

AFFILIATE SPOTLIGHT

The National Association of County Recorders, Election Officials and Clerks

The idea for a national association of county recorders emerged in 1948 at the Ohio Recorders' Association Annual Conference. The National Association of County Recorders was actually formed at NACo's 1949 Annual Conference in Oakland, Calif. During the 1960s, a splinter group formed the International Association of Clerks, Recorders, Election Officials and Treasurers (IACREOT).

Over the years, the association incorporated other county officials and today is known as the National Association of County Recorders, Election Officials and Clerks (NACRC). The bylaws provide for the membership to include any county official "acting as the Auditor, Clerk, Clerk of the Governing Body, Court Clerk, Election Official, Recorder, Recorder of Marriages or Register of Deeds."

NACRC schedules conferences in conjunction with each of NACo's conferences in order to promote strong ties and the opportunity to share issues facing each of the associations.

A 32-member Board of Directors, which includes six officers and any past presidents still in office, governs the association. The Board, with the valuable assistance of the various committees, develops the educational sessions offered during NACRC's conferences. The Board of Directors also decide how best to meet the challenges facing NACRC.

These challenges include reversing a decline in membership. Several years ago the membership total approached 1,000. It is currently just over the 700 mark. NACRC is working to increase the value of membership through strengthening its Certified Public Official Program

as well as increasing the educational offerings at conferences, on the Web site (www.nacrc.org) and in the newsletter.

County officials across the nation are continually called upon to deal with ever-changing demands without raising taxes. Participation in NACo and its affiliates is invaluable in helping meet those demands with innovative and cost-efficient solutions. If you are not a member, JOIN....if you are a member, GET INVOLVED.

I have a sign on the wall of my office that reads, "We Learn, In Order To Do Better, That Which We Already Do Well." Networking provides the best method for learning.

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