



**104<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference**  
**April 27-30, 2018**  
**Savannah International Trade & Convention Center**

**Thursday, April 26**

2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

**Exhibitor Registration and Installation of Exhibits**

*Exhibit Hall*

4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

**Early Registration**

*River Concourse*

Take advantage of smaller crowds ... Connect with ACCG Retirement, Insurance and Information Technology Staff on ways they can help your county ... Review your Lifelong Learning Academy record ... and Meet friends over a light reception. You can walk away with a \$100 gift card or Savannah gift basket!

**Friday, April 27**

6:45 a.m.

**ACCG Welcome Desk**

-Your source for conference information and registration

*River Concourse*

6:45 a.m. – 7:45 a.m.

**Breakfast**

*Chatham Ballroom*

8:00 a.m. – 3:45 p.m. (Classes run 8-11:30 am, resume 1:15-3:45 pm)

**Lifelong Learning Academy**

*Room 100 – County Government Finance (Core)*

*Greene Room – County Government Law (Core)*

*Room 200 – Building Your City-County Relationships (IR)*

*Room 201 – Capital Improvement Planning (COM)*

*Room 202 – Civic Engagement (CE)*

*Gwinnett Room – Arts, Culture and Tourism (QL/SI)*

*Room 101 – Developing Financial Policies (RF)*  
*Room 102 – Transportation Funding: Options and Strategies (RF)*  
*Room 103 – Revenue and Tax Policy (RF)*  
*Room 104 – Global Commerce and Georgia’s Targeted Industries (ECD)*  
*Room 105 – Leadership Team Building: Creating “We’s” from “I’s” (LD)*  
*Room 106 – Parks, Recreation and Active Living (QL/SI)*  
*Room 205 – Getting Your Message Out (CE)*  
*Room 204 – Understanding the Benefits of Land Use and Planning (ECD)*  
*Room 203 – Water Management (COM)*

8:00 a.m. – 3:45 p.m.

**Clerks Education Session**

*Pulaski Room – Meeting Management 101*

9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

**Exhibitor Registration and Installation of Exhibits**

*Exhibit Hall*

9:45 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.

**Morning Break**

*Rotunda*

9:45 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.

**Morning Break**

*Hall Outside Gwinnett/Pulaski/Greene*

**11:45 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**

**Lifelong Learning Academy Leadership Luncheon**

**Chatham Ballroom**



The 2018 Annual Conference kicks off with a renewed appreciation of lifelong learning. Certificate recipients in both the specialty and core programs in the Lifelong Learning Academy are recognized. In addition, the ACCG Leadership Development Advocate of the Year Award is presented. The luncheon is highlighted by the presentation of Lt. Col (Retired) Rob “Waldo” Waldman “Never Fly Solo.” U.S. Air Force fighter pilots undergo elite, specialized training to accomplish their mission. Through his engaging personal story of overcoming claustrophobia and a fear of heights to serving as a combat pilot in some of today’s most troubled regions, Lt. Col. Waldo Waldman will share how committing to excellence, preparing for change and engaging to win can help your county soar to new heights.

**”Never Fly Solo”**

**Lt. Col. (Retired) Rob “Waldo” Waldman**

12:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

**County Attorneys CLE Seminar**

*Westin Savannah, Harbor Room*

3:15 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.

**Afternoon Break**

*River Concourse*

3:45 pm – 6:00 p.m.

**Buyers Mart Opening and County Agents' Farm House Welcome Reception**

*Exhibit Hall*

4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

**Board of Managers Meeting**

*Room 106*

5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. (or immediately following the Board of Managers meeting)

**Nominating Committee**

*Room 105*

**Saturday, April 28**

7:30 a.m.

**Registration**

*River Concourse*

7:30 a.m. – 8:45 a.m.

**Networking Breakfast**

*Georgia International Gallery*

7:30 a.m.

**ACCG Civic Affairs Foundation 5K Run**

*Reynolds Square*

8:30 am – 11:30 am

**Clerks Education Sessions: Human Resources 303** (3 hours, continuing education)

*Room 203*

**9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.**

**Opening Keynote Session**

***Chatham Ballroom***



ACCG's 2018 Annual Conference focuses on People ... Places ... and Perspectives – and the ways an understanding of these three elements bring us together to accomplish more for Georgia's counties. ACCG President Allen Poole of Haralson County opens the conference and delegates are welcomed by Chatham County Commission Chairman Al Scott and Savannah Mayor Eddie DeLoach. Chatham County Youth Commissioner A'Lani Coppock performs the National Anthem to honor America. The ACCG Civic

Allen Poole

Engagement Advocate of the Year Award and Youth Leadership Award are presented too.



**“Gaining the Edge”  
David Horsager**

**David Horsager** sets the tone in this opening session with his keynote address on a timely and relevant topic entitled “Gaining the Edge.” Trust in government is a concept that is often discussed, yet trust can take years to build, seconds to break and much time to repair. **David Horsager** is a leading expert on trust and how it’s built into everything from individual relationships to how government entities can function effectively. As a bestselling author of *The Trust Edge* and one of the leaders of the largest national study on trust, *The Trust Outlook*, he will provide insight on the trust gap in our political system and how you as local leaders can help to build, earn and share trust in government.

10:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.

**Business Meeting and Election of Officers**

*Chatham Ballroom*

10:45 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.

**Legislative Update**

*Chatham Ballroom*

The 2018 legislative session has ended – now what? Don’t worry, the ACCG policy team is providing an update to review what transpired during the 40 days of the General Assembly session. Come prepared with your questions so you can understand the implications of legislation passed this year. The Legislative Advocate of the Year Award is being presented too.

10:45 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

**Youth Caucus**

*Rooms 204/205*

12:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

**County Buyers Mart Opens and County Agents' Farm House Lunch**

12:15 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

**Youth Caucus Lunch**

*Tondee's*

**Networking Time with Your Peers**

1:00 p.m.

**Section Meetings**

Rooms 103/104 - Managers / Administrators Section Meeting

Room 102 - Clerks Section Meeting

1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

**ACCG-IRMA Board of Trustees Meeting**

*Room 106*

**Dinner and Dance**

Gather along the riverfront on Saturday evening to enjoy the traditional oyster roast and a taste of Savannah from some of the area's most recognized eateries. Following dinner, get ready to dance and sing to a mix of familiar favorites as well as some of today's hits with the Emerald Empire Band on Saturday evening. Take advantage of this opportunity to reconnect with friends and get to know some more of your county peers!



**5:30 – 6:30 pm Reception**

*Esplanade*

**6:30 – 7:30 pm Dinner**

*Exhibit Hall*

**7:30 – 9:30 pm Dance**

*Esplanade*



**Sunday, April 29**

8:30 a.m.

**Registration**

*River Concourse*

8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

**Breakfast**

*River Concourse*

9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

**Inspirational Service**

*Oglethorpe Auditorium*

10:45 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.

**Continuing Education Sessions**

- “Dealing with New Stresses: Mental Health and Substance Abuse in Your Community”  
*Rooms 105/106*  
Increasing numbers of mental health and substance abuse cases in our communities is a growing concern for counties, especially as they impact budgets and quality of life. Learn about available state resources to assist counties in addressing the issues that are developing due to this trend. Hear about ways your county can assist to aid these individuals while looking out for the overall health of your citizens. There will also be an update on the status of the national opioid lawsuit.
- “911 and Broadband: The 2018 Legislative Changes”  
*Rooms 103/104*  
Learn more detail about the legislation just passed this year on the 9-1-1 systems from Michael Nix, Director of the Georgia Local Government 9-1-1 Authority. ACCG Deputy Legislative Director will then update you on the broadband legislation passed recently and answer all your questions.

- “What the Stock Market Means to You, Your Employees and Your County’s Retirement Planning”  
*Gwinnett Room*  
The session will cover the fundamentals of retirement planning including goal setting, ways to build a retirement nest egg, and investment options. ACCG Retirement Services Client Manager Robert Kim, CIMA®, leads the discussion.
- “U.S. Communities – Saving Time and Money”  
*Greene Room*  
US Communities aggregates the purchasing power of more than 90,000 public agencies nationwide by offering Participating Public Agencies the ability to make purchases through existing, competitively solicited contracts between a supplier and a lead public agency. It’s free to sign up so let’s start saving time and money today! Presenting is Scott Whitfield, Regional Development Manager, NACo FSC
- “Youth Engagement in Your County”  
*Pulaski Room*  
Learn about the ACCG Civic Affairs Foundation’s efforts to engage youth in your county through the Georgia County Internship Program and Georgia Civic Awareness for Students (GCAPS). Panelists discuss their experiences on both topics, and counties who have offered internships will share their successes. Sharing their stories are Mary Parrott, Fayette County Chief Financial Officer; Kathy Gill, Bartow County Clerk; and Spencer Mueller, Early County Administrator.

12:00 p.m. – 1:45 pm

**Officer and Board Installation Luncheon**

*Chatham Ballroom*



**U.S. Senator David Perdue**

**United States Senator David Perdue** brings the federal perspective to the ACCG Annual Conference with his address. Following lunch, celebrate the new spirit of community among Georgia counties with the installation of the 2018-2019 Officers and Board of Managers. ACCG’s leadership awards – The Emory Greene Award and the Jerry R. Griffin Award – are presented, and the 2018 County Clerk of the year is recognized.

12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

**Youth Caucus Lunch**

*Tondee’s*

1:30 – 2:30 p.m.

**Youth Caucus**

*Rooms 204/205*

4:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

**Reception**

*Ships of the Sea Museum*

Stroll through the gardens and fascinating displays at the popular **Ships of the Sea Maritime Museum** before heading out to enjoy Historic Savannah.

6:15 p.m.

**Board of Managers Dinner**

*Westin Savannah, Harbor Room*

**Monday, April 30**

7:00 a.m. – 8:15 a.m.

**Lifelong Learning Academy Registration**

*Rotunda*

7:00 a.m. - 8:15 a.m.

**Breakfast**

*East Concourse*

8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

**Lifelong Learning Academy**

*Room 100 – Ethics (Core)*

*Room 101 – Crisis Management (IR)*

*Room 102 – Public Safety Impacts of At-Risk Individuals and Families (PS)*

*Room 104 – Strategic Planning (CE)*

*Room 105 – The County Audit Process (RF)*

*Room 106 – Fire, EMS and 911 (PS)*

*Room 103 – Using Incentives for Economic Development (ECD)*

10:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

**Break**

*Rotunda*

11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

**Lifelong Learning Academy Luncheon**

*East Concourse*



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## **ACCG Youth Caucus Agenda**

### **Saturday, April 28<sup>th</sup>**

9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

#### **Conference Opening with Keynote Address**

*Chatham Ballroom*

*\*Youth delegates are encouraged to sit with their county officials. Following the Opening Session we will take group photos on the stage.*

10:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

#### **Opening Remarks and Introductions Leadership Development Activity**

*Rooms 204/205*

12:15 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

#### **Lunch**

*Tondee's*

1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

#### **Leadership Development Activities**

4:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

#### **Hotel Check-In/Free Time**

6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

#### **Social Event**

### **Sunday, April 29<sup>th</sup>**

8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

#### **Breakfast**

*East Concourse*

Presented by the ACCG Civic Affairs Foundation  
with support from



9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

**Service Activity**

12:15 p.m. – 1:15 p.m.

**Lunch**

Tondee's

1:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

**Individual Youth Groups Meet Up**

Create plans to take your group to the next level

**Rapid Fire Report from Youth Groups**

2:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

**Closing Session**

