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A Newsletter for the Partners in Grassroots Government

June 2006

2005-2006 NCRCO OFFICERS AND REGIONAL DIRECTORS

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Tarrant County Commissioner, Hurst, TX

Vice President: Harry Forbes

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Secretary: Carol Holden

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Region 10 Director: Alynn Huffman

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Region 11 Director: Michael Long

Klamath County Treasurer, Klamath Falls, OR

Region 12 Director: Mike Nelson

Merced County Supervisor, Merced, CA

Message from NCRCO President Glen Whitley:

Greetings! I hope that the summer finds each of you well, and protected from the blistering heat many of our regions are experiencing.

As many of you know, I spent the spring in the midst of an election whirlwind after announcing my candidacy to replace our local County Judge. I am pleased to report that I won the three-candidate primary without a run-off, and will be unopposed in the November election. I'm honored by this opportunity to continue to serve the citizens of Tarrant County through this new position.

Elections will also be taking place for NACo officers at the Annual Business Meeting this August, held in conjunction with NACo's Annual Meeting. This year four candidates are vying for the office of NACo Second Vice President: Teresa L. Altemus, Valerie Brown, Joe Fuller and Harry B. Montoya.

Supervisor Teresa Altemus from Gloucester County, Virginia has been an active member of NACo for 13 years and has participated on a number of its committees and caucuses, including chairing the Human Services and Education Steering Committee. The current President-elect of the Virginia Association of County Officials, Teresa works energetically to fight methamphetamine use, promote community development block grants, and develop effective and efficient emergency services within the Virginia Commonwealth.

Supervisor Valerie Brown from Sonoma County, California currently serves as chair of NACo's Membership Committee and on its Meth Action Group. A Missouri native, she became active with the California State Association of Counties after moving west, through which she worked with U.S. Senator Dianne Feinstein and CA Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger to create a proposition to protect local revenues.

Police Juror Joe Fuller from Rapides Parish, Louisiana is the current president of the National Association of Black County Officials, and immediate past president of the Police Jury Association of Louisiana. An active member of NACo, Joe also serves on the board of directors for the American Red Cross in Rapides Parish, and as an elected member-at-large for the Rapides Parish Democratic Party Executive Committee.

Commissioner Harry B. Montoya from Santa Fe, New Mexico is an active member of the board of directors for the New Mexico Association of Counties, and past president of the New Mexico School Boards Association. He leads a non-profit agency involved in community mobilization and, if elected, plans to focus NACo's community affairs efforts toward multilingual training and substance abuse programs, including a national Underage Drinking Initiative.

The elected candidate will be called upon to represent NACo's initiatives and members in Washington meetings with our federal elected officials. I strongly encourage each of you to read the full profiles for each of these candidates, provided at NACo.org, before making a decision.

I hope you find this newsletter interesting and informative. I hope to see each of you in Chicago this August!

Glen Whitley
President, NCRCO
County Commissioner, Precinct 3, Tarrant County, Texas

Special NCRCO Events Planned for NACo Annual Conference

*All events will be at
Lakeside Center at McCormick Place, Chicago, IL*

Sunday, August 6, 2006

8:00 - 9:00AM Board Meeting
9:00 - 10:00AM General Membership Meeting:
A Strategic Plan for Our Future

Monday, August 7, 2006

5:00 - 6:30PM Reception

NOMINATING COMMITTEE SLATE

OFFICERS and REGIONAL DIRECTORS of NCRCO 2006-2007

This is the nominating committee report as presented by Marilyn Byers, chair, and committee members Glen Whitley, Ray Valdes, Michael Long, and Eileen King. As allowed by the NCRCO Constitution/Bylaws, any member in good standing may also be nominated from the floor during the NCRCO annual meeting in Chicago on August 6, 2006, at 9:00 a.m. during the NACo Conference.

OFFICERS

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Region 5: Stephen Nodine (AL,KY,MS,TN)

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Region 6: Tom Bennington (IL,IN,MI,OH)

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Region 8: Kim Reynolds (IA,KS,MO,NE)

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Region 9: Jim Hamlin (AR,LA,OK,TX)

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Region 10: Robin Schiro (CO,NM,UT,WY)

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Region 11: Al Switzer (AK,ID,MT,OR,WA)

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Region 12: Mike Nelson (AZ,CA,HI,NV)

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**NCRCO Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Monday, March 6, 2006
Washington, DC**

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Harry Forbes at 7:04 AM.

Daniel McConkie offered the Invocation and Jennifer Wilson led us in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Secretary's Report. Carol Holden was recognized for the Secretary's Report. Carol noted that copies of the minutes had been distributed. A motion was made and seconded to waive the reading of the minutes of the Board of Director's Meeting on July 17, 2005 in Hawaii. The motion carried by a unanimous vote. A second motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes as written. The motion carried in the affirmative. Carol encouraged members to sign in and make sure that their email addresses were correct.

Treasurer's Report. Dennis Hollingsworth gave the Treasurer's Report. The report was distributed. It was moved and seconded that the report be filed for audit. Motion carried. Dennis asked for help with membership and suggested that each member present bring in a new member.

President's Report. Vice President Harry Forbes gave the report. A discussion followed about the website. There were questions as to the updates. At the end of the previous week, it had not been updated. Harry assured the members that Glen Whitley has assured him that the issues had been taken care of.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Audit Committee. Chairman Daniel McConkie reported on behalf of the Audit Committee that the books had been examined on July 18, 2005 and that all records were in order and reflected the status of the NCRCO organization as of that date. A motion was made and seconded to approve the report.

Vice President Forbes took the opportunity to thank Jennifer for the flyers and the signs for the meetings, reception and briefing.

Nominating Committee. Past President Marilyn Byers is the Chairman of the Nominating Committee. It was announced that those interested in serving as an Officer or Director fill out the nomination form. The form can be found on the website.

Award Committee. Daniel McConkie, Chair, stated that the Award Nomination Form is in the Newsletter (page 3). The form must be submitted no later than April 1, 2006. He encouraged the members to submit names of members who have really made a difference in the Republican Party. He stated that the form is also on the website.

Introduction of Guests. Vice President Forbes introduced the guests in the audience.

Wade Larson, NCRCO contact from the RNC, stated that he was glad to be able to join us this year. He was away during our meeting last year. Wade offered to help NCRCO as a resource person.

Michael Duhaime, RNC Political Director, said that he would be speaking at the General Membership Meeting giving us a talk on the Political Outlook.

REGIONAL DIRECTORS

Bill Tansey (Region 3) reported that he had sent out three emails this past year and that he was happy to get the updates on the membership list.

Gary White (Region 5) stated that he had spent \$250.00 soliciting members. He received no help from the other states in his region and suggested that there must be a better way to do it.

Ray Valdes made the statement that not every state is as well organized as AL to send out a public relations piece.

ADJOURN

Due to the hour Vice President Forbes entertained a motion to adjourn. The motion was made and seconded. It was carried by a unanimous vote and the meeting was adjourned at 7:56 AM.

NCRCO Membership Meeting Minutes Monday, March 6, 2006

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Harry Forbes at 8:00 AM.

Past President Marilyn Byers offered the Invocation and Daniel Markum led the members in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Brett Perkins from Comcast was thanked for the sponsorship the Board of Directors' Breakfast Meeting.

The Hon. Theresa Altemus spoke about her candidacy for NACo Second Vice President.

Vice President Forbes asked the Officers to stand and be recognized and the Regional Directors to stand and wave.

Michael Duhaime, RNC Political Director, spoke on the topic "How We Win." He stated that this year is a pivotal political moment. Republicans must make gains among swing voters. In this age of technology, Republicans must embrace the new media and become agents of change. The electorate is polarized and the Republicans must have a positive agenda that attracts voters on the local level.

Joe Jaso, former RNC liaison, was introduced and thanked for his assistance in Comcast's sponsorship.

The reading of the Secretary's minutes was waived and a motion to approve was made and seconded. The motion carried.

A motion to approve the Treasurer's Report was made and seconded. The motion carried.

Vice President Forbes recognized Jennifer Wilson. Jennifer went over the details of the Executive Office briefing. Wade Larsen, RNC Associate, and Toby Burke, Special Assistant to the President, were thanked for their support of NCRCO.

Under Old and New Business Vice President Forbes discussed the following items: the importance of NCRCO members getting involved in the Steering Committees, of the nomination of Outstanding Republican County Officials for the award this summer, and of nominations for Officers and Directors. The nomination forms are on the website.

There being no further business, a motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried and the general membership meeting adjourned at 9:10 AM.



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NACo Award Submissions

Each year NACo presents several awards to both individuals and programs which have had significant impact in the area of workforce development.

NACo is accepting nominations for the following awards until July 28, 2006:

- (1) Workforce Development Awards for Excellence (honoring exemplary programs)
- (2) Distinguished Service Award for County Elected Officials
- (3) Joey Cooney Award for Excellence in Workforce Development (recognizing individuals for achievement in this field)

If you are interested in nominating a colleague or program for one of these awards, or would like to know more about the awards or about NACo's Workforce Development Program, please contact Gary Gortenb at (202) 942-4287 or via email at ggortenb@naco.org. You may also visit the NACo website directly at NACo.org for applications and additional information.

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