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A Newsletter for the Partners in Grassroots Government

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Message from NCRCO President Carol Holden



Greetings from New Hampshire!

As we look forward to a new year of NCRCO activities, I want to share with you our progress to date and our plans for next year:

- The website has been redesigned and contains a newsfeed from the RNC.
- Please visit the website at www.ncrco.org.
- Monthly conference calls for the Officers and Regional Directors have been instituted.
- The committee structure is in place.
- White House and RNC contacts have been established.
- Three newsletters are planned for the year (November, January/February and May/June).
- Our meeting times (TBA) for the Board of Directors Meeting, the General Membership Meeting and the Reception will change this year. There will be no more 7:00 AM and 8:00 AM meetings on Sunday mornings.

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NCRCO Standing Committees 2007-8 Chairs and Members

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AWARDS: (This is designated as a "Special Committee.")

Chair Past President Ray Valdes (FL)

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Prior Recipient NACo Second Vice President Teresa

Altemus (VA)

Regional Director Don Wallace (AL)

Stephen Holt (MO)

Committee members were selected by the president according to specifications in the NCRCO By-Laws.

Presidential Primaries. I encourage all of you to participate in the presidential primary process. There are a few easy ways to become involved and to raise the profile of county government. They are:

- Attend events.
- Endorse a candidate.
- Volunteer for a campaign.
- Run for delegate.
- Reach out to your fellow county officials.
- Be a county expert for a campaign.

If Republicans work together, Republicans will win in 2008.

2008 Legislative Conference. The 110th Congress, Second Session will convene in January. The Legislative Conference will be held from **March 1-5, 2008** at the Hilton Washington and Towers, Washington, D.C. The next newsletter will have invited guests and special activities. I can tell you that I will be working with the RNC and White House contacts to have some high level speakers and exciting activities.

2008 Annual Meeting. The 2008 Annual Conference and Exposition will be held on **July 11-15, 2008** in Jackson County (Kansas City), Missouri. Registration will be open in early February.

Dues. A form to fill out to submit 2008 dues is on the back of this newsletter. The \$20 membership fee entitles you to a lapel pin, political updates, newsletters and entrance to two receptions. **Any Republican currently serving in elected or appointed county office may be a member. Associate memberships are available to spouses and retired elected or appointed officers. Dues are assessed on a calendar year basis.**

I hope that you find this newsletter interesting and informative. I want to wish all of you the peace and happiness in the upcoming holiday season.

Cordially,
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NCRCO Staff Change
Goodbye to Jennifer – Welcome to Ryan

Jennifer Wilson, our NACo staff liaison for the past four years, is moving on from NACo. She is going to another full time job that of raising her baby girl, Madison. She has assured us that she will do her best to raise her with the correct party affiliation. Madison already has several elephant items in her wardrobe and on her shelves. Madison is a lucky young lady. NCRCO wants to thank Jennifer for her commitment to the Republicans in NACo.

Jennifer is leaving NCRCO in capable hands. The Officer and Regional Directors were introduced to Ryan Yates on our last conference call. Ryan is the Western Interstate Region (WIR) and Public Lands lobbyist. He will be staffing NCRCO from now on and yes, he is a REPUBLICAN!!!! I am sure that we will give Ryan a warm welcome in March. Ryan can be contacted at ryates@naco.org.

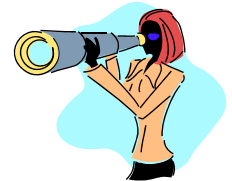


During the July, 2007 Annual meeting, the “2007 Republican County Official of the Year was presented the two individuals: Theresa Altemus, Gloucester County Supervisor, Wicomico, Virginia and Jeff Dossett, Clerk of the Court, Crawfordsville, Indiana. Each was recognized for their local and state leadership contribution to the Republican Party.

Teresa Altemus was elected NACo Second Vice President in 2007 and Jeff Dossett received his first award in 2005 and his second award this past July. These two officials are truly exemplary Republican county officials.

A few of the prior years recipients of this prestigious award are: Comm. Betty Knight (MO), Comm. Richard Cecil (DE), Tax Collector Ray Valdes (FL), County Supervisor Don Stapley (AZ) and Comm. Kent Evans (NM).

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Corporate Sponsors are valuable resources for NCRCO. There are three levels of sponsorship; \$1,000, \$2,500 and \$5,000. The sponsor contributions are used to defray educational, meeting and social event expenses at our conferences.

In return, the sponsors can post a link on our website, give a short pitch at our meetings, be recognized during our general membership reception and have their logo and a small ad in one or more of our newsletters.

If you know of a business that might be willing to be a corporate sponsor, please forward the information to me.

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- Region 1 Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Vermont
- Region 2 Connecticut, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania
- Region 3 Delaware, Maryland, North Carolina, Virginia, West Virginia
- Region 4 Florida, Georgia, South Carolina, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands
- Region 5 Alabama, Kentucky, Mississippi, Tennessee
- Region 6 Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio
- Region 7 Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, Wisconsin
- Region 8 Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska
- Region 9 Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, Texas
- Region 10 Colorado, New Mexico, Utah, Wyoming
- Region 11 Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, Washington
- Region 12 Arizona, California, Hawaii, Nevada



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The National Conference of Republican County Officials

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City, State, Zip _____	Office # _____
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Dues are paid on a calendar year basis.**

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