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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

BY KAREN LAYHER



SDACO President & Grant County Auditor Karen Layher

Greetings! I hope you have passed through the winter blues and have begun enjoying the beautiful South Dakota Spring weather. The warm temperatures are wonderful and even here in the snowy area of the State we are enjoying the sun and hoping to dry up the water brought by our winter snows.

As you know, Carrie and I attended the State President's & Executive Director's meeting in Washington, DC in January. This was a wonderful experience to see the NACo offices and meet the various department personnel. It is always nice to put a name and a face together. The meetings were

jam packed with speakers from President Obama's Administration as well as Economists making projections about the state of recovery. Everyone I visited with talked about the same issue - how to find revenue and make cuts to balance the budget. Cuts are being made at all levels of government and will have a huge impact on county government. We, as elected officials, must find avenues to work together to promote efficient government. With communication and team work we will continue on the road of success.

I would like to extend a sincere "thank you" to the SDACO members for this opportunity to attend this conference and represent you. Also, I want you to know Carrie did an excellent job as your Executive Director. She has already made many contacts, formed good relationships and is well respected by her peers.

I know all of you stayed busy tracking bills and watching the

legislative session unfold. I would like to thank you for, keeping in contact with Carrie or the Executive Board members with concerns you may have had. The Executive Board was busy with conference calls concerning legislation and trying to proceed in the best interest of the association. This

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proved to be a huge task as the process moved so fast in Pierre. The association's main bill, SB96, was on a roller coaster ride for most of session. Thanks to all who have testified and contacted legislators. Your help is very much appreciated.

Lastly, I would like to give best wishes to Kay Schmidt and Sue Roust who retired a couple of weeks ago. Enjoy this new phase of your life and for the rest of us, remember Spring will soon be here! Please contact me if I can be of assistance to you at 605-432-6711 or email karen.layher@state.sd.us

MISSION STATEMENT SOUTH DAKOTA ASSOCIATION OF

"The mission of South Dakota Association of County Officials is to promote effective and efficient county government for the citizens of South Dakota."

FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

BY CARRIE GONSOR

Spring has finally come to South Dakota! Many areas of the state had to endure a long and cold winter, and faced flooding issues from the abundant snow. We all hope that Spring brings with her beautiful weather and sunshine for dry(er) times.

The SDACO office and staff survived the brutal cold winter and a vigorous Legislative Session, and—much like the rest of the state—we are ready for the Spring and Summer months!

The 2011 Legislative session provided to be one of the biggest learning experiences of my life. Every day was a new adventure and brought another challenge to overcome. I am thankful for the support from the SDACC, the SDACO Executive Board, and all SDACO Members; your patience and guidance was invaluable as Andrew and I learned the “ins and outs” of successful lobbying.

Overall, the SDACO had a positive legislative session. Our

bills were well received by the legislators and we were able to address the needs of counties throughout the state.

The best realization I had during session was that I work for an Association that is well respected by South Dakota Senators and Representatives. The hard work county officials put in on a daily basis is recognized by the legislators and, as such, they were willing to listen to our concerns. My job was made significantly easier because YOU operate in a proficient and efficient manner everyday. Thank you for your diligence to your office and to your constituents.

April signified the end of legislative session and a transition into district meetings and convention planning.

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Andrew and I were able to make six district

meetings in the past month and a half, and it was nice to see our county officials from around the state. While the fields looked wet and many roads were flooded, the officials



Executive Director Carrie Gonsor

continued with their upbeat attitudes and positive outlooks!

I am excited to see the rest of the officials again at Spring Workshop. The 2011 Spring Workshop will be held in Pierre on May 18-20. The SDACO Executive Board, Education, and Scholarship committees have been essential in the planning for workshop and we have a fantastic group of speakers have lined up. I encourage all who can make Spring Workshop to register and stay for all session. Continuing Education is key for the success of a well-run courthouse.

As always, I thank you for your support and patience. Please call me at any time if there is anything I can be of assistance with.

South Dakota County News

The *South Dakota County News* is the official newsletter of the South Dakota Association of County Officials.

The *South Dakota County News* is published ten times a year by the South Dakota Association of County Officials (SDACO). It is distributed to all elected county officials in South Dakota’s 66 counties. Other readers include SDACO Associate Members, purchasing agents, budget and planning administrators, appointed department heads, state legislators and state agency personnel.

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SDACO OFFICE HAPPENINGS

Governor’s Liaison to Counties

South Dakota Governor Dennis Daugaard has publicly committed to building strong relationships with county leaders. Governor Daugaard asked Chief of Staff Dusty Johnson to act as a liaison for counties, cities, and townships. In a letter to county officials, Johnson writes: “I spent a few years early in my career working for local governments, and am looking forward to helping you in any way I can.”

District Meetings

In March and April, many SD County districts held their first District Meeting of the year. SDACO Executive Director Gonsor attended the Oahe District Meeting in Miller, the South East District Meeting in Parker, the Lake Region District Meeting in Webster, the Upper Missouri Valley District Meeting in Roscoe, the Sioux Valley District Meeting in Bryant, and the James River Valley District Meeting in Redfield.

Winter SDACO Workshops

In January, the SDACO hosted a Debit and Credit Workshop for Auditors. Deene Dayton from Legislative Audit presented to over 20 employees from Auditors’ offices from around the state. The New Officials workshop was held at the Pierre Ramkota in February. New and seasoned officials alike met to discuss the rigors of working in a public office and receive training from several State Agencies.

TECHNOLOGY MATTERS

BY CHRIS HAMZE

SDACO currently manages sixteen county websites. Custer County is an example of a website managed by the SDACO and is a prime example of how a fresh look and ease of use

can increase traffic to your county website.

The site features several interactive buttons that allow the user to move freely from page to page. Notice that the website allows for Departments and pages.

The interactive website also allows counties to connect with outside websites, including several state links.

The SDACo continually works to upgrade technology and increase awareness for SD County Websites.

Links that work for you:

SDACO Website
www.sdcounties.org

NACo Website
www.naco.org

License Plates
www.sdcars.org

SoDakLive
home.sodaklive.com/

Tip of the month:

By pressing the "control" key simultaneously with the letter "y", you can **redo your last command**.



FEBRUARY 15, 2011

Custer County, South Dakota

- Home
- History
- Departments
- County Library
- Commissioners
- Voter Info
- Links
- Contact Us



Custer County Courthouse Project



Upcoming Events

SDACO WEBSITE TRACKING SOFTWARE

The SDACO has added a very powerful website tracking software that tracks every characteristics of the people who are visiting the county websites participating in the SDACO County website program. Here are the average monthly totals.

- Butte County-** 472 people
- Charles Mix County-** 306 people
- Day County-** 176 people
- Fall River County-** 799 people
- Hand County-** 288 people
- McPherson County-** 198 people
- Roberts County-** 315 people
- Sanborn County-** 116 people
- Shannon County-** 305 people
- Turner County-** 517 people
- Custer County-** 2766 people

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THE TEN COMMANDMENTS OF LEADERSHIP

SHARED BY KAREN LAYHER

I attended a conference where "The Ten Commandments of Leadership" were presented. I thought you might enjoy seeing them.

People are illogical, unreasonable, and self-centered.

LOVE THEM ANYWAY

The biggest person with the biggest idea can be shot down by the smallest person with the smallest mind.

THINK BIG ANYWAY

If you do good, people will accuse you of selfish, ulterior motives.

DO GOOD ANYWAY

People favor underdogs, but follow only top dogs.

FIGHT FOR THE UNDERDOG ANYWAY

If you are successful, you win false friends and true enemies.

SUCCEED ANYWAY

What you spend years building may be destroyed overnight.

BUILD YOUR DREAMS ANYWAY

The good you do today will be forgotten tomorrow.

DO GOOD ANYWAY

People really need help, but many attack you if you do help them.

HELP THEM ANYWAY

Honesty and frankness make you vulnerable.

BE HONEST AND FRANK ANYWAY

Give the world the best you have and you'll get kicked in the teeth.

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The Recession Continues: An Economic Status Survey of Counties

In early February 2011, the NACO conducted an economic status survey. The survey was conducted by National Research, LLC and responses were received from 500 county governments in 44 states.



This survey is a follow up to five previous economic status surveys that have tracked how counties are fairing during the current economic slowdown.

County Authority: A State by State Report

This public action represents a compilation of state laws governing county authority. The broad topic addresses the services counties provide to their residents, their responsibilities, and their duties as outlined by the state



Finance Terms Every Commissioner Should Know



This research brief identifies key finance terms that every county commissioner should be familiar with.

NACO 2011 Annual Conference and Exposition

July 15-19, 2011

Multnomah County/ Portland Oregon



Registration for the annual meeting of the National Association of Counties is now open. Join NACO President Glen Whitley and thousands of other county officials in Multnomah County Oregon to learn and share ideas about county government.

Register at :

<http://www.naco.org/meetings/participate/NACOAnnual/Pages>

NACO Convention Scholarship

The SDACO is proud to partner with Northland Securities to offer a \$750 scholarship for a SD County official to attend the National Association of Counties Annual Conference.

The NACO Annual Conference allows county officials from South Dakota to interact with their peers from around the country, to hear nationally renowned speakers, to attend continuing education sessions, and to participate in settling national legislative goals for NACO.

Officials are asked to complete and submit an application by Wednesday, May 11. The

SDACO Executive Board will review the applications and select the winner. The NACO Convention Scholarship recipient will be announced at the 2011 SDACO Spring Workshop.



The NACO Convention Scholarship covers about half of the cost for the convention.

Executive Board members are not eligible to receive the scholarship. Preference will be given to those officials who have not previously attended a NACO Conference.

Applications found on the last page of the *County News*.

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LEGISLATIVE WRAP-UP

BY ANDREW PIETRUS



I had a great time working a & lobbying for you all this past legislative session. Every day was its own unique challenge. But with each challenge came another rewarding learning experience.

One of my favorite, not to mention most important, parts of the job is relationship building. Carrie and I have formed so many great

relationships with legislators and other lobbyist. Unique among these relationships are those with 1st term legislators. The shared learning experience of working and passing a bill for the first time with a new legislator creates a special bond.

I want to thank those of you who came to Pierre and helped us explain our legislation in way only you as practitioners can. I also want to thank those of you who took the time to e-mail and call your legislator. A single phone call or e-mail from a concerned association member can have a huge impact on the opinions of legislators and the course of legislation.

I also find it encouraging to know that so many of you followed along and listened to

the play by play every day over the internet.

I would like to make one last request to association members to contact some legislators. I think it would great to contact those legislators who were the prime sponsors of our legislation and thank them for their hard work. Let them know that their support of counties did not go unnoticed.

Our prime sponsors were as follows: HB 1057—Rep Deelstra and Sen Holien.; SB 129—Sen Schlekeway and Rep Rausch; SB 112—Sen Hunhoff and Rep Magstadt.; SB 75- Sen Holien and Rep Venner; and, last but not least , Sen Maher and Rep Cronin who worked so hard on SB 96.

Contact information for all legislators can be found at

<http://legis.state.sd.us/sessions/2011/MemberMenu.aspx>

SDACO Legislative Updates

As local leaders, county officials need to be part of the action in Pierre.

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COUNTY OFFICIALS AT THE LEGISLATURE

South Dakota county officials were well represented by SDACO members during the 2011 Legislative Session. The SDACO brought five pieces of legislation before the legislature. For four of the five bills, SDACO Members were asked to testify before legislative committees.

Committee agendas are generally established 24–48 hours before the meeting. Having an official willing to testify on such short notice is essential. A great asset to the SDACO team was Hughes County Finance Officer Shellie Baumgart.

Baumgart, whose office is in Pierre, was a common fixture at the capitol and voiced the opin-

ions of county officials from around the state.

Baumgart reflects: "I think it means a lot to the Legislators when county officials testify.

They are hearing the facts from the people

who deal with the issues on a day to day basis."

Baumgart testified three different times during the legislative session.

Technology improvements and understanding committee

members aided in the testimony of one SDACO member. Clay County Treasurer Cathi Powell had the unique opportunity to testify from her office in Vermil-

lion. By using a conference call system, Powell was able to

address the concerns of treasurers in front of the Senate Local Government Committee.

The SDACO's largest legislative effort, SB 96, had at least three SDACO members testify in

support: Jerry Peterson, Gregory County Register of Deeds; Deb Young, Davison County Register of Deeds, and Julie Risty, Minnehaha County Register of Deeds.

"It is definitely a learning experience that everyone should try and really helps a person understand the process. It also made me appreciate our lobbyists a great deal when you see how quickly they have to be thinking for the right words to say at all times." Says Deb Young.

The SDACO legislative team had a successful session and the key to the counties success was the support given by county officials around the state.

"I think it means a lot to the Legislators when county officials testify. They are hearing the facts from the people who deal with the issues on a day to day basis."

2011 LEGISLATIVE SESSION: SDACO BILLS

HB 1057

House Bill 1057 was one of several "clean up" bills that the SDACO brought forth this year. HB 1057 eliminated the requirement that county Auditors assist in the locating of unregistered mobile homes. Both of the prime sponsors for HB1057 were new to the legislature this year and was the first bill that Rep Deelstra ever had to introduce on the floor of the House. HB 1057 was signed into law by Governor Daugaard March 7, 2011 and like all legislation without an emergency clause will become effective July 1, 2011.2011.

SB 75

Senate Bill 75 repealed the requirement that an annual conference and oath of office for the Director of Equalization be held in the presence of and office of the county Auditor. Originally SB 75 sought to completely strike this law, but after hearing from some concerned parties we narrowed

our focus to the county Auditors. SB 75 was supported by the SDACC and both of our prime sponsors were again new to the legislature. Rep. Venner was himself a county commissioner and understood the SDACO's desire to change this law. SB 75 was signed into law on March 8, 2011.

SB 96

Senate Bill 96 sought to change the per page fee schedule for filing documents with the Register of Deeds office to a flat fee. It also adjusted the amounts to cover the cost of operating the office, such as long term storage of records. SB 96 by far was the most consuming legislation the SDACO dealt with this session. SB 96 made it through the Senate Local Government Committee and Senate floor relatively easily. It wasn't until the House Local Government Committee and House floor that SB 96 met strong resistance. Still though SB 96 enjoyed strong support and passed out of the House. Because of amendments that were adopted on the House side SB 96 was sent to a Conference Committee to

reconcile differences with the Senate version. The Conference Committee officially met three times eventually sending SB 96 to the Senate after making considerable changes. On the Senate floor the vote was tied at 17 for and against, which required Lieutenant Governor Matt Michaels to cast the deciding 'no' vote which ultimately defeated SB 96. Our prime sponsors on SB 96, Sen. Maher and Rep. Cronin worked very hard in committee, on the floor and in their caucus on behalf on SB 96 and we appreciate their time and effort.

SB 112

Senate Bill 112 was an attempt to have law match current practice for county Treasurers. It repealed the requirement that Treasurers collect the oldest delinquent tax first. If the oldest tax was collected first it would invalidate the tax certificate placed on the land the year the taxpayer was first delinquent. Testimony from Cathi Powell, Clay Co Treasurer, was espe-

cially helpful on SB 112 because of its technical nature. SB 112 was placed on consent the calendar in both the Senate and House and was signed by Governor Daugaard on March 8, 2011.

SB 129

Senate Bill 129, known as the passport bill, was brought by the SDACO as a result of policy changes at the Minneapolis Passport Agency. The policy change said that officials who issue vital records could no long process passport applications. Under South Dakota law only the Clerk of Courts or Register of Deeds could (with their commissioners' permission) apply to process passports. Since the Register of Deeds handles vital records they would no longer be able to process passports under the policy change. SB 129 allows the county commission to give any employee in the court house permission to process passports. An Emergency Clause was also included with SB 129, which made the law go into effect immediately when the Governor signed it on March 8, 2011.

2011 SD COUNTY DAY AT THE LEGISLATURE: ICE CREAM SOCIAL

The Annual South Dakota County Day was held at the Capitol Rotunda on Monday, February 14, 2011. The SD Associations of County Commissioners & County Officials hosted an ice cream social to celebrate the day. Legislators, State Employees, and county officials and commissioners from around the state gathered for engaging conversation and delicious SDSU ice cream.

LEFT: Arlene Koch, Aurora County Register of Deeds, Doreen Priebe, Brule County Treasurer, and Linda Nelson, Custer County Auditor, enjoy the social.
BELOW: Cindy Schultz, Spink County Auditor, Arlene Koch, and Doreen Priebe discuss county issues



"I enjoyed going to County Day and visiting with the legislatures and other County Officials. It is always an experience watching the bills go on the floor for debate. I also saw Carrie in action and I was exhausted!"
Doreen Priebe, Brule County Treasurer and SDACO 2nd Vice President



LEFT: Doreen Priebe and Kris Jacobson pose with County Commissioners.
BELOW: County Commissioners serve ice-cream to attendees at the SD Counties Ice Cream Social



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SDACO SPRING WORKSHOP

The annual SDACO Spring Workshop will be held in Pierre, SD on May 18-20, 2011 at the Pierre Ramkota Hotel and Convention Center.

Auditors, Treasurers, and Registers of Deeds from around the state will attend sessions to learn about recently passed laws and best practices for their offices. SDACO anticipates over 175 county officials to attend the workshop.

Attendees will have the opportunity to learn from several S.D. Constitutional Officers, State Government Department Heads, and Vendors

from around the state.

The SDACO Spring Work-



shop Presentors include:

Dusty Johnson, S.D. Chief of Staff; Jason Gant, S.D. Secretary of State; Marty Jackley, S.D. Attorney General; Craig Eichstadt, S.D. Assistant Attorney General; Mark Reedstrom, Grant County State's

Attorney; Special Agent James Legg; Colin Walle, Minneapolis Passport Agency; Fred Baatz, S.D. Legislative Research Council; Deene Dayton, S.D. Legislative Audit; Colleen Skinner, S.D. Dept. of Revenue; Deb Hillmer, S.D. Dept. of Motor Vehicles; Mariah Pokorney, S.D. Dept. of Health; and many more!

Registration for the 2011 SDACO Spring Workshop is now open. Vendor booths are available and there are many sponsorship opportunities for private and public entities alike. Registration for both attendees and vendors can be found on the SDACO website at: www.sdcounties.org/news&events.

EXCELLENT SERVICE TO SD COUNTY OFFICIALS AWARD

Last year, the SDACO instituted the *Excellent Service to South Dakota County Officials* award. The *Excellent Service to SD County Officials* is presented to an individual or organization outside county government that have provided significant contributions to SD County Officials and to SD County Government. The award will be

presented at the SDACO Spring Workshop in May.

Nominations for the award come from the SDACO membership and the award recipient is chosen from the nominations by the SDACO Executive Board.

The 2010 Excellent Service to SD County Officials award went to former Secre-

tary of State Chris Nelson. Nelson was nominated for his emphasis on providing outstanding customer service, his innovation in computer systems to manage elections and secretary of state filing functions; and his excellence in leadership training and county guidance.

Nominations for the 2011 SD Excellent Service to SD County Officials are due by May 2 to the SDACO Office. All nominations are confidential and can be submitted via mail, email, or fax. Nomination forms can be found on the SDACO website at: www.sdcounties.org/

PASSPORT ACCEPTANCE AGENT TRAINING

The South Dakota State Legislature recently passed SB 129, which allows any county employee to apply to become a Passport Acceptance Agent. The passage of SB 129 will allow South Dakota Counties to comply with new federal policies for Passport Acceptance Agents.

The Minneapolis Passport Agency will be holding Passport Acceptance Agent training courses at the Pierre Ramkota and Convention Center in Pi-

erre, SD.

Beginner training will be held on Monday, May 16, 2011 and refresher training will be held on Tuesday, May 17, 2011. These trainings will begin at 8:00 AM and are scheduled to end at 5:00 PM.

Registration for the Passport Training can be found on the SDACO website at: www.sdcounties.org/news&events.

**Calling all
Passport
Acceptance
Agents!**

SB 129, signed into law in March, broadens the number of county employees who may apply to assist in the execution of United States passport applications.

2011 SDACO SPRING WORKSHOP AGENDAS

Auditors

Registers of Deeds

Treasurers

Wednesday, May 18

10:00 AM— Executive Board Meeting
- Registration Opens

12:00 PM - Lunch

1:00 PM - Governor's Office with Dusty Johnson – S.D. Chief of Staff

2:00 PM— PACA Legislation with Randy Mosses - Dept of Revenue

3:00 PM - U.S. Passport Agency with Colin Walle – U.S. Passport Agency

4:00 PM— Round Table for Auditors

Thursday, May 19

7:00 AM - U.S. Passport Agency for Passport Acceptance Program Facility Managers

8:30 AM— SDACO Welcome

9:30 AM - Legislative Process with Fred Baatz – S.D. Legislative Research Council

10:15 AM—Break

10:30 AM- Attorney General with Marty Jackley – S.D. Attorney General

11: 15 AM- Identity Theft with the Dept. of Public Safety

12:00 PM - Lunch

1:00 PM - Secretary of State with Jason Gant – S.D. Secretary of State

3:00 PM - Break

3:30 PM— Secretary of State Continued

5:30 PM – Social

Friday, May 20

8:00 AM— Open Records with Mark Reedstrom – Grant Cnty State's Attorney

9:00 AM - Legislative Audit with Deene Dayton

10:00 AM— Break

10:15 AM— Leadership Course with Kathy Hildebrant—Bureau of Personnel

11:45 AM— Break (Check Out)

12:00 PM – Lunch

1:15 PM – Sovereign Citizens with Special Agent James Legg

2:00 PM – Round Table for Auditors

Wednesday, May 18

9:00 AM— Computer Software Associates

10:00 AM— Executive Board Meeting
- Registration Opens

12:00 PM - Lunch

1:00 PM - Governor's Office with Dusty Johnson – S.D. Chief of Staff

2:00 PM— PACA Legislation with Randy Mosses - Dept of Revenue

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12:00 PM - Lunch

1:00 PM - TriMin Presentation

2:00 PM - Simple File Presentation (Tentative)

3:00 PM - Break

3:30 PM— Ultra Presentation (Tentative)

4:15 PM— Dept. of Rev. with Colleen Skinner

5:30 PM – Social

Friday, May 20

8:00 AM— Open Records with Mark Reedstrom – Grant Cnty State's Attorney

9:00 AM - Land Fraud with Craig Eichstadt– S.D. AAG

10:00 AM— Break

10:15 AM— Dept of Health with Mariah Pokorney

11:15 AM— Registers Round Table with SDLTA & SDSPLS

11:45 AM— Break (Check Out)

12:00 PM – Lunch

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4:00 PM— Round Table for Treasurers

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10:30 AM- Attorney General with Marty Jackley – S.D. Attorney General

11: 15 AM- Identity Theft with the Dept. of Public Safety

12:00 PM - Lunch

1:00 PM - Dept. of Motor Vehicles with Deb Hilmer & Staff

3:00 PM - Break (Lake Oahe Lobby)

3:30 PM— Dept. of Motor Vehicles Cont.

5:30 PM – Social

Friday, May 20

8:00 AM— Open Records with Mark Reedstrom – Grant County State's Attorney

9:00 AM - Dept. of Rev. with Colleen Skinner

10:00 AM— Break

10:15 AM— Leadership Course with Kathy Hildebrant—Bureau of Personnel

11:45 AM— Break (Check Out)

12:00 PM – Lunch

1:15 PM – Sovereign Citizens with Special Agent James Legg

2:00 PM – Round Table for Treasurers

May SDACO Birthdays

April

- April 3: Sherri Fuchs, Charles Mix County Auditor
 April 4: Lisa Schaeffbauer, Campbell County Auditor
 April 5: Vicki Wilson, Jackson County Auditor
 April 8: Steve Serr, McPherson County Auditor
 April 12: Arlene Koch, Aurora County Register of Deeds
 April 15: Dianne Stafford, Edmunds County Treasurer
 Dixie Opdahl, Hamlin County Auditor
 April 20: Myron Hertel, Union County Treasurer
 April 24: Linda Nelson, Custer County Auditor
 April 25: Sheree Green, Lawrence County Register of Deeds
 April 26: Kathy Ludwig, Spink County Treasurer
 April 28: Sheila Coss, Hand County Register of Deeds

May

- May 4: Sherry Fix, Faulk County Treasurer
 May 9: Deborah Goldade, Dewey County Register of Deeds
 May 10: Sally Snow, Faulk County Register of Deeds
 May 15: Elaine Storkson, Potter County Register of Deeds
 May 28: Monica Walder, Charles Mix Register of Deeds

SOUTH DAKOTA HAPPENINGS

May

- May 9th: Randal Reservoir District Meeting
 May 13th: SD FIT Board Meeting
 May 16th—May 17th: Passport Acceptance Agent Training
 May 18th-May 20th: SDACO Spring Workshop

June

- June 8th: Sioux Valley District Meeting
 June 22nd-June 23rd: SDACO Deputy Workshop

July

- July 15th-July 19th: 2011 NACo Annual Conference and Exposition

Mark your Calendars!

SDACO Spring Workshop

May 18-20, 2011

Pierre Ramkota Hotel

SDACO Deputy Workshop

June 22-23, 2011

Pierre Ramkota Hotel

May 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	Randall Reservoir District Meeting 9	10	11	12	SD Fit Board Meeting 13	14
15	Passport Training 16	Passport Training 17	Spring Workshop 18	Spring Workshop 19	Spring Workshop 20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

June 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	Sioux Valley District Meeting 8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	Deputy Workshop 22	Deputy Workshop 23	24	25
26	27	28	30			

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Carrie Gonsor, Executive Director
 South Dakota Association of County Officials

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- * Website development, service, and training*
- * Notice of Employment Opportunities in SD Counties*
- * SDACO County Government Scholarship*



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NACo Convention Scholarship to be Awarded

The South Dakota Association of County Officials is proud to partner with Northland Securities to offer a \$750 scholarship for a South Dakota County Official to attend the National Association of Counties 2011 Annual Conference and Exposition.

The NACo Annual Conference is a great opportunity for county officials from South Dakota to interact with their peers from around the country, hear from nationally renowned speakers, attend continuing education sessions, and participate in setting the legislative goals for NACo.

Northland Securities, a longtime SDACO Associate Member, is providing the funding for the scholarship.

Officials are asked to complete the application on page 3 and submit it by May 11, 2011. The SDACO Executive Board will review the applications and select and announce the winner at this year's Spring Workshop. Executive Board members are not eligible to receive the scholarship. Preference will be given to those officials who have not previously attended a NACo Conference.

Grant County Auditor and current SDACO President Karen Layher attended her first NACo conference in 2007 and has attended every one since. Karen had this to say about the NACo conference, "NACo is a wonderful learning convention that all officials should be able to experience. I truly believe the elected officials (who are the best) across this state have a wealth of knowledge and experiences to share on the national level. South Dakota needs to be at the table."

Apply today!

What Can You Expect at a NACo Conference?

Friday

- Legislative Steering Committee Meetings
- Technology Summit

Saturday

- Exhibit Hall Reception
- Legislative Steering Committee Meetings
- First Time Attendees Orientation

Sunday

- Opening General Session
- Featured Speaker: Aaron Ralston
- Educational Sessions

Monday

- NACo Board of Directors Meeting
- Educational Sessions
- General Session

Tuesday

- Educational Sessions
- Election of Officers & Business Meeting
- Inaugural Reception

**The 2011 conference will be held
July 15-19 in Portland, Oregon.**

Future Conferences

July 13-17, 2012 *Pittsburgh, PA*

July 19-23, 2013 *Ft. Worth, Texas*

Approximate Costs for Attending a NACo Annual Conference

Registration.....\$490.00
Hotel.....\$200.00 (per night)
Flight.....\$500.00

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- They CAN Hear You Now!
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- Can Your Records Survive a Disaster?
- How Electronic Payments Can Save Your County Money

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