



**LEGISLATIVE GOALS CONFERENCE
REGISTRATION AND HOTEL INFORMATION
Deadline for Hotel Reservations – 12/18/06**

To: County Managers, Clerks to the Board, Attorneys, Affiliate Presidents,
and COG Directors

From: Jim Blackburn, General Counsel

Date: November 22, 2006

The N.C. Association of County Commissioners will hold its 2007 Legislative Goals Conference on January 11-12, 2007 at the Pinehurst Resort in Moore County. The purpose of the conference is to bring together county officials from across the state to vote on proposed legislative goals for the 2007 and 2008 sessions of the General Assembly.

This year's goals conference will also feature program elements designed to help county commissioners and other participants become more effective advocates by building coalitions, using their status as elected officials to gain leverage in negotiations, and forcefully delivering a message. These components have been added as part of the Association's strategic plan based on discussions with hundreds of commissioners, county officials and others, who stated their desire for the Association to help enhance the ability of county officials to represent counties and the NCACC on local and statewide issues.

A package of proposed goals will be mailed out to county officials about four weeks prior to the conference, along with a copy of the revised voting procedures. Each county will select a voting delegate to vote on the goals and or proposed changes. **The selection of the voting delegate is very important as the Delegate will have to represent his/her county as changes are considered during the conference.** The enclosed voting delegate designation form needs to be returned to the Association by January 3, 2007. **IMPORTANT:** If you are not a voting delegate, you are still urged to attend the conference and participate in discussion.

DEADLINE FOR NEW GOALS/PRE-VOTING DISCUSSION PERIOD

A **non-voting** discussion period has been set aside from 10:30 a.m. until noon on January 11. The intent of this session is to allow county officials, including new commissioners, to ask questions in an open, non-voting atmosphere. Those with specific questions or concerns should plan to arrive by 10:30 a.m. The actual voting conference, which begins after lunch, will also have time built in for discussion and questions, but new commissioners especially have found this non-voting period extremely helpful.

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TENTATIVE AGENDA FOR LEGISLATIVE GOALS CONFERENCE

Thursday, January 11

9 a.m.-6 p.m.	Registration – Pinehurst Resort
10:30 a.m.-noon	Open discussion of goals
Noon-12:45 p.m.	Luncheon
1 p.m.	Deadline for submission of goals not in proposed legislative goals package
1-2 p.m.	Speaker – Jason Jordan, Advocacy Associates, LLC – Understanding Your “Advocacy Assets” as an Elected Official
2-3:30 p.m.	Legislative goals adoption
3:30-3:45 p.m.	Break
3:45-4:30 p.m.	Legislative goals adoption
4:30-5:15 p.m.	Screening Committee meets on any new proposed goals
5:30-6:30 p.m.	Reception
	Dinner on your own

Friday, January 12

8:30-10 a.m.	Workshop – Jason Jordan, Advocacy Associates, LLC – How to Develop and Deliver Strong Messages
10-10:15 a.m.	Break
10:15-11:45 a.m.	Legislative goals adoption
11:45 a.m.-12:30 p.m.	Closing – Speaker Jason Jordan, Advocacy Associates, LLC – The Basics of Building and Managing Coalitions
12:30 p.m.	Adjournment



NORTH CAROLINA ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Wednesday January 10 – Friday January 12, 2007

RESERVATION FORM

We look forward to welcoming you to Pinehurst! Please take a moment to fill out this reservation form to ensure your accommodations for your upcoming visit.

Pinehurst requires that your reservation request form be completed and returned on or before **Monday December 18, 2006**. Reservation forms received after this date will be processed on a "space-available basis". Pinehurst Resort consists of a variety of lodging accommodations including the Carolina, Villas, Holly Inn, The Manor, and Condominiums. THE RESORT WILL MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO HONOR SPECIFIC ROOM REQUESTS. If your request is not available, the best substitution will be made.

DAILY RATES: EUROPEAN Plan LOCATION: Resort Accommodations

(Please Check Desired Occupancy)

SINGLE OCCUPANCY: _____ \$120.00 PER PERSON
(One guest per room)

DOUBLE OCCUPANCY: _____ \$60.00 PER PERSON
(Two guests per room)

Rates are per person, per night and include lodging only.

ROOM PREFERENCE (based on availability) _____ Non-smoking _____ Smoking

Arrival Date _____ Departure Date _____

Check-In Time: 4:00 PM - Check-Out Time: 12:00 NOON

RESORT SERVICE FEE & STATE SALES TAX: Rates are subject to 10% resort service fee, 7% state sales tax and 3% occupancy tax on room portion only. Covered in the Resort Service Fee are the following amenities and services: unlimited use of the Fitness Center, Tennis Courts, Bicycles, Practice Putting Greens, Pitching Areas, Driving Range, Afternoon Tea in the Carolina, On-call Transportation.

DEPOSIT AND CANCELLATION POLICY: A deposit representing one night's rate per person is charged at the time the reservation is made. Pinehurst must receive notice of any cancellation at least 30 days prior to date of arrival in order to refund a deposit. The cancellation deadline is **Monday December 18, 2006**.

Please complete and fax or mail with deposit to:
FAX: 910-235-8240

GROUP RESERVATIONS
PINEHURST
PO BOX 4000
PINEHURST, NC 28374-4000

ROOMS TO BE OCCUPIED BY: (Type or Print) (ALL GUESTS WILL BE CHARGED A ONE-NIGHT ROOM DEPOSIT)

Name _____ Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone (____) _____ Business Phone (____) _____ E-Mail _____

Name _____ Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone (____) _____ Business Phone (____) _____ E-Mail _____

CREDIT CARD INFORMATION FOR ROOM DEPOSIT(S):

Credit Card Name & Number _____ EXP / _____

Card Holder Name _____

Credit Card Holder Authorized Signature: _____

*****ASSOCIATE MEMBERS***** Please complete so we may recognize all of our Associate Members.

CLUB AFFILIATION: _____ MEMBER NO: _____

COUNTY _____

REGISTRATION FORM
LEGISLATIVE GOALS CONFERENCE
N.C. Association of County Commissioners, January 11-12, 2007
Pinehurst Resort, Moore County, NC

IMPORTANT USE ONE FORM PER PERSON. Please make photocopies if needed.

NAME: _____

TITLE: _____

SPOUSE/GUEST NAME IF ATTENDING: _____

REGISTRATION FEE—\$95.00 \$ 95.00

- CHECK IF ATTENDING: Thursday Open Discussion of Goals
 Thursday Lunch
 Thursday Legislative Goals Adoption
 Thursday Reception
 Friday Legislative Goals Adoption

SPOUSE/GUEST RECEPTION:—\$20 Quantity _____ \$ _____

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$ _____

RETURN FORM WITH CHECK PAYABLE TO NCACC BY JANUARY 3 TO:

N.C. Association of County Commissioners
P. O. Box 1488
Raleigh, NC 27602-1488

OR, FAX FORM WITH CREDIT CARD INFORMATION BY JANUARY 3 TO 919-733-1065.

Credit Card Visa MasterCard

Name on Card: _____

Credit Card Number: _____ Expiration Date: _____

Signature: _____

CANCELLATIONS: Registration and spouse/guest meal costs may be refunded (less a \$15.00 administrative fee) if the Association is notified by NOON on Wednesday, January 3, 2007.

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:

Date: _____

Check #: _____

Check Amount: _____

Credit Card Amount: \$ _____

Memorandum

RETURN FORM BY JANUARY 3, 2007

**VOTING DELEGATE DESIGNATION FORM
LEGISLATIVE GOALS CONFERENCE
JANUARY 11-12, 2007**

NOTE: Please place this action on your board meeting agenda.

Each Board of County Commissioners is hereby requested to designate a commissioner or other official as a voting delegate. Each voting delegate should complete and sign the following statement and **RETURN IT TO THE ASSOCIATION NO LATER THAN JANUARY 3, 2007.**

I, _____; hereby certify that I am the duly designated voting

delegate for _____ County at the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners

Legislative Goals Conference at the Pinehurst Resort in Pinehurst, North Carolina.

Signed: _____

Title: _____

Article VI, Section of the Association's Constitution provides:

“On all questions, including the election of officers, each county represented shall be entitled to one vote, which shall be the majority expression of the delegates of that county. The vote of any county in good standing may be cast by any one of its County Commissioners who is present at the time the vote is taken; provided, if no commissioner be present, such vote may be cast by another county official, elected or appointed, who holds elective office or an appointed position in the county whose vote is being cast and who is formally designated by the Board of County Commissioners. These provisions shall likewise govern district meetings of the Association. A county in good standing is defined as one which has paid the current year's dues.”