FALL ISSUE: NACA *Journal of County Administration* Now Online

The Fall issue of the *Journal of County Administration* is now available. Click here fo Download. This issue features articles discussing trends in the local government workforce and workplace, the progress of women in local government professions, updates on retirement plan regulations, along with exciting updates about NACA, NACo, and upcoming professional development events. You can access the current issue, along with past issues on the NACA website.

NACA SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE: 2017 ICMA Emerging Professionals Leadership Institutes

With generous support from ICMA-RC, NACA is pleased to offer five scholarships, one for each of the five regions where ICMA will host the Emerging Professionals Leadership Institute this spring. Click here to download the application and follow the deadline schedule outlined below. The scholarship of up to $1,500 will cover registration, hotel, and travel expenses.

Event Dates and Application Deadlines:

- Midwest Region (Elk Grove, IL – March 8-9) – **February 1, 2017**
- West Coast Region (Burlingame, CA) - March 22-23) – **February 15, 2017**
- Northeast Region (Newport, RI – April 5-6) – **March 1, 2017**
- Southeast Region (Gatlinburg, TN - April 26-27) – **March 22, 2017**
- Mountain Plains Region (Sandy, UT – May 3-4) – **March 29, 2017**

2017 NACo LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE

Register here for the 2017 NACo Legislative Conference: Washington, DC – February 25 - March 1, 2017. Below is the current of schedule of NACA events. Check here regularly for updated times and locations.

EVENT	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
Meetings with NACo Leadership	Friday, February 24	9am to 11:30am	NACo Headquarters; 660 North Capitol Street, NW; Suite 400
Meetings with ICMA Leadership & Lunch	Friday, February 24	12noon to 2pm	ICMA Headquarters; 777 North Capitol Street, NE; Suite 500
Executive Board Meeting	Saturday, February 25	3pm to 5pm	Location TBD
Idea Exchange	Sunday, February 26	2:30pm to 5pm	Location TBD
Reception sponsored by ICMA-RC	Sunday, February 26	5:30pm to 6:30pm	Location TBD

| No Host Dinner | Sunday, February 26 | 7pm | TBD - Cleveland Park / Woodley Park area |
| Past Presidents' Breakfast | Monday, February 27 | 7:30am (tentative) | Location TBD |

Proposed topics for sessions led by NACA members are as follows:

- Driverless Vehicles: what should counties prepare for?
- The FAA Rules on Drones
- How to Retain Your County Administrator

If you feel that you could contribute to sessions, or have suggestions for sessions you would like to lead, please contact Emilia Istrate, NACo Director of Research and Outreach and liaison to NACA.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: 2017 NACo Annual Conference

Click on the link below to watch a brief video introducing the host city/county: 2017 NACo Annual Conference & Exposition: Columbus/Franklin County, Ohio – July 21 - 24, 2017. If you have suggestions for sessions you would like to lead, please contact Emilia Istrate, NACo Director of Research and Outreach and liaison to NACA.

NACA MEMBERS IN THE NEWS

- Last month, we featured **Jeff Aluotto** on the NACA website and social media to congratulate him on being hired as the County Administrator for Hamilton County, Ohio (click here to read his story). Following a decade of service as the assistant county administrator, he had been serving as the interim county administrator for several months before being selected to permanently serve in the role.
- Congratulations to County of Santa Cruz, California, Chief Administrative Officer and NACA member, **Susan A. Mauriello**, on receiving the Distinguished Service Award from the County Administrative Officers Association of California! She was nominated by Yolo County, California, County Administrator and fellow NACA member **Patrick Blacklock**. Read all about it here.

If you or another NACA member have been featured in the news, whether locally or nationally, in print or online, let us know at NACA@icma.org so that we can share your accomplishments and stories with your colleagues.

CALL FOR IDEAS OPEN FOR 2017 ICMA ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Many NACA members are also members of ICMA. Now is your chance to get more county-specific sessions with county professionals leading the conversation. ICMA members are invited to submit educational program ideas for ICMA's 103rd Annual Conference, which will take place October 22-25, 2017, in San Antonio, Texas. The deadline for submissions is January 9, 2017. Learn more and submit ideas here.

OPIOID CRISIS REPORT RELEASED BY NACo and NLC

A recently released report from both the National Association of Counties (NACo) and the National League of Cities (NLC), "A Prescription for Action: Local Leadership in Ending the Opioid Crisis," discusses how local governments can collaborate with each other along with state, federal, private-sector, and non-profit partners to handle the ever-growing opioid crisis in the United States. Read more here and access the full report and accompanying website. Register for the December 15 NACo-NLC webinar, "Opioid Epidemic Task Force Report and Recommendations: Overview and Discussion."

NOMINATE A COMMUNITY HERO!

Life, Well Run, an ICMA initiative sponsored by ICMA-RC, is once again looking for Community Heroes who work with professional county managers and deserve recognition. Take a few minutes to nominate someone who is a member of the CAO's staff or extended staff who is an exemplary performer, has a love for public service, and has made an impact. *Life, Well Run* is accepting nominations for Community Heroes until January 31, 2017. Complete the nomination form and e-mail it to lifewellrun@icma.org.

LAST CALL FOR ABSTRACTS! 2017 ACS Data Users Conference

The 2017 American Community Survey (ACS) Data Users Conference will be held at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in Alexandria, VA on May 11-12, 2017. The conference will bring together ACS data users and staff from the U.S. Census Bureau to increase the understanding of the value and utility of ACS data and to promote information sharing among data users about key ACS data issues and applications. Registration for the conference will be *free* for all participants. ACS is inviting abstracts on any topic relating to ACS data. Click here to learn more about the conference, preferred abstract topics, and submission requirements. **The deadline for submissions is December 15, 2016.**