

CONVENTION *notes*

August 22-24, 2017 • Perdido Beach Resort • Orange Beach, Ala.

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Get in the Game

Hotel Reservations at Perdido

- We have a special online link to reserve rooms at the Perdido Beach Resort. If you need the link please email dkey@alabamacounties.org
- Or you may call Perdido at 800-634-8001 and use group code **11027**.
- The deadline for making hotel reservations is July 21, 2017.
- Our standard room rate is \$165 per night.

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In the past few months the State of Alabama has faced challenges unlike any in recent memory. As of this writing we have a newly sworn in Governor while the former Governor has left many reeling in the aftermath of his resignation.

During this tumultuous time the people of Alabama are looking for leadership and consistency and they will find it at the local level. County officials and employees will remain in the courthouse every day fighting to keep the people of Alabama confident in our ability to lead.

The best way for us to show citizens they can depend on county leaders is to "Get in the Game." Take the lead on economic development, healthcare needs in the state, prison reform, disaster planning, and road and bridge funding just to name a few.

These topics and many others will be addressed at this year's ACCA Annual Convention, set for August 22-24, 2017 at the Perdido Beach Resort in Orange Beach, Ala.

There is still much to be determined in the remainder of the legislative session and our topics will certainly expand based on what passes, but a tentative agenda can be found on pages 2 and 3.

We are also working on the Exhibit Showcase, Golf Tournament, Fishing Expedition, and County Agents Kitchen. Make your plans NOW to attend the convention!

Your first edition of Convention Notes includes registration information, hotel information, and the latest news on seeking a position on the ACCA Board of Directors. Please note the deadline for early convention registration is Friday, August 4. **ONE** non-county spouse or guest may attend the convention at no additional charge.

Early registration will be \$200 (before August 1). Late registration will be \$225. Please note the deadline for refunds is August 7. **You can register online at www.alabamacounties.org.**

The convention will kick off on Tuesday, August 22, with the Exhibit Showcase. The Opening Reception that evening will be held in the Exhibit Hall to give vendors and county officials time to relax and socialize in a more comfortable setting.

The Association's affiliate organizations and sponsored insurance programs will also meet on Tuesday. Members of
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2017 Convention Agenda

ACCA 89th Annual Convention

August 22-24, 2017

Perdido Beach Resort, Orange Beach, Ala.



Monday, August 21

1 p.m.

Golf Tournament (*Lunch at Noon*)

Gulf Shores Golf Club

1 - 7 p.m.

Fishing Expedition

Reel Surprise Charter Docks

Tuesday, August 22

9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Affiliate Meetings

- 9:30 a.m.
ACEA Membership Meeting
- 1 p.m.
ACAA Membership Meeting
- 3 p.m.
AAND Membership Meeting
- 4 p.m.
AAEM Membership Meeting

11 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Registration Desk Open

11 a.m. - 6:30 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 Education Meeting

- **Legislative Update**

- **Business Session**

2 - 3 p.m.

ACCA Workers Compensation and Liability Insurance Funds Meeting

3 - 4 p.m.

Minority Issues Committee Meeting

5 - 6:30 p.m.

Opening Reception in the Exhibit Hall

Wednesday, August 23

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

- **Welcoming Alabama's New Attorney General, *Steve Marshall, Attorney General, State of Alabama (invited)***
- **Get in the Game: Economic Development**
- **Get in the Game: Healthcare Needs in Alabama, *Alabama Rural Health Association (invited)***
- **Report of the ACCA Nominating Committee, *Ray Long, Chair***

12 - 1:15 p.m.

County Agents Kitchen Lunch

1:30 - 4:45 p.m.

Afternoon General Session

- **Prison Reform: Where it is and Where it's Going**
- **AlabamaVetNet, *Paula Stokes, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (invited)***
- **The Financial Impact of Not Being Prepared for a Disaster**
- **Broadband for Economic Development, *Kathy Johnson, State of Alabama Office of Broadband Development (invited)***
- **NACo President Roy Brooks**
- **Report from North Jackson, *Sonny Brasfield, ACCA Executive Director***

Thursday, August 24

7:45 - 8:45 a.m.

County Agents Kitchen Breakfast

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

Breakout Sessions

Commissioners and Administrators Breakout Session

- **A Guide to County Administrative Powers, *ACCA Staff***

Commissioners and Engineers

Breakout Session

- **ATRIP-2, *Sonny Brasfield, ACCA Executive Director***

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Engineers Breakout Session

- Update on Dam Safety
- Logo and Website Update
- Update on Legislative Issues that pass during the Session

Administrators Breakout Session

- Update on Legislative Issues that pass during the Session

AAEM Breakout Session

- Topics TBA

AAND Breakout Session

- Topics TBA

CROAA Breakout Session

- Topics TBA

12 - 1:15 p.m.

Convention Luncheon Honoring
2016-2017 President Bill Strickland

1:30 - 4:45 p.m.

Afternoon General Session

- ACCA Affiliate Reports
- Awards Ceremony
- ACCA Business Session
- District Caucuses

6:30 p.m.

President's Banquet Honoring 2017-
2018 President-Elect Steve McKinnon

8:30 p.m.

President's Inaugural Celebration
Dance

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 Dale County Commissioner Steve McKinnon would become President and Choctaw County Commissioner Tony Cherry would become President-Elect for 2017-2018.

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 Monday, July 10, 2017, 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 10, 2017. 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 8, 2017, 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 Ray Long. Committee members include Roger Hayes, Winston County; Roger Jones, Madison County; Jeff Overstreet, Etowah County; Chris Green, Blount County; Sandra Little Brown, Jefferson County; Marcus Campbell, Sumter County; Jackie Swinford, Talladega County; Debbie Wood, Chambers County; Ronda Walker, Montgomery County; Tucker Dorsey, Baldwin County; Charlie Sankey, Crenshaw County; and 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.

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 10, 2017
Fax: (334) 263-7678 or Email: dkey@alabamacounties.org**

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. **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, Aug. 11, which is 14 days before the scheduled Business Session at the ACCA Convention.**

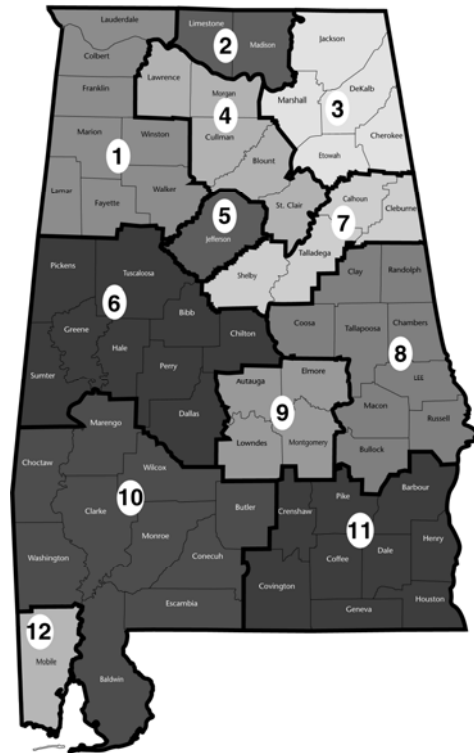
ACCA staff will publish a listing of all district candidates for the Board and Legislative Committee both before and during the Convention. An official ballot will be prepared for each county. Only those who return the form before the deadline will be listed on the ballot.

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PLAY GOLF FOR \$10!

2017 Convention Golf Tournament

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Monday, August 21, 2017

- Gulf Shores Golf Club
520 Clubhouse Dr, Gulf Shores, AL 36542
251-968-7366
- Noon: Lunch
1:00 p.m.: Shotgun Start
- **\$10** per player for county officials and employees. This includes lunch, greens fees, cart, cold drinks and prizes!

- 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!

- Register ONLINE by
Friday, August 11, 2017!



2017 Fishing Expedition

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Monday, August 21, 2017

- Reel Surprise Charter Docks
(at SanRoc Cay Marina)
27267 Perdido Beach Boulevard
Orange Beach, AL 36561
- 1 - 7 p.m.
Please be at the docks by 12:30 p.m.
- \$115 per person. This includes 6 hours of fishing, snacks and drinks!

- Register ONLINE by
Friday, July 21, 2017!

We must have a minimum of 25 people signed up by July 21 or we will have to cancel.



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all affiliate organizations should plan to be in Orange Beach for these meetings (see full agenda on pages 2 & 3).


The County Extension Agents will provide our lunch on Wednesday and breakfast on Thursday with the annual County Agents Kitchen. This is always an extremely popular event, so be sure to tell the men and women in the orange vests how much we appreciate everything they do for us!

Thursday's activities include the affiliate breakout sessions and the Convention Luncheon honoring outgoing President Bill Strickland for his year of service. Later in the afternoon we will have the Awards Ceremony and business session, in which counties will elect

their district representatives to the ACCA Board of Directors and Legislative Committee.

Everyone is invited to the President's Banquet on Thursday night to hear President-Elect Steve McKinnon outline his plans for the coming year. Following the President's Banquet, we'll enjoy the President's Inaugural Dance!

As a county leader, your attendance and participation in the Annual Convention is critical. Don't miss this opportunity! Make your plans now to attend the ACCA's 89th Annual Convention! If you have any questions, please email or call Donna Key or Jennifer Datcher in the ACCA office at dkey@alabamacounties.org or jdatcher@alabamacounties.org or (334) 263-7594.



Please remember that in order to comply with the Alabama Ethics Law, you may only accept an invitation to dinner, etc. from a vendor that is a registered participant in the Convention.