural Development*
- Increasing County Influence in Legislative Elections, *Sonny Brasfield, ACCA Executive Director*
- Managing Public Input, *ACCA Staff*

**4:45 p.m.**

ALGTI Board Meeting

## Thursday, August 26

**7:45 - 8:45 a.m.**

County Agents Kitchen Breakfast

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

Breakout Sessions:

### Commissioners

- Why the Collection of 9-1-1 Fees is Important to Your County, *Jim Sasser, Attorney, Alabama Wireless Board*
- Commissioners and EMA Directors Working Together, *Rhondel Rhone, Clarke County Commissioner*
- Federal Energy Policy Update: Climate Change Legislation, *Nick Sellers, Vice President of Corporate Relations, Alabama Power Company*

### Combined Session with Engineers After the Break

- Discussion of Boundary Problems with Subdivisions, *Gary Sherrer, Houston County Attorney*
- Home Builders Perspective on Subdivision Regulations, *Jason Reid,*

*Regulatory Affairs Director, Home Builders Association of Alabama*

- Lessons Learned: Private Road Subdivisions, *Richie Beyer, Elmore County Engineer*

### ACEA

- ALDOT Update, *Ed Phillips, County Transportation Director*
- Preserving Our Highway Investment, *Larry Galehouse, Director, National Center for Pavement Preservation*

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### ACAA

- Examiners Report, *Mike Scroggins, Dept. of Examiners of Public Accounts*
- Checklist for Tax Collection: Are You Getting All Your Money?, *Butch Burbage, Shelby County Finance Manager*
- Preparing Your New Commissioners, *Mary Pons, ACCA Association Counsel*
- Review of Omnibus and Q&A Session, *Mary Pons, ACCA Association*

*Counsel and Mike Scroggins, Dept. of Examiners of Public Accounts*

### AAEM, AAND and CROAA Combined Breakout Session

- Effective Tools for Disarming Difficult People, *Dr. Rick Voyles, Conflict Resolution Academy*

**12 - 1:15 p.m.**

Convention Luncheon Honoring 2009-2010 President Larry White

**1:45 - 4:45 p.m.**

Afternoon General Session

- Awards Ceremony
- Update on the Alabama Trust Fund, *Norris Green, Legislative Fiscal Office*
- Update on the Road and Bridge Constitutional Amendment, *Sonny Brasfield, ACCA Executive Director*
- ACCA Business Session
- Executive Directors Report
- District Caucuses

**6:30 p.m.**

President's Banquet Honoring 2010 - 2011 President-Elect Ricky Burney

**8 p.m.**

President's Inaugural Dance featuring The Maxx Band

# Thinking of Running for ACCA Second Vice President or Minority Director?

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 Clay County Commissioner Ricky Burney would become President and Etowah County Commissioner Tim Choate would become First Vice President for 2010 - 2011.

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 23, 2010**.

All candidates should be available to come to the ACCA office in Montgomery to meet with the Nominating Committee on August 10, 2010, 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 Tim Choate. Committee members include **Bruce Hamrick**, Walker County; **Jerry Craig**, Madison County; **Dewitt Jackson**, DeKalb County; **Don Stisher**, Morgan County; **Bobby Humphryes**, Jefferson County; **Tennyson Smith**, Greene County; **J.D. Hess**, Calhoun County; **Unzell Kelley**, Coosa County; **Jay Thompson**, Autauga County; **Wiley Tait**, Escambia County; **Fred Hamic**, Geneva 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.

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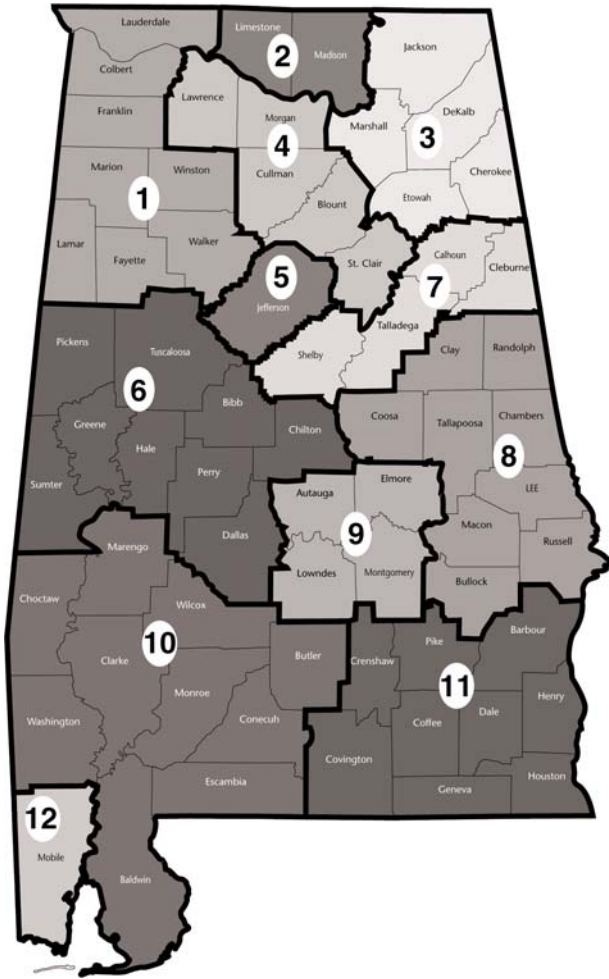
Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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 23, 2010**

# Thinking of Running for the ACCA Board of Directors or Legislative Committee?



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 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 13.

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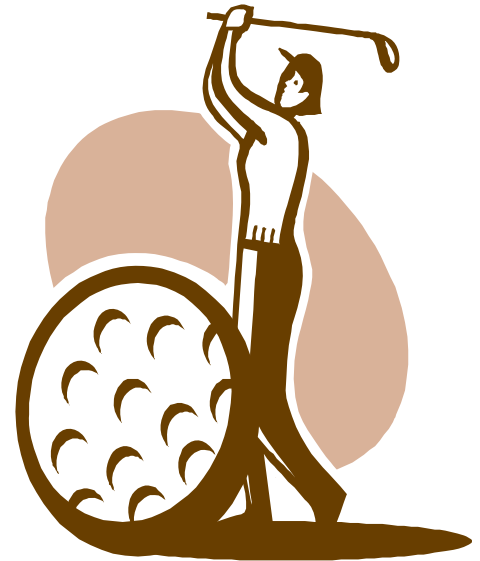
County: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you running for \_\_\_\_\_ Board of Directors or \_\_\_\_\_ Legislative Committee

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## ACCA's 82nd Annual Convention Golf Tournament



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

WHEN: Monday, August 23, 2010

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: **\$35** 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:  
ACCA • Attn: Annual Convention • 100 N. Jackson St. • Montgomery, AL 36104

ACTION: Register ONLINE by **Monday, August 9, 2010**.



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Commissions of Alabama  
100 North Jackson Street  
Montgomery, AL 36104