



**2015 Annual Conference**  
Savannah International Trade  
and Convention Center  
Savannah/Chatham County  
April 17-20



## Back to the Future!

ACCG's Centennial Celebration in 2014 was an opportunity to reflect and appreciate what happened in the past 100 years. But 2015 brings a time to continue to look forward so our Annual Conference this year is a time to focus "back to the future." Join your county colleagues in Savannah/Chatham County for three days of education, networking, and fellowship.

### What's new in 2015?

- **It's not "new" but we are still across the Savannah River!** 2015 find us again at the Savannah International Trade and Convention Center on Hutchinson Island. Our friends at Visit Savannah! will run shuttle service from the convention hotels to the trade center or you can drive since there is ample, free parking at the trade center. And if you want to make it fun, ride the water taxis that run between the Hyatt Regency Savannah and the trade center or the Savannah Marriott Riverfront and the trade center ...they're free!
- **We're action-packed for three full days!** Education sessions and section meetings are Friday, as is the Awards Ceremony. Saturday brings the opening general session and County Buyers Mart and Sunday features the Installation Luncheon and Finale at Morrell Park on River Street where the "Waving Girl" statue welcomes ships into Savannah.
- **Dinner and Dance moves to Saturday night!** The hospitality dinner and dance hosted by Yancey Bros. Co. and traditionally held on Monday evening is moving to Saturday night!
- **ACCG Lifelong Learning Academy opens and closes the Annual Conference!** Classes will be held Friday and Monday.

You'll find a tentative agenda at the end of this information!

## Registration Options for County Members

**Conference Registration Package \$575** includes everything except the section meetings! This package covers admission to the County Buyers Mart, all banquet and entertainment events, all education events and a Friday Lifelong Learning Academy class.

**Spouse Registration Package \$185** includes all banquet and entertainment events, except section meetings, and admission to the County Buyers Mart.

**Monday Lifelong Learning Academy class \$200** package includes a Lifelong Learning Academy class on Monday.

## Registration for Other Attendees

**Other Attendee Registration \$400** is for individuals not affiliated with county governments and includes all conference events except training classes over the course of April 17-19. Please note: this registration package is not available to county members. Please contact ACCG ([cbaker@accg.org](mailto:cbaker@accg.org)) for registration details.

*Please note: Registration for county officials does not include registration for spouses.*

- ✚ Cancellation policy: Refund of registration fees will be made if notice of cancellation is in writing and received by April 6, 2015. Notices will be accepted by email or fax but not by phone. A \$25.00 administration fee will be charged for each cancellation of conference registration and/or training registration.

## ACCG Lifelong Learning Academy

**Classes in the Lifelong Learning Academy will be offered on Friday, April 17<sup>th</sup>, as part of the conference registration package.**

- ✚ Core: County Government Law
- ✚ Core: Economic Development
- ✚ Core: County Government Finance
- ✚ Advanced: Management & Human Resources Responsibilities (*County Operations and Management track*)
- ✚ Advanced: Regional Cooperation (*Intergovernmental Relations track*)
- ✚ Advanced: Managing Meetings (*County Operations and Management track*)
- ✚ Advanced: Intergovernmental Agreements and Private Partnerships (*Revenue and Finance track*)

**These training classes will be Monday, April 20 – a separate registration fee is required for one of these.**

- ✚ Core: Ethics
- ✚ Core: Human Resources
- ✚ Core: Public Safety and Public Health
- ✚ Advanced: Federal and State Budgeting (*Revenue and Finance track*)
- ✚ Advanced: Constitutional Officers (*Intergovernmental Relations track*)
- ✚ Advanced: Improving Organizational Effectiveness (*Community Engagement track*)

Continuing education hours will be granted for attending the Opening General Session and Legislative Review on April 17, and at the business session/general session and afternoon session on April 19.

Please note: when registering for classes, you may see that all of the classes listed here are not available as options for certain individual county officials. ACCG's training records are in transition from the old program requirements to the new requirements of the Lifelong Learning Academy. The classes that appear as registration options depend on coding in the training records so until the transition is complete, this process is weak. If you have a county official that wants to take a class that is not showing as an option, please register the person for a class that the system will allow, then email Carol Baker ([cbaker@accg.org](mailto:cbaker@accg.org)) or Jeff Christie ([jchristie@accg.org](mailto:jchristie@accg.org)). Give them the name of the class that is preferred, and they will make the appropriate changes. *Thank you for your patience as we continue to work through this transition!*

## Annual Conference Housing

**\*Housing Deadline is March 16<sup>th</sup>**

Housing reservations will again be made through Visit Savannah! this year. The system allows you to receive confirmation of hotel reservations almost immediately. Once you have registered with ACCG for the meeting, you will receive a confirmation of registration that will carry instructions on making hotel reservations. There are eight convention hotels in Savannah:

- Doubletree Hotel Historic Savannah - \$189
- Embassy Suites Historic District - \$199
- Hampton Inn Historic District - \$205
- Hilton Garden Inn Historic Savannah - \$189
- Holiday Inn Express Savannah Historic District - \$205
- Hyatt Regency Savannah - \$203
- Savannah Marriott Riverfront - \$209
- Westin Savannah Harbor - \$213 (plus \$19 resort fee)

✚ Please check **Visit Savannah!** for information on the convention hotels – [www.visitsavannah.com](http://www.visitsavannah.com). Click on Accommodations, then on Browse by Location and click on Historic District. The site also has maps of Savannah and information on dining and tours.

### ACCG 101<sup>st</sup> Annual Conference

April 17-20, 2015

Savannah International Trade &  
Convention Center

*(Sessions at the Center unless otherwise noted.)*

## Tentative Agenda

### Friday, April 17

7:00 am

**Registration**

8:30 am – 3:30 pm

#### **Lifelong Learning Academy**

- County Government Law
- Economic Development
- County Government Finance
- Management & Human Resources Responsibilities
- Regional Cooperation
- Managing Meetings
- Intergovernmental Agreements

#### **Section Meetings**

- Attorneys 12:00 – 4:30 pm
- Administrators 12:00 – 3:30 pm
- Clerks 12:00 – 2:30 pm

3:00 pm

**Nominating Committee Work Session**

4:00 pm

**Policy Council Meeting**

5:00 – 6:30 pm

**Opening Reception and Awards Ceremony**

6:30 pm

**Board of Managers Dinner**

-Westin Savannah Harbor

### Saturday, April 18

7:30 am

**Wellness Walk**

8:00 am

**Registration**

8:00 am

**Networking Breakfast**

9:00 – 10:30 am

**Opening General Session**

10:30 am – 11:15 am

**Legislative Review**

11:30 – 1:30 pm

**Lunch and Learn: Legislative Focus Breakout Sessions**

12:00 – 1:00 pm

**Board of Managers Luncheon Meeting**

1:00 pm

**Nominating Committee Meeting**

2:00 pm – 5:00 pm

**County Buyers Mart Grand Opening**

3:00 pm – 5:00 pm

**County Agents' Farm House Open**

6:00 pm

**Dinner and Dance with Rivertown Band**

*Sponsored by Yancey Bros. Co.*

-6:00 – 6:30 pm

**Reception**

-6:30 – 10:00 pm

**Dinner and Dance**

9:00 am – 12:00 pm

**County Buyers Mart Open**

12:00 – 2:00 pm

**Officer and Board Installation Luncheon**

2:00 pm – 4:00 pm

**Continuing Education Session/Networking Time**

5:30 pm

**Entertainment/Reception**

-Morrell Park on River Street

**Sunday, April 19**

8:00 am

**Registration**

8:00 am - 9:00 am

**Inspirational Service**

9:00 am – 9:30 am

**Business Meeting**

9:00 am – 10:30 am

**County Agents' Farm House Continental Breakfast**

**Monday, April 20**

8:30 am – 3:30 pm

**Lifelong Learning Academy**

- Ethics
- Human Resources
- Public Safety & Public Health
- Federal and State Budgeting
- Constitutional Officers
- Improving Organizational Effectiveness



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