

## Thinking of Running for ACCA 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, President-Elect and Vice President. Tradition has held that those currently holding the position of President-Elect and Vice President move up to the posts of President and President-Elect respectively. This progression would mean that Marshall County Commissioner Bill Strickland would become President and Dale County Commissioner Steve McKinnon would become President-Elect for 2016-2017.

**Those wishing to be considered by the Nominating Committee as candidates for Vice President or Minority Director of the Association must fill out the form below and return it to the ACCA Office no later than Tuesday, July 5, 2016, which is 45 days before the scheduled Business Session at the ACCA Convention where officers will be elected.**

ACCA election procedures require that the Nominating Committee consider only candidates that respond by the deadline of July 5, 2016. Any other candidates would require a floor nomination.

All candidates must be available to come to the ACCA office in Montgomery to meet with the Nominating Committee on Tuesday, August 2, 2016, 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 Immediate Past President Merceria Ludgood. Committee members include Roger Hayes, Winston County; Roger Jones, Madison County; Tim Choate, Etowah County; Don Stisher, Morgan County; Sandra Little Brown, Jefferson County; Ricky Hubbard, Bibb County; Jackie Swinford, Talladega County; Ricky Burney, Clay County; Stephanie Smoke, Elmore County; Alan Whittle, Butler County; Charlie Sankey, Crenshaw County; Connie Hudson, 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.

If you have any questions about the elections process please call Donna Key in the ACCA office at (334) 263-7594.

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

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

Are you running for: ☐ Vice President or ☐ Minority Director

**Please fax or email completed form to the ACCA office by July 5, 2016**

**Fax: (334) 263-7678 or Email: [dkey@alabamacounties.org](mailto:dkey@alabamacounties.org)**