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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Thank you for allowing me this opportunity to serve as your President. I am so proud of the work that NACTFO does and I will do my best as your representative. I am especially grateful to serve with such hard-working officers. Unfortunately, due to an emergency in my family, I was unable to fulfill my obligations during our October meeting. Without missing a beat, everyone pitched in to make that meeting a real success. My sincere thanks to the Officers and Education Committee members.

CHICAGO: What a great conference we had in Chicago thanks to the hard work of both the Education Committee Chaired by Dave Jamison and the Illinois County Treasurers Association, especially Nancy Krumwiede. It was the perfect blend of valuable classes and Chicago hospitality.

DUES NOTICES: Thanks to the collaborative efforts of Treasurer Kim Reynolds and 1st V-P Ken Parrish, dues notices were mailed to over 3,800 treasurers, tax collectors and finance officers. We are currently in the process of updating our website and state membership information so please be sure to send updates to info@NACTFO.org.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE / EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING: The committees met in Sarasota, Florida October 12 – 15. Also attending was our new Education Program Coordinator from the University of Missouri-St. Louis, Brady Baybeck and our NACo Liaison, Alysoun McLaughlin. As a result, educational sessions were outlined for the Legislative and Annual 2007 Conferences. The training ideas discussed should prove of great interest to all attendees. We are currently working with NACo on housing for the *Legislative Conference in March*; be on the lookout for accommodation information and make your reservations as soon as they are available! (see article on Page 2)

STRATEGIC PLANNING: As part of the October meeting, both committees participated in a planning session, facilitated by our own Kim Reynolds. One of the results which you will be hearing more about during the year is the promotion of NACTFO among our colleagues around the United States. If your state association would like to have someone from NACTFO attend an upcoming meeting and explain who we are and the benefits of membership, please e-mail me or any member of the Executive Board to make arrangements. I have already heard from Iowa, New York, Utah and South Dakota. How about your state?

FEATURED STATE: There is something new in your newsletter. Each issue we will feature one of our states starting with the past host of our Annual Conference, Illinois. Do you know how many counties they have; how often their treasurers are elected; how their association is structured? Check it out on page 3.

I look forward to working with you. Together, we can take NACTFO to new heights!

Sincerely,
Barbara Ford-Coates

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& download your dues statement.*****

Past-President's Remarks

One of the major responsibilities of the Past-President of NACTFO is to be the liaison between NACTFO and our parent organization, NACo. In that role, I am NACTFO's representative on the NACo Board of Directors and have been appointed a member of the NACo Finance Committee.

The NACo Finance Committee meets in early November in Virginia to review the budget for the organization and make the necessary recommendations to the Board of Directors regarding its adoption.

The full NACo Board of Directors will meet at the end of November/early December in Ohio for three days, covering a range of issues and business of NACo.

In addition to these recurring roles as Past-President, I have taken on the task of trying to implement the wishes of the NACTFO organization and the Executive Board in making contacts within NACo to try to foster a better working relationship between the two entities. This includes efforts to solve the issues of meeting rooms and conference hotel accommodations, coordination of training sessions and increased involvement of NACTFO members in NACo conferences and committees.

Any suggestions that you, as members of NACTFO, may have to improve this process would be welcomed. Contact me either at my email address, bhagey@seminoletax.com, or by phone at (407) 665-7648. I look forward to your comments.

Most of you are aware, by now, that I recently made a career change and resigned my position as Sioux County Treasurer in Iowa to take a position as Assistant Tax Collector with Ray Valdes, Seminole County Tax Collector, in Florida. Mr. Valdes is a Past-President of NACTFO and it has been stimulating to come to work for him. I will maintain active participation with NACTFO and look forward to meeting and working with each of you as we move this organization forward.

Bob Hagey

Legislative Conference, Washington D.C., March 2-3, 2007

Wait just a minute; hold your horses; hang on – NACo Legislative Conference registration opens November 27th and before you make your hotel reservations **DO NOT** use NACo's on-line housing registration. If you want to stay at the NACTFO HQ Hotel, we will have a separate NACTFO housing form on our website dedicated solely to getting you accommodations.

Q: Why would you want to attend the Legislative Conference next March?

A: We are planning some fun and informative educational sessions where you earn credit towards a NACTFO / University of Missouri – St. Louis professional certificate. (You can learn more about our certificate program at www.nactfo.org). Here is a preview of our classes while in Washington, D.C. (dates and times for classes will be determined soon). Hope to see you there.

- 1) Grants – Finding and writing Federal Grants that are available for local county government (Possible Guest Speaker)
- 2) Technology Update – security, disaster recovery, off site data backup center
- 3) Human Resources – recruiting and reviewing job descriptions
- 4) Costing and Outsourcing – How to get the most out of your government resources
- 5) *Extra Credit Sessions through NACo (Washington Hilton and Towers), sessions TBD*

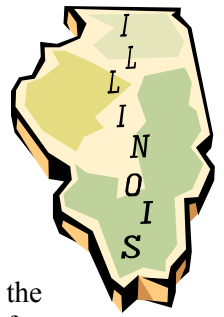
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“Featured State” by Nancy Krumwiede

Welcome to Illinois.....

Illinois was the 21st state to join the Union in 1818. There are 102 counties, some with county boards and some commissioned counties. Illinois’ favorite son is Abraham Lincoln, which is why the state slogan is “Land of Lincoln” and appears on all vehicle license plates.



A county treasurer is also the county tax collector upon being elected. The term of office is four years with the primary in March and the general election in November. We are being elected this November 7th for a new four year term to start December 1, 2006.

The Illinois Compiled Statutes govern our offices as to structure and duties. However, 102 counties....102 ways. But overall, we are consistent in the administration of our offices and duties. We receipt the county’s revenues, balance the books and invest the county’s funds. We, also, collect all property, mobile home and mineral taxes, and some collect drainage taxes. The county board establishes funding for our offices. We hire our own chief deputy and deputies to help run the office. Union’s are a county by county preference.

In 1994, the Tax Sale Automation Fee was established. A \$10 assessment on property sold for delinquent taxes is assessed and deposited into a separate account for costs to automate the tax sale process. It is to be spent at the County Treasurers’ discretion for equipment and training.

The Illinois County Treasurers’ Association.....

The Illinois County Treasurers’ Association elected its first president in 1970 and has been a very strong organization since inception. Meetings are held four times a year. The Spring and Fall conference are held each April in Springfield and November in Chicago in conjunction with all other elected county officials in Illinois. The Winter and Summer conferences are held at different locations around the state, determined by the President, usually in January and July.

Any regularly elected or appointed County Treasurer shall be eligible for membership into ICTA. The dues are determined by relative size of the county. They start at \$210 annually for the smaller counties and go up to \$820 for the larger counties.

The ICTA officer’s consists of a president, 1st vice-president, 2nd vice-president, 3rd vice-president, 4th vice-president, treasurer and secretary. Nominations are made in April for a new secretary and installation is conducted in November. The term of each office is one year before advancing one chair.

ICTA also consists of four zones with a chairperson and treasurer for each one. They meet at least quarterly on a smaller level and bring ideas and suggestions to the parent group.

The President appoints the following committees upon taking office: Audit, Legislative, Constitution and By-laws, Annual Meeting and Nominating Committee. Temporary committees may also be formed.

In 1985, the ICTA started awarding the Treasurer of the Year and this honor is presented each November in Chicago. Each zone also honors one of its members annually in the Spring with a plaque for outstanding leadership.

Our objective reads as follows:

The Illinois County Treasurers’ Association is designed to serve as a medium through which to exchange experience and ideas; to study problems of the office; to promote better and more efficient administration of the duties of the office; to encourage and promote legislation seeking to make the office of greater service to the people we serve; and to serve as an instrumentality where by ideas can be translated into action and implemented in a practical way.

.....Come see us, again!!!!

For questions regarding Illinois, please e-mail Nancy at treasurer@fordcountycourthouse.com. For more information on ICTA, visit: www.illinoiscotreasurer.com.

Legislation Affecting Your County: HR 6242

Does your county purchase anything from “plumbing services to paperclips”? If so, you will want to read an article written by Alysoun McLaughlin, NACo Associate Legislative Director & NACTFO Liaison. The article discusses HR Bill 6242 which proposes the repeal of a tax bill signed in May which will require some counties “to withhold 3% of nearly every payment to a vendor or contractor and send it to the federal government”. To read the full article, go to www.nactfo.org and click on **Legislation**.

	2006/2007	
	<u>BUDGETED</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>
<u>INCOME</u>		
Dues	\$54,000.00	\$27,870.00
Leg conf Account	\$3,800.00	
Annual Conf Account	\$9,000.00	\$3,642.00
Donations/Sponsor	\$18,000.00	\$2,150.00
Interest	\$2,000.00	\$364.61
Misc-		
TOTAL INCOME	\$86,800.00	\$34,026.61
<u>EXPENDITURES</u>		
Training		
Continuing Education	\$28,000.00	\$10,154.20
Plaques/Awards	\$1,000.00	\$367.80
Education Committee meeting	\$5,000.00	
Total Training Expense	\$34,000.00	\$10,522.00
Conference Expense		
March (combined)	\$6,000.00	
Annual (combined)	\$13,750.00	\$56,503.00
President's Reception	\$0.00	
Total Conference Expense	\$19,750.00	\$56,503.00
Board Expense		
Executive Board	\$4,000.00	
President's Travel	\$12,000.00	\$1,190.78
Past President's Travel	\$2,500.00	
President's Gift	\$350.00	
Total Board Expense	\$18,850.00	\$1,190.78
Operations Expense		
Bank Charges	\$100.00	
Newsletter – printing	\$5,000.00	
Newsletter – Postage	\$1,800.00	
Postage	\$2,000.00	\$7.96
Roster/Printing		
Supplies	\$1,000.00	
Telephone/Website	\$2,800.00	
Miscellaneous	\$500.00	
Checks		
Dues Billing	\$1,000.00	1,979.54
Income expense – Investments		
Total Operations Expense	\$14,200.00	\$1,987.50
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$86,800.00	\$70,203.28
Excess Revenue over Expenditures		<u>-\$36,176.67</u>
Fund Balance 8/1/06	\$134,410.65	\$134,410.65
Fund Balance, Current as of 10/10/06		<u>\$98,233.98</u>



**THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY
TREASURERS & FINANCE OFFICERS**
Annual Conference
August 5, 2006

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 by President Bob Hagey (IA).

INVOCATION

The Invocation was given by Past-President Nancy Weeks (KS).

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was lead by President-Elect Barbara Ford-Coates (FL).

INTRODUCTIONS

President Bob welcomed everyone to Chicago, IL. He introduced the officers, President-Elect Barbara Ford-Coates, 1st Vice-President Mike Long (OR), 2nd Vice-President Ken Parrish (MI), Secretary Tom Malzahn (ID), Treasurer Kim Reynolds (IA), and Immediate Past-President Nancy Weeks, and asked the State Directors to self-introduce. President-Elect Barbara introduced the NACTFO Sponsors. President Bob recognized Lynda Fischer (ID), Shirley Hickman (TN), and himself as retiring active NACTFO members.

APPROVALS

Approvals were received for today's agenda, the minutes of the Legislative Conference held March 2006, and the Treasurer's Report.

ROLL CALL

Secretary Tom called the roll. The following State Directors were present:

Jay Duke	AL	Marsha Bonham	AZ	Lori Scott	CA
Stephen Strawn	CA	Ray Valdes	FL	Lynda Fischer	ID
Genie Alexander	ID	Kirby Ballard	IL	Nancy Krumwiede	IL
Amy Roberts	IN	Judy Miller	IA	Bob Knowler	IA
Jeannine Bateman	KS	Eric Schertzing	MI	Joan Neysen	MN
Stephen Holt	MO	Pat Lensmeyer	MO	Vicki Lippert	ND
Charlotte Sandvik	ND	Maureen Hayden	NE	Michael Diskin	NY
Lance Beshires	TN	Shirley Hickman	TN	Charles Jones	TX
David Gawenda	WI				

In addition to the states mentioned above, representatives from AR, CO, LA, NM, OR, SD, UT, and VA were also registered for the conference. A total of 51 members from 18 states were in attendance at roll call.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Treasury Marks – President-Elect Barbara thanked Sandy Zoubek (NE) for all she has done for the “Treasury Marks” news letter. It was sent both via mailing list and e-mail in June, and is available on the web site.

Victor E. Martinelli Award – Past-President Nancy described the award and the nomination process. The winner will be announced at the Installation Dinner this evening.

NACTFO Roster – Treasurer Kim requested all changes of membership be addressed to her to keep the roster current. It is important to keep addresses and e-mail addresses up-to-date.

Audit Committee – Stephen Holt reported the audit committee met to inspect the financial records of this organization. No discrepancies were found, and the report was accepted.

Budget Committee – Treasurer Kim presented the proposed 2006/2007 budget. It was moved and seconded that the proposed budget be accepted. Motion carried.

Conference Committee – President-Elect Barbara recognized the conference committee and thanked them for the hard work putting together this successful conference.

Legislative Committee – Dave Gawenda had no legislative update at this time. He introduced Alysoun McLaughlin representing NACo. She encouraged everyone to attend the Finance & Intergovernmental Affairs Committee meeting to be held later this day. She also lightly discussed legislative issues in which NACo has interest including 1) intercepting Federal tax return monies to satisfy local obligations, and 2) Bill S.2821 to repeal the imposition of withholding on certain payments made to vendors by government entities. For more information concerning these issues, please contact Alysoun at Amclaughlin@naco.org.

Sponsors & Public Relations Committee – President-Elect Barbara expressed thanks to all our sponsors.

Education Committee – Dave Jamison (IA) thanked the committee for their preparation for this successful conference. He reported there are 103 people registered for this conference. He also reminded us the Legislative Conference will be held March 2 and 3, 2007 at the Omni Shoreham Hotel in Washington DC. The University of Missouri – St Louis is the coordinator for the NACTFO education program. The education committee will

meet in October to plan the next year's program. For complete information on the education program, please visit the NACTFO website at www.nactfo.org.

NACTFO Conference 2007 – 1st Vice President Mike announced the 2007 conference will be held in Richmond, VA, July 12 through 15.

Constitution / By-Laws Committee – President-Elect Barbara accepted a motion to amend the Constitution / By-Laws. The amendment will add the following sentence to Article III, Membership, Section 1, Active Membership. “The Immediate Past-President may serve as a member of the executive committee regardless of whether or not he or she continues to hold public office.” The motion was passed; the Constitution / By-Laws are amended.

Policies and Procedures Committee – President Bob formed two taskforces to evaluate the long-term and short-term goals of NACTFO. The reports will be presented at the planning conference in October.

NACo Board – Immediate Past-President Nancy reported NACo will relocate to a new office the later part of December. She also reported although the NACo membership dues will increase for 2007, membership is at an all time high with 2,096 counties as active members.

Nominating Committee – Immediate Past-President Nancy reported that the nominating committee presents and nominates the following for the position of Officers:

President	Barbara Ford-Coates
President-Elect	Mike Long
1 st Vice President	Ken Parrish
2 nd Vice President	Tom Malzahn
Secretary	Lance Beshires
Treasurer	Kim Reynolds
Immediate Past-President	Bob Hagey

President Bob asked for nominations from the floor. Hearing none, he asked for a motion to accept the slate as presented. Motion to accept the Officers was approved as presented.

Unfinished Business – There was no unfinished business reported.

New Business – 1) President Bob will ask the executive committee to sign the annual renewal of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with NACo. 2) An issue was raised by several members concerned with travel between NACTFO and NACo events and conflict of timing between those events. Because of the location of this hotel and the proximity to the NACo hotels and the Convention Center, travel between events was difficult. As a possible solution, a motion was placed before the members stating “NACTFO scheduled events should be held at or near NACo conference hotels / convention center.” The motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:40.

Respectfully submitted, Tom Malzahn, Secretary

WHO ME...WHAT'S “VEMOTA”?

Yes you....Do you know a treasurer or finance officer or collector from your state that is an active leader and admired by all? Someone who goes that extra step?? NACTFO is looking for such an individual to honor in Richmond, Virginia, at next summer's national conference.

The “Victor E. Martinelli Outstanding Treasurer's Award” is presented annually by NACTFO to a person who has displayed leadership qualities as a professional of the highest caliber in the operation of their own County office. This year's recipient, Chris Hughes from Okaloosa County, FL, is such an individual and was honored at our conference in Chicago.

Oh, you know such a person? How do you nominate him or her? Go to www.nactfo.org and click on “Martinelli Award”. The nomination form and guidelines are listed as well as a list of previous officials who were worthy of such an honor.

If you know someone who belongs on this list, get started as nominations need to be in by March 31, 2007. Questions?? Contact Nancy Krumwiede, Ford County Treasurer. Her info is listed on the website, www.nactfo.org.



Nancy Weeks, Kansas, presents Martinelli Award to Chris Hughes, Florida

2006-2007 STANDING COMMITTEE CHAIRS

(for all committee members, visit www.NACTFO.org)

Conference Committee: Mike Long, Klamath County, OR.

Budget Committee: Kim Reynolds, Clarke County, IA.

Audit Committee: Stephen Holt, Jasper County, MO.

Nominations Committee: Bob Hagey, Seminole County, FL.

Education and Certification Committee: Dave Jamison, Story County, IA.

Legislative Committee: Mike Diskin, Essex County, NY.

Policies and Procedures Committee:

Short Term Mike Long, Klamath County, OR.

Long Term Ken Parrish, Kent County, MI.

Membership, Sponsor, and Public Relations Committee: Mike Long, Klamath County, OR.

Martinelli Award Committee: Nancy Krumwiede, Ford County, IL.

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