



Eastern Carolina Council

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Quote: There is no stress in the world, only people thinking stressful thoughts and then acting on them. *Dr. Wayne Dyer*

Final opportunity to register for free required ethics training

Jimmie Hicks, an attorney with Sumrell Sugg, will conduct this FREE training in the 2nd floor conference room of the O. Marks Building 233 Middle Street in New Bern from 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM on Tuesday January 31, 2012. To register: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/ECCethicstraining31Jan2012> **Attendees please note that your board should “request” (simple vote) that the COG provide the training for purposes of the ethics education requirements.** The statute identifies four organizations authorized to provide the training, and then provides “or other qualified sources at the choice of the governing board.” This suggests the board has to approve their other “choice.”

2012 edition of County Salaries in NC now available.

The 2012 edition of *County Salaries in North Carolina*, compiled by the MAPS Group for the UNC School of Government, is now available online. The PDF files contain information on salaries and benefits for county positions. This information is available exclusively through the School of Government website at the link below.

<http://www.sog.unc.edu/node/518> If you have questions about this title or other School of Government publications, please email sales@sog.unc.edu, or call (919) 966-4119, then press #1.

NEW FIRE PREVENTION AND SAFETY (FP&S) GRANTS VIDEO

A new video on the AFG’s FP&S Grants Program has been developed and posted on the AFG website. The video helps potential applicants learn more about the program’s funding priorities, requirements, and the process for applying. The video can be viewed at http://www.fema.gov/medialibrary/media_records/6386

2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design

The Department has assembled this official online version of the **2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design** (2010 Standards) to bring together the information in one easy-to-access location. It provides the scoping and technical requirements for new construction and alterations resulting from the adoption of revised 2010 Standards in the final rules for Title II (28 CFR part 35) and Title III (28 CFR part 36). [2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design \(HTML\)](#) [2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design \(PDF -- screen\)](#) (3.8mb) [2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design \(PDF -- print version\)](#) (4.7mb)

2012 NC Treasurer’s Conference to be held in New Bern April 23rd

The 2012 Treasurer’s Conference will be held in New Bern on Monday, April 23, 2012 and in Statesville on Tuesday, April 24. The location for each will be the convention centers in the towns indicated. David Bean from GASB will once again be the featured speaker. They also will be offering again this year a one-day training seminar at the SOG targeted to auditors of local governments. This class will be on Tuesday June 19 in Chapel Hill. More details will be forthcoming on both of these events, including the opening of registration for each. If you have specific topics you would like to see covered at either please contact Sharon Edmundson at sharon.edmundson@nctreasurer.com <http://www.nctreasurer.com>

Free bulletin on citizen engagement in the budgeting process

Public Management Bulletin #06: Creating Effective Citizen Participation in Local Government Budgeting: Practical Tips and Examples for Elected Officials and Budget - <http://shopping.netsuite.com/s.nl/c.433425/it.I/id.479/f>

Other SOG publications related to the budget process

Public Outreach and Participation <http://shopping.netsuite.com/s.nl/c.433425/it.A/id.2855/f> Budget-Balancing Tactics in Local Government <http://shopping.netsuite.com/s.nl/c.433425/it.A/id.2358/f?sc=7&category=4131> Creating and Maintaining Effective Local Government Citizen Advisory Committees with Downloadable Model Policy and Tracking Forms <http://shopping.netsuite.com/s.nl/c.433425/it.A/id.2906/f>

Free SOG consulting for individual communities in exchange for case study research—Respond by 1/31

Offered by Dr. John Stephens of the SOG: I offer my help for more effective citizen engagement in the budgeting process for FY2012-13. The offer is: a) Three days of my time at no charge for assisting your jurisdiction; b) One of those three days can be on-site meetings, coaching or other help at no charge. I plan to work with 2-4 communities. My work beyond the three free days is negotiable, and the School of Government consulting rate is \$1,000/day. I am interested in working with a group of counties/cities that vary by region, size, etc. In exchange, I seek cooperation in preparing a case study of the new way you choose to educate or involve citizens in the budget process. For more information contact him at (919) 962-5190 stephens@sog.unc.edu <http://www.sog.unc.edu/node/93>

Picturing It: The Year 2020

Can you imagine what the local government profession will look like in the year 2020? Will major job challenges be the same? What will have the most impact—positively and negatively—on the profession? Making predictions can be tricky. Didn't someone once say that Apple's iTunes players would never make it? But considering what's in store for the profession is both fun and a necessity. PM asked managers around the world this question: "What do you think local government management will be like in the year 2020?" Here are their predictions. [Read more...](#)

Planning for Stronger Local Democracy: A Field Guide

As a culmination of NLC's work over the last decade responding to the challenges of governing democratically, NLC's democratic governance project presents [Planning for Stronger Local Democracy: A Field Guide for Local Officials](#). This tool kit is designed to assist city leaders in strengthening local democracy by cultivating a culture with their citizens and key allies that is transparent and inclusive with shared responsibilities and mutual accountability for addressing and solving problems. Learn practical strategies that lead to a stronger local democracy. Part 1, Key Questions to Ask About How to Engage the Public, guides you through an examination of the strengths, weaknesses and history of the citizen-government relationship in cities. It includes models of practices from pioneering city leaders, their staff and democratic governance practitioners from around the country. Part 2, Developing Shared Civic Infrastructure, lays out a collaborative process for constructing a better framework for public engagement. [Download the full toolkit!](#)

BC/BS of NC Foundation Healthy Community Institute

The Blue Cross and Blue Shield of North Carolina Foundation is pleased to notify you that registration is now open for our upcoming **Healthy Community Institute for Nonprofit Excellence (HCI), scheduled for April 4-5 in New Bern**. Here are just a few of the reasons why participation in the Institute could benefit your organization: Acquire greater understanding of the value and techniques of strategic planning; Develop an understanding of the importance of a strong board of directors, and obtain the tools and knowledge to create a strong board; Receive easy-to-use tools for initiating change in critical areas; and Opportunity to earn six credit hours toward the Duke University Center for Continuing Education's Certificate Program in Nonprofit Management. Space for the Institute is limited; only 50 organizations will be accepted. The Institute tends to fill up quickly, so you are advised to register as early as possible. **Registration is open and will close on or before March 16, 2012, depending on availability. Registrations are processed on a first-come, first-served basis.** Registration information is available [online](#). Registering organizations must be committed to making a change in how they are currently operating in order to improve organizational effectiveness. A pre- and post-assessment as well as several touch points are also required to inform the BCBSNC Foundation of the growth and organizational changes that have been made since participating. This is a year-long commitment. A \$250 deposit check must be sent to reserve your space. **The deposit will be returned on the 2nd day after the minimum requirements of Institute participation have been met (see website for additional details).** There are no other charges for attending. Travel expenses and overnight stay are the responsibility of the nonprofit organization. Any questions regarding registration can be directed via email to [Jill Mallatratt](mailto:Jill.Mallatratt) or call (919) 765-7347

Workshops/Meetings/Events/Deadlines coming up soon

- 1/31 Free Ethics Training—233 Middle Street New Bern 2nd floor conf. rm. 6:30 to 8:30 PM jhills@eccog.org To register: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/ECCethicstraining31Jan2012>
- 1/31 Managing Recreational Use of Publicly Accessible Protected Lands Workshop FREE 8:30 AM to 4 PM Pivers Island—Beaufort. [click here to register](#)
- 2/1 CWMTF applications due: <http://www.cwmtf.net/#appmain.htm>
- 2/1-3 NCCCMA Winter conference in Raleigh <http://www.sog.unc.edu/node/2001>
- 2/6-7 Emerging Issues Forum Raleigh <http://www.ncsu.edu/iei/index.php/news-events/2011-emerging-issues-forum>
- 2/9 ECC Special Executive Committee meeting 6:00 PM at ECC office—2nd floor conf. rm. mstrickland@eccog.org
- 2/17-20 [Great Backyard Bird Count](#)
- 2/22 AWWA Water Audit software training at SOG Chapel Hill <http://go.ncsu.edu/wateraudit>
- 2/28 SOG Energy initiative Financing workshop near Asheville, http://www.efc.unc.edu/training/2012/wnc_energyfinance.htm
- 2/29 SOG Water/Wastewater utility financial management workshop near Asheville http://www.efc.unc.edu/training/2012/wnc_waterfinance.htm
- 3/5-6 SOG EFC Annual Water & Wastewater funding workshop in Chapel Hill <http://www.efc.unc.edu/training/2012/waterfinance.htm>
- 3/8 ECC Executive Committee meeting 6:00 PM at ECC office—2nd floor conf. rm. mstrickland@eccog.org
- 3/13-15 SOG Community Development Academy <http://www.sog.unc.edu/node/1175>
- 3/14 NCER State of the Region report New Bern convention Center 8 AM to Noon <http://www.nceast.org>
- 3/15 Eastern Carolina RPO meeting at Kinston Public Service Complex at 9:30 AM arickard@eccog.org
- 3/27 Down East RPO meeting ECC office—2nd Floor Conf. Rm. 9:30 AM rwill@eccog.org
- 3/27-28 WRRRI and NCWRA conf. & symposium to be held in Raleigh http://go.ncsu.edu/wrriac_registration
- 4/23 NC Treasurer's 2012 Conference at the New Bern Convention Center sharon.edmundson@nctreasurer.com

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