



DATES TO REMEMBER

- OCTOBER 5, 2015 **CORSA REGIONAL TRAINING PROGRAM FOR PEACE OFFICERS AND CORRECTIONS**
HOLIDAY INN ROBERTS CENTER, CLINTON COUNTY (WILMINGTON)
- OCTOBER 6, 2015 **CORSA REGIONAL TRAINING PROGRAM FOR PEACE OFFICERS AND CORRECTIONS**
FOP HALL, ALLEN COUNTY (LIMA)
- OCTOBER 7, 2015 **CORSA REGIONAL TRAINING PROGRAM FOR PEACE OFFICERS AND CORRECTIONS**
MUSKINGUM COUNTY WELCOME CENTER, MUSKINGUM COUNTY (ZANESVILLE)
- OCTOBER 8, 2015 **CORSA REGIONAL TRAINING PROGRAM FOR PEACE OFFICERS AND CORRECTIONS**
THE GALAXY RESTAURANT, MEDINA COUNTY (WADSWORTH)
- OCTOBER 12, 2015 **COLUMBUS DAY**
- OCTOBER 16, 2015 **CCAO JOBS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE**
CCAO OFFICES, COLUMBUS
- OCTOBER 21, 2015 **COUNTY LAND BANKS: ARE THEY A GOOD FIT FOR US?**
A CCAO SECOND WEDNESDAY WEBINAR
(WEBINAR TOPIC AND DATE HAVE CHANGED)
- OCTOBER 22, 2015 **CCAO TAXATION AND FINANCE COMMITTEE, CONFERENCE CALL**
- OCTOBER 28, 2015 **CCAOSC ENERGY COMMITTEE ANNUAL MEETING**
CCAO OFFICES, COLUMBUS
- NOVEMBER 11, 2015 **VETERANS' DAY**

NOVEMBER 12, 2015

REASONABLE ACCOMMODATIONS UNDER THE ADA
A CCAO SECOND WEDNESDAY WEBINAR
(DATE CHANGED IN REMEMBRANCE OF VETERANS' DAY)

DECEMBER 6-8, 2015

CCAO/CEAO ANNUAL WINTER CONFERENCE
GREATER COLUMBUS CONVENTION CENTER
COLUMBUS

ASSOCIATION NEWS

Steve Arndt selected for open Ohio House position

Former Ottawa County Commissioner Steve Arndt on Tuesday was sworn in to take an open position in the Ohio House. He'll represent the 89th House District seat, which includes Ottawa and Erie counties.

Arndt was selected among 14 people who applied to complete the 15 months left in the term.

Arndt said he will focus on the community and what its needs are. On his agenda moving forward, he said in a statement to the News Herald, is meeting with community residents, business owners and elected officials to learn those needs and issues.



"Something I focused on my entire elected career is creating an environment that fosters job growth," he said. "It will be one of those things that I will continue on in Columbus.

CCAO creates sample resolutions to support for State Issue One and Two and oppose State Issue Three

At the CCAO Board of Directors meeting on Sept. 12, the Board adopted positions in support of State Issue One and Two and in opposition to State Issue Three. CCAO has been asked by members to provide sample copies of resolutions in line with the positions taken by the Board. Three sample resolutions that counties may use are linked below.

CCAO recommends that you do the following with respect to any resolution that you adopt.

1. Send a copy of any resolution you adopt to the local print and broadcast media
2. Send an electronic copy of your resolution to Andrew Johnson, CCAO communications coordinator, at ajohnson@ccao.org
3. Send a copy of your resolution to the following statewide contacts:

State Issue One – Abe Jacob, director of communications, Fair Districts for Ohio,
abejacob70@hotmail.com 419-789-2516

State Issue Two and Three – Reid Vineis: vineis@sppgrp.com, cell: 614-654-1123, and Terry Donelon: tedonelon@gmail.com, cell: 216-970-9222

If you have questions regarding the resolutions, contact Brad Cole of the CCAO staff at bcole@ccao.org.

[Issue One Sample Resolution](#)

[Issue Two Sample Resolution](#)

[Issue Three Sample Resolution](#)

CCAO nominating committee appointed

The CCAO Board of Directors approved the appointment of a five-member nominating committee that will be chaired by Debbie Lieberman, Montgomery County Commissioner. Other members of the Committee include:

1. Bob Corbett, Champaign County Commissioner
2. Kerry Metzger, Tuscarawas County Commissioner
3. Otto Nicely, Defiance County Commissioner
4. Daniel Troy, Lake County Commissioner

It is the responsibility of the committee to recommend a slate of officers and board members to be elected at the Annual Business Meeting on Monday morning, Dec. 7, during the CCAO/CEAO Winter Conference. Nominations will also be accepted from the floor. The committee will be nominating candidates for the offices of president, first vice president, second vice president, secretary and treasurer. In addition, eight members will be nominated to serve on the Board of Directors for two-year terms. The Nominating Committee will also fill any vacancies that may exist where members elected to a two-year term will not be returning to office or where a member forfeits office for non-attendance.

The Nominating Committee is also governed by a Board resolution adopted in 2011 that limits the number of consecutive years a person can serve as either treasurer (not more than three consecutive years) or secretary (not more than one consecutive year). Also, persons serving in the offices of treasurer and secretary must be of different political parties. In addition, in order to be eligible to be nominated as an officer, an individual must be from a member county and have served a term of at least one-year on the CCAO Board of Directors.

The eight members whose terms to the Board expire this year include: Tony Anderson, Fayette County Commissioner; Bob Corbett, Champaign County Commissioner; Lenny Eliason, Athens County Commissioner; Bob Glaser, Greene County Commissioner; John Love, Putnam County Commissioner; Otto Nicely, Defiance County Commissioner; Ann Obrecht, Wayne County Commissioner; and Brian Stewart, Pickaway County Commissioner.

The nine members appointed by President Halleck whose one-year term to the Board expires at the end of this year include: Kathleen Chandler, Portage County Commissioner; Mike Crabtree, Scioto County Commissioner; Janet Weir Creighton, Stark County Commissioner; Carl Davis, Monroe County Commissioner; Pat Geissman, Medina County Commissioner; Gary Merrell, Delaware County Commissioner; Glenn Miller, Henry County Commissioner; T.C. Rogers, Butler County Commissioner; and Barb Queer, Ashland County Commissioner.

The CCAO Bylaws also provides the six most recent past presidents who still hold the office of county commissioner, elected executive or member of the legislative authority of any charter county or any county organized under an alternative form of county government and who elect to serve as a member, a seat on the Board of Directors. In 2015 those individuals will include: Mike Halleck, Columbiana County Commissioner; Nick Kostandaras, Summit County Council Member; Gary Lee, Union County Commissioner; Deborah Lieberman, Montgomery County Commissioner; David Dhume, Madison County Commissioner; and Paula Brooks, Franklin County Commissioner.

The Committee must make its recommendations no later than Nov. 18. The report will then be published in Counties Current and an individual copy of the report will be sent to each commissioner.

On Sept. 18, CCAO sent to all county commissioners, executives and council members a CCAO Officer/Board Member Request Form and a Nominating Candidate Questionnaire. Both forms must be returned no later than Oct. 30 to the committee chair: Debbie Lieberman, Montgomery County Commissioner, P.O. Box 972, 451 W. Third Street, Dayton, OH 45422-1110 or you may email your form to ObererT@mcoho.org.

In addition, mail a copy to CCAO, 209 E. State Street, Columbus, OH 43215, in an envelope marked: NOMINATING COMMITTEE – ATTENTION: KATHY DILLON or you may email your form to kathydillon@ccao.org.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact Deborah Lieberman at (937) 430-4509, or call CCAO Executive Director Suzanne Dulaney at (614) 221-5627 or (888) 757-1904.

Voting procedures for annual business meeting

The CCAO Bylaws requires each member county designate an official representative and alternate when voting at the Annual Meeting or any special meeting of the Association.

The designation of the official representative and alternate for a county organized under the statutory form of county government is by resolution of the board of county commissioners. In the case of a county organized as a charter county, the elected executive designates, by a letter signed by the executive, the official representative and an alternate. Please note in designating the official representative and alternate, a member county may only name a county commissioner, elected executive or a member of county council.

A memo explaining the process along with a sample Designation of Official Representative and Alternate Resolution and a sample letter for county executives can be found on the front page of the CCAO website at www.ccao.org. **If you have not already done so, please send or email a copy of your resolution or letter designating your official representative and alternate to Kathy Dillon, CCAO, 209 East State Street, Columbus, OH 43215 or at kathydillon@ccao.org so that we may maintain a record of the names in our files for voting purposes.** Should you have any questions or to confirm that we have received a copy of your resolution or letter, please contact Kathy Dillon at (888) 757-1904 or at kathydillon@ccao.org.

CORSA training for peace officers/corrections

CORSA and the Buckeye State Sheriffs' Association, along with Public Agency Training Council, have scheduled regional one-day training seminars on the following dates:

- Oct. 5 – Holiday Inn Roberts Center, 123 Gano Rd., Clinton County (Wilmington)
- Oct. 6 – FOP Hall, 750 W. Robb Ave., Allen County (Lima)
- Oct. 7 – Muskingum County Welcome Center, 205 N. Fifth St., Muskingum County (Zanesville)
- Oct. 8 – The Galaxy Restaurant, 201 Park Centre Drive, Medina County (Wadsworth)

Topics to be discussed:

1. Emerging Trends - why are we getting sued?
2. Case Law Update
3. Body Worn Cameras - on the road and in the jail
4. Jail Classification & Medical Screening: what's the liability and why are jails getting sued?
5. Policy Updates - the need to know

Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. The class begins at 9 a.m. and ends at 3 p.m. Lunch will be provided. CORSA member counties attending these sessions will receive credit toward their county's annual premium discount. Registration fees: CORSA member counties – FREE; non-CORSA counties - \$25.00 per person. [Register here...](#)

If you have any questions, please contact [Ken Hilty](#), CORSA Risk Control Law Enforcement consultant, at (614) 357-6966. [Read more...](#)

In memoriam

George E. Brake

George E. Brake, 58, director of the Van Wert Solid Waste Management District, died on Wednesday, Sept. 23, in a traffic accident near his home.

Brake, who had served as director of the Solid Waste District since 1995, was best known publicly for his tireless efforts at promoting recycling within Van Wert County. He worked hand in hand with the county commissioners in setting up the Van Wert Recycling Center in 1995.

Former County Commissioner Gary Adams said that in addition to setting up the current recycling program, Brake also went out and found grants to pay for the equipment at the recycling center.

Adams added, "He was a quality man, conscientious and honest. He was all about recycling and cleaning up our country, which made it easy to hire him."

Commissioner Thad Lichtensteiger praised Brake for his knowledge of recycling. He was always trying to find sources for more items that he could recycle. Lichtensteiger noted, "He was one of



those guys who absolutely loved what he was doing and was always trying to find ways to make recycling easier.”

Brake is survived by his wife Kathy and five children. CCAO extends sympathy to the Brake family.

OPERS concerned about impact of excise tax on retiree health care plan

(Reprinted from OPERS Source)

An excise tax, or so called “Cadillac tax,” was included as part of the Affordable Care Act (ACA). Scheduled to take effect in 2018, it is a nondeductible excise tax of 40 percent of the value of health coverage that exceeds certain benefit thresholds – initially, \$10,200 for self-only coverage and \$27,500 for family coverage. The thresholds will also be higher for retiree-only plans, or if the majority of covered employees are engaged in specified high-risk professions such as law enforcement and construction, and for group demographics including age and gender.



When the ACA was passed, the excise tax was purported to only target a very small percentage of health plans. In fact, it is expected to affect health plans of all types covering millions of Americans—including retirees, low and moderate income families, public sector employees, small businesses and the self-employed. To read more about OPERS’ stances, including backing a repeal or exemption from the excise tax, click [here](#).

Safe destruction of old computers survey – due Oct. 8

CCAO has compiled a [quick survey](#) on how counties dispose of old computers, smart phones, tablets, etc. Would you please forward this survey to the appropriate person in your county and ask that they respond no later than Oct 8? As always, thank you for your assistance. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact [Keith Blosser](#), CCAO managing director of operations, at 614/220-7978.



County Land Banks: Are They a Good Fit for Us? – CCAO 2nd Wednesday Webinar

CCAO is pleased to offer a one-hour “County Land Banks: Are They a Good Fit for Us?” webinar on Oct. 21 at 9:30 a.m. Emerging in response to the foreclosure crisis, land banks serve as a way to strategically acquire properties, return them to productive use, reduce blight, increase property values and improve the quality of life for residents. Effective Sept. 29, 2015, the state budget permits any county to establish a land reutilization corporation, also known as a land bank. Prior to this change, land banks were required to have a population of at least 60,000. This webinar will provide basic information about how to form and operate a successful land bank and if the fit is right for your county. Topics include:

- What is a county land bank?
- 10 reasons you need a land bank
- Reasons not to create a land bank
- How to operate a county land bank

Jim Rokakis, Esq., vice president of the Western Reserve Land Conservancy and the director of the Thriving Communities Institute, and Robin Darden Thomas, Land Bank program director for the Thriving Communities Institute, will present on the topic.

Registration: Webinar participants may pose questions during and after the presentation. To register for this exceptional educational opportunity, please click [here](#).

There is no charge to attend the webinar. If you experience difficulty in connecting to the link above and you wish to register for the webinar, please email [Amanda Jones](#), CCAO program assistant, and provide her with your name, title, county or organization, and email address.

For additional information regarding the topic for this webinar, please contact [Brad Cole](#), CCAO managing director of research. [Read more...](#)

STATE ACTIVITIES

Attorney General DeWine announces rock salt settlement funds sent to 850 Ohio entities

Ohio Attorney General Mike DeWine this week announced that his office is sending checks to 850 Ohio public entities as part of the Attorney General's \$11.5 million settlement to resolve an antitrust lawsuit against Cargill Inc. and Morton Salt Inc. over past rock salt prices.

Entities in 87 Ohio counties are receiving settlement funds.

Attorney General DeWine's settlement with Cargill and Morton Salt resolved a 2012 lawsuit accusing the companies of dividing up the Ohio rock salt market and agreeing not to compete with each other for public bids during a period ending in 2010.

Although Morton and Cargill admitted no wrongdoing, they agreed to pay \$11.5 million to resolve the state's case, just before a jury trial was set to begin.

Of the total settlement, about \$6.8 million was available to local governments.

Over the summer, the Attorney General's Office encouraged Ohio public entities to submit a claim for a share of the settlement based on the total amount of rock salt they purchased from Cargill and/or Morton between 2008 and 2010, the timeframe for which the state could seek recovery in the case.



**Attorney General
Mike DeWine**

The office received eligible claims from 848 Ohio public entities, each of which is receiving a check. Distribution amounts were calculated at a percentage of an entity's total eligible rock salt purchase. To ensure that no entity received a check for just a few dollars, entities were guaranteed at least a minimum distribution of \$500, except for one entity whose total purchase was just \$319.

A list of entities receiving claim checks from the rock salt settlement is available [here](#) (listed by county) and [here](#) (listed by amount).

All public entities in Ohio can receive free help from the Ohio Attorney General's Antitrust Section to detect possible anti-competitive activity. For more information, entities can contact the Ohio Attorney General's Office at www.OhioAttorneyGeneral.gov or 800-282-0515.

Ohioans dispose of 13.5 tons of pills during National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day

Ohio Attorney General Mike DeWine and the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) thanked Ohio residents this week for properly disposing of 13.5 tons (27,192 pounds) of unneeded, unwanted or expired prescription drugs during last Saturday's National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day.

The DEA's National Prescription Drug Take-Back Initiative provides a safe, convenient and responsible means of prescription drug disposal. Unused prescription drugs in homes create a public health and safety concern because the medications can be accidentally ingested, stolen, misused and abused.

"Prescription drug diversion and opiate addiction continue to be a serious problem in Ohio and across the county," said Attorney General DeWine. "We thank those who safely disposed of their medications on Saturday for playing a role in preventing abuse and addiction."

Those who are still in possession of unneeded prescription drugs can drop them off at one of several prescription drug drop box locations across the state. A list of locations of prescription drug drop boxes provided by the Attorney General's Office, Ohio Department of Health, and Drug Free Action Alliance is available on the [Ohio Attorney General's website](#).

State MLK Commission seeks nominations for awards

Nominations are being sought for awards honoring Ohioans who carry on the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Awards honoring such individuals and organizations will be given at the 2016 Ohio Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemorative Celebration being held Jan. 14, 2016, at Trinity Episcopal Church in downtown Columbus. The award ceremony is sponsored by the [Ohio Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Commission](#),

which is a part of the Equal Opportunity Division of the Ohio Department of Administrative Services (DAS). Nominations are due to the commission by Oct. 7. [Read more...](#)



FEDERAL ACTIVITIES

Government shutdown averted, for now

Faced with a midnight deadline to approve fresh budget authority, the House of Representatives cleared on Sept. 30 a 10-week continuing resolution. The measure, which had been endorsed by the Senate earlier in the day, was signed into law by President Obama just hours before the Oct. 1 start of the new federal fiscal year.

USDA to expand new farmer education

The [U.S. Department of Agriculture \(USDA\)](#) announced that \$2.5 million in grants is now available for projects to educate new and underserved farmers about more than 20 U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Farm Service Agency programs that can provide financial, disaster or technical assistance to the agricultural community. The grants will be awarded to nonprofits and public higher education institutions that develop proposals to improve farmer education on topics such as financial training, value-added production, recordkeeping, property inheritance and crop production practices.



USDA will conduct four evaluation periods to review applications. Additional information is posted on the Web at www.fsa.usda.gov/outreach. [Read more...](#)

It's National Cyber Security Awareness Month

Recognizing the importance of cybersecurity to our nation, President Obama designated October as National Cyber Security Awareness Month. National Cyber Security Awareness Month is designed to engage and educate public and private sector partners through events and initiatives with the goal of raising awareness about cybersecurity and increasing the resiliency of the nation in the event of a cyber incident.



Cyber Security is an important issue for counties, as government entities are seeing an increase in cyber-attacks. Just in the last couple of months, two Ohio counties experienced a cyber-attack. The County Risk Sharing Authority (CORSA) provides Cyber Security Coverage and Risk Management for their members. For more information, visit www.corsa.org.

For more information on National Cyber Security Month, including tips, resources and themes, click [here](#).

NACo activities

2016 culture of health prize

The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) has issued a Call for Applications for the [2016 RWJF Culture of Health Prize](#). The Prize will be awarded to up to 10 jurisdictions for outstanding achievements in improving the health of their community. Those jurisdictions that are selected as prize winners will receive \$25,000 cash and a number of opportunities to highlight their work across the country through presentations, webinars and conferences. Counties are eligible to apply by Nov. 12 at 3 p.m. Since its inception in 2013, counties have been featured among the winning jurisdictions each year. NACo is a national partner on the [County Health Rankings & Roadmaps](#) program, which is supported by RWJF. [Read more...](#)

EDUCATION

Cyber security day conference

The annual Cyber Security Day Conference will be held on Thursday, Oct.15 at the Ohio Department of Agriculture, 8995 E. Main Street, in Reynoldsburg. The [Ohio Department of Administrative Services' Office of Information Technology](#) sponsors this opportunity for cyber security professionals to network with peers and industry experts.

Conference objectives:

- Stay current on cyber security threats, vulnerabilities, exploits; and industry developments
- Capitalize on peer networking opportunities
- Find the professionals that can help with an array of information security issues

Who should attend? Technology leaders, CIOs, CISOs, IT administrators, security and other IT staff. There is no registration fee. Lunch is on your own. [Register here...](#)

OSU Extension to host Energy Infrastructure Workshop

Communities and individuals across Ohio are impacted directly by the energy boom – through shale horizontal drilling, related business growth and by pipelines crisscrossing all parts of the state.

To help Ohio communities make sense of the energy boom, OSU Extension is holding a one-day Energy Infrastructure Workshop on Oct. 27 from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Nationwide and Ohio Farm Bureau 4H Center on The Ohio State University campus, 2201 Fred Taylor Drive, in Columbus.

The workshop is targeted to help local leaders and Extension professionals answer questions and address issues of concern being raised in their communities. Highlights include:

- The future of the shale oil and gas industry and the impact for Ohio,
- Pipeline and infrastructure development across the state and how will this effects individuals and communities,



- Regulation of pipelines – who is responsible and how are they involved,
- Understanding landowners and community's rights

Sessions of general interest will be held in the morning. Afternoon breakout sessions will follow two tracks: Community issues and landowner issues. Community issues will address public official's roles, responsibilities and jurisdiction, working with pipeline companies, economic opportunities and challenges, and preparing for social, environmental and economic changes as well as other key topics. Landowner issues will address good agricultural practices for pipeline development, financial management, legal aspects of leases, and buying and selling leases as well as other key topics.

The registration cost for the full day event, including lunch and breaks, is \$30.00. To register, click [here](#).

For more information, please contact Myra Moss (moss.63@osu.edu) or Chris Penrose (penrose.1@osu.edu).

SERB academy

The [State Employment Relations Board \(SERB\)](#) will be hosting the SERB Academy on Thursday, Nov. 12-13 at the Crowne Plaza Columbus North, 6500 Doubletree Avenue, in Columbus. This two-day conference is for newcomers to public-sector collective bargaining. New managers or new employee organization officials, staff, and those who are or will be working in positions where they need to know how Ohio's law governs labor relations in the public sector.



SERB Academy is an intensive review of representation, dispute settlement and unfair labor practice matters, covering the law, the administrative rules and the day-to-day procedures of the agency. Presentations are by administrators and staff who speak from the perspective of daily experience. Materials are designed to give you easy access to the provisions of the law and the rules you need to consult.

Registration fee: \$275 (includes all sessions, course materials, continental breakfast and lunch). [Read more...](#)

CLASSIFIEDS

CCAO publishes classified ads on our [website](#) free of charge as a service to counties. Ads will be published until the application deadline. When submitting your ad to CCAO, please provide a link to the online job posting and a deadline date. Email your classified ad to [Mary Jane Neiman](#), CCAO Public Relations Associate.

<http://www.ccao.org/classified-ads>