



NACA News Update – January 2017

NACA Scholarships Available for 2017 ICMA Emerging Professionals Leadership Institute

With the generous support of 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 (EPLI) this spring. **Submit your application** following the deadline schedule outlined below. The scholarship of up to \$1,500 will cover registration, hotel, and travel expenses. [Learn more about EPLI here.](#)

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**

Upcoming Event: 2017 NACo Legislative Conference, Washington, DC

February 25 - March 1, 2017: [Click here to view the entire conference agenda.](#) Below is the current of schedule of NACA events. [Check here](#) regularly for updated times and locations. **Please submit your proposed discussion topics for the February 26, Idea Exchange** to NACA@icma.org by February 10.

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	Marriott Wardman Park Congressional Room
Idea Exchange	Sunday, February 26	2:30pm to 5pm	Marriott Wardman Park Washington 2
Reception sponsored by ICMA-RC	Sunday, February 26	5:30pm to 6:30pm	Marriott Wardman Park - Balcony A
No Host Dinner	Sunday, February 26	7pm	TBD - Cleveland Park/Woodley Park area
Past Presidents' Breakfast	Monday, February 27	7:30am (tentative)	Location TBD

Managing Your County Manager: How to Retain Management Talent	Monday, February 27	10:45am to 12noon	Marriott Wardman Park Lincoln 2
Revenue Caps, Mandates and More: Lessons Learned and County Revenue Solutions	Monday, February 27	1:45pm to 3pm	Marriott Wardman Park Delaware Suite A/B

Mark Your Calendars: 2017 NACo and ICMA Annual Conferences

The 2017 NACo Annual Conference & Exposition will be held in Columbus/Franklin County, Ohio, from July 21 - 24, 2017. [Click here to learn more and stay up to date with developments.](#) 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.

The 2017 ICMA Annual Conference will be held in San Antonio/Bexar County, Texas, from October 22-25. [Click here to learn more and stay up to date with developments.](#)

NACA Members in the News

Last month, we featured Tim Hemstreet on the NACA website and social media to congratulate him on his Champion of Economic Visionary Award, as presented by the Virginia Asian Chamber of Commerce. Tim Hemstreet is the county manager of Loudoun County, Virginia, and is the NACA At-Large Regional Director for the Southeast. [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.

NACo Releases 2017 Legislative Priorities

NACo has released the following legislative priorities for 2017:

- Protect the tax-exempt status of municipal bonds
- Protect the federal-state-local partnership for Medicaid
- Promote county surface transportation priorities
- Work for a more effective definition of "Waters of the U.S."
- Support county authority to collect existing sales tax
- Support policies to promote behavioral health and criminal justice reform
- Support the payment in lieu of taxes (PILT) and secure rural schools (SRS) programs
- Support programs that assist counties to prevent and reduce poverty

[Read more here.](#)

SLGE Releases New Issue Brief: State and Local Pension Reforms

Pension reform has been widespread in state and local governments in the aftermath of the financial crisis. This issue brief from the Center for State and Local Government Excellence (SLGE) examines the pattern of reforms, what changes

have been the most common, legal protections, and what factors are associated with the reforms. [Read the entire issue brief here.](#)

Cyber Security: Developing Threats

Local and state governments have increasingly become the targets of “hacktivists.” Hacktivism, unlike hacking done for financial gain (e.g. ransomware), is intended to enact political or social change and is oftentimes a form of vigilantism. Whatever the intentions, it is a form of criminal trespassing and can even pose a threat to the personal well-being of government officials and employees. [Read more about this topic here.](#)

Revisit the Most Popular ICMA Articles of 2016

From federal policies that impacted local governments to advice on performance measurement, ICMA covered a lot of ground in its newsfeed last year. [Go here to read the top 10 ICMA articles of 2016.](#)

Scholarship Opportunity: Harvard Kennedy School Senior Executives in Local Government

ICMA, through the generosity of strategic partners and Friends of NACA, the Ferguson Group and eCivis, is offering two scholarships to ICMA members to attend the Harvard Kennedy School Senior Executives in State and Local Government program. **Applications are due by January 31, 2017.** [Learn more about the program and scholarship criteria.](#)

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.