

Join your county colleagues in Savannah/Chatham County for education, networking, and fellowship as we showcase the ways working together leads to success!



All in – Together We Thrive!  
**2017 Annual Conference**  
Savannah International Trade  
and Convention Center  
Savannah/Chatham County  
April 28-May 1

Conference Highlights

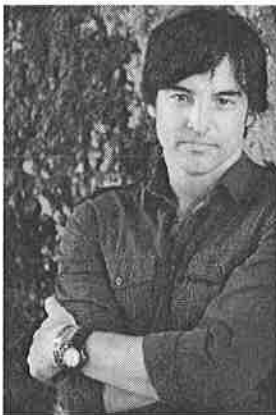
- ✦ Continuing Education Sessions on health care reform and technology; learn what actions the General Assembly might take this year that will impact those two issues
- ✦ Sixteen opportunities to participate in the ACCG Lifelong Learning Academy, enhanced educational opportunities for your county clerk, and section sessions designed specifically for your county manager and attorney
- ✦ A chance to explore the Savannah/Chatham County area
- ✦ Opportunities to meet with the ACCG Youth Caucus
- ✦ The County Buyers Mart and County Agents' Farm House

*And ...*



**Lifelong Learning Academy Leadership Luncheon**  
**Friday, April 28**  
**11:45 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**

**Inky Johnson** will serve as the keynote speaker for the Lifelong Learning Academy luncheon where commissioners will be recognized for completing certification requirements in the association's training and education program. Johnson, known for his time as a University of Tennessee Volunteer, is not your ordinary motivational speaker. In fact, he **inspires** listeners with his *Inkspirations* as he uses his life journey as an example of what it means to overcome all and any limitations.



**Opening Keynote Session**  
**Saturday, April 29**  
**8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.**

**Keni Thomas** will help open the conference on Saturday with his keynote address to county officials. Thomas is a former U.S. Army Ranger who was a member of the special operations team that led the Battle of Mogadishu, also known as Black Hawk Down. Thomas is known for captivating audiences with his incredible story of how his team worked together to bring each other home while completing their overall mission



**All In for a blast to the past with the Greatest Show on Surf!**

Saturday night features **Yacht Rock Revue!** Dance and sing along to the covers of Hall & Oates, Steely Dan, Michael McDonald and many other favorites from the 70's and 80's. Everyone is grooving when they're entertained by this group that blurs the lines between a tribute band, an original act, and a comedic troupe.

You'll find a tentative agenda at the end of this information!

## REGISTRATION OPTIONS FOR COUNTY MEMBERS

**Conference Registration Package \$650** covers admission to the section meetings for clerks, managers/administrators, and attorneys, the County Buyers Mart, all banquet and entertainment events, all continuing education events and a Friday or Monday Lifelong Learning Academy class.

**Conference Registration Package \$880** covers admission to the section meetings for clerks, managers/administrators, and attorneys, the County Buyers Mart, all banquet and entertainment events, all continuing education events and a Friday and Monday Lifelong Learning Academy class.

**Spouse or Guest Registration Package \$350** includes all banquet and entertainment events, and admission to the County Buyers Mart (section meetings are not included) - for attendees accompanying those registered for a full conference package.

## REGISTRATION FOR OTHER ATTENDEES

**Other Attendee Registration \$500** is for individuals not affiliated with county governments and includes all conference events except training classes on April 28 and May 1. Please note: this registration package is not available to county members. Please use this link to register: [ACCG 2017 Annual Conference Non-Member Registration](#).

## Section Meetings for County Clerks and Managers/Administrators

will be on Saturday, April 29, at 1:00 p.m. These meetings for these groups are included with your full conference registration package. These will be meetings only; lunch will be served in the County Buyers Mart.

## CLE Session for County Attorneys

will be on Friday, April 28, at the Westin Savannah next door to the SITCC. Lunch will begin at 12:00 p.m. with the CLE session to follow until 4:30 p.m.

A separate registration fee of \$75 is required for the CLE/Lunch Session. Please use this link to register for the session: [2017 County Attorneys CLE Seminar](#).

*Please note: Registration for county officials does not include registration for spouses.*

- + **ACCG Refund Policy** (*adopted October, 2015*).  
The cancellation deadline is Thursday, March 30, 2017. Cancellations received in writing by this date will be entitled to a full refund less a \$50 administration fee. Cancellations received in writing between March 31 and April 14, 2017 will be entitled to a 50% refund. There will be no refunds offered for cancellations received after April 15, 2017, unless the participant is able to substantiate a sound reason for the late notification such as an emergency beyond the participant's control.
- + If you need special assistance to attend this session, please contact ACCG.

## Annual Conference Housing

Housing reservations will again be made through Visit Savannah! this year. The system allows you to receive confirmation of hotel reservations almost immediately. Once you have registered with ACCG for the meeting, you will receive a confirmation of registration that will carry instructions on making hotel reservations. There are seven conference hotels in Savannah for 2017:

- Doubletree Hotel Historic Savannah - \$215
  - Hampton Inn Historic District - \$229
  - Hilton Garden Inn Historic Savannah - \$200
  - Holiday Inn Express Savannah Historic District - \$229
  - Hyatt Regency Savannah - \$215
  - Savannah Marriott Riverfront - \$215
  - Westin Savannah Harbor - \$237
- + Please check **Visit Savannah!** for information on the convention hotels – [www.visitsavannah.com](http://www.visitsavannah.com). Click on Accommodations, then on Browse by Location and click on Historic District. The site also has maps of Savannah and information on dining and tours.

## ACCG Lifelong Learning Academy

These classes in the Lifelong Learning Academy will be offered on Friday, April 28<sup>th</sup>:

- + Core: County Government Finance
- + Core: Economic Development
- + Core: Ethics
- + Specialty: Health and Wellness (*Quality of Life/Social Issues track*)
- + Specialty: Effective County Government (*Civic Engagement track*)
- + Specialty: Constitutional Officers (*Intergovernmental Relations track*)
- + Specialty: Commission-Staff Relations (*County Operations and Management track*)
- + Specialty: Federal and State Budgeting (*Revenue and Finance track*)
- + Specialty: Law Enforcement in Counties (*Public Safety track*)
- + Specialty: Managing Growth (*Economic and Community Development track*)

These training classes will be Monday, May 1<sup>st</sup>:

- + Core: County Government Law
- + Core: Human Resources
- + Core: Public Safety and Public Health
- + Specialty: Board Dynamics (*Leadership Development rack*)
- + Specialty: Intergovernmental Agreements (*Revenue and Finance track*)
- + Specialty: Air, Land and Water (*County Operations and Management track*)
- + Specialty: Workforce Development (*Economic and Community Development track*)

Continuing education hours will be granted for attending the Lifelong Learning Academy Leadership Luncheon on April 28<sup>th</sup>, the Opening General Session, Business Meeting, Legislative Update and Continuing Education Sessions on April 29<sup>th</sup>, and the Continuing Education and Explore Chatham County session on April 30<sup>th</sup>.

Please note: the conference registration fee covers all conference events and one Lifelong Learning Academy class, on either April 28 or May 1. If you wish to attend two classes, the conference registration fee and the second Lifelong Learning Academy class fee would apply for a total of \$880.00.

### Georgia Certification for City and County Clerks

Sessions in the Georgia Certification Program for City and County Clerks will be offered during the ACCG 2017 Annual Conference – You may select one class each day.

- + Friday, April 28<sup>th</sup> – 8:00 am-3:45 pm
  - o Option 1: Meeting Management 101 (required, 6 hours)
  - o Option 2: Government 202 (required, 6 hours)
  - o Option 3: Ethics and the Public Servant (Masters, 6 hours)
- + Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup> – 8:30 am-11:30 am
  - o Option 1: Human Resources 301 and 302 (advanced, 3 hours each)

This training is offered as part of the conference registration package.

## Tentative Conference Agenda

(All sessions at the Convention Center unless otherwise noted.)



### **Thursday, April 27**

3:00 pm – 4:00 pm

#### **Nominating Committee**

*Pulaski Room*

3:30 pm – 6:00 pm

#### **Registration**

*River Concourse*

4:30 pm – 6:00 pm

#### **Wellness Walk**

*Forsyth Park*

### **Friday, April 28**

7:00 am

#### **Registration**

*River Concourse*

7:00 am – 7:45 am

#### **Lifelong Learning Academy Registration and Breakfast**

*Chatham Ballroom*

8:00 a.m. – 3:45 p.m. (Classes run 8-11 am, resume 1:15-3:45 pm)

#### **Lifelong Learning Academy**

*Room 101 – Core: County Government Finance*

*Room 102 – Core: Economic Development*

*Room 103 – Core: Ethics*

*Room 104 – Specialty: Health and Wellness (QL/SI)*

*Room 105 – Specialty: Effective County Government (CE)*

*Room 106 – Specialty: Constitutional Officers (IR)*

*Room 200 – Specialty: Commission-Staff Relations (COM)*

*Room 201 – Specialty: Federal and State Budgeting (RF)*

*Room 202 – Specialty: Law Enforcement in Counties (PS)*

*Room 203 – Specialty: Managing Growth (ECD)*

8:00 am – 3:45 pm

#### **Clerks Education Sessions**

*Room 204 – Meeting Management 101*

*Room 205 – Government 202*

*Greene Room – Ethics and the Public Servant*

11:45 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

#### **Lifelong Learning Academy Leadership Luncheon**

*Chatham Ballroom*

-Keynote Speaker: Inky Johnson

12:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

#### **County Attorneys Luncheon and CLE Seminar**

*Westin Savannah, Harbor Room*

3:45 pm – 6:00 p.m.

#### **Buyers Mart Opening & County Agents' Farm House**

#### **Welcome Reception**

*Exhibit Hall*

### **Saturday, April 29**

8:00 am

#### **Registration and Networking Breakfast**

*River Concourse*

8:30 a.m. – 9:50 a.m.

#### **Opening Keynote Session**

*Chatham Ballroom*

- Keynote Address: Keni Thomas

10:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.

#### **Business Meeting**

*Oglethorpe Auditorium*

10:15 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.

#### **Legislative Update**

*Oglethorpe Auditorium*

11:30 am – 2:30 p.m.

#### **County Buyers Mart Open and Lunch**

#### **Networking Time with Your Peers**

1:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

#### **Section Meetings**

Room 104 Managers / Administrators

Room 105 Clerks

2:30 pm – 3:30 pm

#### **Continuing Education Sessions**

- Health Care
- Technology Issues

#### **Saturday Night Event: All In for a Blast from the Past!**

5:30 – 6:30 p.m., Reception

*SITCC Lawn*

6:30 – 7:30 p.m., Dinner

*Chatham Ballroom*

7:30 – 9:30 p.m., Yacht Rock Revue

*Chatham Ballroom*

**Sunday, April 30**

8:30 am

**Registration**

*River Concourse*

8:30 am – 10:00 am

**Breakfast**

*East Concourse*

9:30 am – 10:30 am

**Inspirational Service**

*Oglethorpe Auditorium*

10:45 am – 11:45 am

**Continuing Education Session: The Changing Face of Georgia**

*Oglethorpe Auditorium*

12:00 noon – 1:45 pm

**Officer and Board Installation Luncheon**

*Chatham Ballroom*

2:00 pm – 4:30 pm

**Explore Savannah/Chatham County**

5:00 pm

**President's Reception**

*Rousakis Plaza*

6:30 p.m.

**Board of Managers Dinner**

*Westin Savannah, Harbor Room*

**Monday, May 1**

7:00 am – 8:15 am

**Lifelong Learning Academy Registration and Breakfast**

*Georgia International Gallery*

8:30 am – 3:30 pm

**Lifelong Learning Academy**

- Room 101 - Core: County Government Law
- Room 102 - Core: Human Resources
- Room 103 - Core: Public Safety Public Health
- Room 104 - Specialty: Board Dynamics (LD)
- Room 105 - Specialty: Intergovernmental Agreements (RF)
- Room 106 - Specialty: Air, Land & Water (COM)
- Room 205 - Specialty: Workforce Development (ECD)

11:30 am – 1:00 pm

**Lifelong Learning Academy Luncheon – Classes will break on a staggered basis**

*Georgia International Gallery*

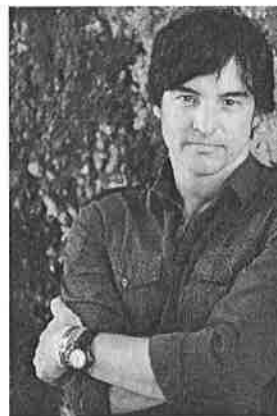


**Inky Johnson**

*Keynote Speaker: Lifelong Learning Academy Leadership Luncheon*

*Friday, April 28<sup>th</sup>*

*11:45 a.m.*



**Keni Thomas**

*Keynote Speaker: Opening General Session*

*Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup>*

*8:30 a.m.*



**Yacht Rock Revue**

*Band: All In for a Blast from the Past!*

*Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup>*

*Reception begins at 5:30 p.m., dinner at 6:30 p.m., performance at 7:30 p.m.*