ABOUT IAC

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IAC’S FOUNDING AND PURPOSE

The Idaho Association of Counties (IAC), formed in 1976, is a nonprofit, nonpartisan service organization dedicated to the improvement of county government. It was designed and incorporated by county elected officials to provide services, research, uniformity and coordination among member counties, in order for the county elected officials to serve their constituents better.

IAC is funded annually by dues paid by member counties and revenues generated by IAC services.
IAC MISSION

IAC promotes county interests, encourages ethical behavior, advocates good public policy on behalf of Idaho counties, supports best practices, and provides education and training to assist Idaho county officials in performance of public service.

IAC VISION

Be the most trusted source for county government policy information and the leading source of knowledge for county officials.
IAC VALUES

IAC conducts its affairs in a professional, accountable manner acting with the highest integrity. We are knowledgeable, resourceful and credible and adhere to these values at all times.

IAC ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

[Diagram showing organizational structure with roles and positions]
IAC BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- 28 Member Maximum
  - 4 Member Executive Committee
  - Affiliate Representatives
  - District Representatives
  - Three Past Presidents
  - Large County Representatives
  - ICRMP Representative
  - NACo and WIR Representatives

IAC BOARD EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

President: Rose Beverly, Butte County Commissioner
Secretary/Treasurer: Kathy Ackerman, Idaho County Clerk

Vice President: Jerry White, Shoshone County Assessor
Immediate Past President: Donna Peterson, Payette County Treasurer
IAC BOARD RESPONSIBILITIES

- Determine IAC’s mission and purpose
- Select, support and evaluate the Executive Director
- Ensure effective strategic planning
- Ensure adequate and effective management of resources
- Decide among competing priorities: set policy and recommend policy to members
- Enhance IAC’s public standing
- Ensure legal and ethical integrity
- Assess board performance
- Market IAC’s programs to counties

IAC LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

- Chair, Vice Chair appointed annually by IAC President
  - Chair: Clearwater County Sheriff Chris Goetz
  - Vice Chair: Payette County Treasurer Donna Peterson
- 1 representative chosen by each IAC district (6)
- 1 representative chosen by each IAC elected official affiliate organization
LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE RESPONSIBILITIES

- Formulate and promote the IAC Legislative Package
- Coordinate the legislative activities of the affiliated elected officials’ groups
- Coordinate the legislative activities of IAC Districts
- Vigorously oppose legislation detrimental to good county government or in conflict with adopted IAC policies
- Render periodic reports to the general membership of IAC

OPERATIONS TEAM

Amanda Pendleton
Mindy Linn
Shari Fernandez
IAC PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

IAC LITIGATION FUNDS

- Capital Crimes Defense Fund
  - Per case deductible
  - Fund pays for one of two death certified defending attorneys

- (Industrial) Litigation Fund
  - Litigation assistance for expert witnesses related to property valuation

- Natural Resources Litigation Fund
  - Litigation assistance for federal land access issues
IAC UNEMPLOYMENT FUND

- Manage unemployment insurance assets
- Legal assistance in verifying and defending unemployment claims

CAT FUND

- IAC is administrator for state Catastrophic Health Care Program
  - Indigent medical assistance program
  - County pays first $11,000
  - State pays costs in excess of $11,000
  - Managed by oversight board consisting of county commissioners, legislators, and representatives of the Governor
PROPERTY AND CASUALTY INSURANCE

- Idaho County Risk Management Program (ICRMP)
- Pooled county risk insurance program
- 42 full member counties
- 1 county property insurance only
- Created by counties, expanded to provide coverage to virtually all local governments in Idaho

HEALTH INSURANCE

- Government Employee Medical (GEM) Plan
- Pooled county health insurance trust program
- 20 full member counties
- 2 self insured counties
- 0% premium increase for 2019
IAC EVENTS, TRAINING, AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

IAC CONFERENCES & EVENTS

- Midwinter Legislative Conference (February)
- Regional Spring Legislative Review and Budget Workshops (April/May)
- Annual Conference (September)
IAC AFFILIATE EVENTS

- Commissioners and Clerks (June)
- Clerks (January & August)
- Assessors (February, August, & December)
- Treasurers (August)
- Sheriffs (June)
- Coroners (February & September)
- Prosecuting Attorneys (August)

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

- IAC manuals and other publications
- Over the phone technical assistance
- Customized workshops
- Webinars
WAYS TO GET INVOLVED IN IAC

- Attend an IAC Event
- Call us/let us know what you’re interested in
- Sign up to serve on a policy steering committee

IAC STEERING COMMITTEES
ENVIRONMENT, ENERGY, AND LAND USE

- Committee Chair: Clearwater County Commissioner Rick Winkel
- Germane Policy Areas:
  - Land Use Planning
  - Environment
  - Energy Resources

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

- Committee Chair: Canyon County Commissioner Tom Dale
- Germane Policy Areas:
  - Health Care
  - Behavioral Health
  - Social Services
  - Public Health Districts
INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

- Committee Chair: Ada County Coroner Dotti Owens
- Germane Policy Areas:
  - Revenue and Taxation
  - Elections
  - Government transparency
  - Interactions with other governmental agencies/districts
  - General government

JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

- Committee Chair: Bonneville County Sheriff Paul Wilde
- Germane Policy Areas:
  - Law enforcement
  - Public Safety
  - Prosecution
  - Public Defense
  - Courts
  - Juvenile Corrections
PUBLIC LANDS

- Committee Chair: Custer County Commissioner Wayne Butts
- Germane Policy Areas:
  - Public Land Payments
  - Public Land Access
  - Public Land Management
  - Natural Resources

TRANSPORTATION

- Committee Chair: Nez Perce County Commissioner Doug Zenner
- Germane Policy Areas:
  - Transportation
IAC’S LEGISLATIVE PROCESS

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTIONS

Legislative resolutions to be incorporated in the IAC Legislative Package may be sponsored by:

- IAC Board of Directors;
- Affiliated associations of IAC;
- IAC Districts; or
- Standing or steering committees of IAC.
LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTIONS

- Must be submitted electronically to IAC by September 1st to be presented at the IAC Annual Conference
- Must meet the criteria established in the IAC Bylaws (Article VIII, Section 2)

IAC’S RESOLUTION PROCESS

- Each resolution is assigned a number and placed on a steering committee agenda
- The sponsor presents the resolution
- Steering committee members make a recommendation to the IAC Legislative Committee (2/3 approval)
IAC’S RESOLUTION PROCESS

- Resolutions that fail in committee will not be presented to the Legislative Committee.
- Legislative Committee considers all resolutions adopted by the steering committees and submits its recommendation to the membership for final consideration.
- All resolutions passed by the steering committees are presented to the full membership with recommendation from the IAC Legislative Committee.

AFTER THE IAC ANNUAL CONFERENCE
NOW WHAT?

- Adopted resolutions are placed on the first Legislative Committee meeting agenda following IAC Annual
- Legislative Committee prioritizes resolutions and recommends a number not to exceed ten resolutions to the Executive Director
- The IAC Legislative Package is sent out electronically to the membership by December 1

WAIT A MINUTE...

- What about my resolution that was approved at IAC Annual?
- My resolution was in the Legislative Package, but now it’s not!
DURING THE SESSION...

- IAC’s Legislative Committee may take positions on specific legislation that impacts Idaho’s counties

SUPPORTING AND OPPOSING BILLS

- Supporting or opposing a bill needs to be weighed accordingly and decisively.

- Potential Roadblock: Opposing a bill that is carried by a legislator who may be a deciding vote on one of IAC’s priorities may have a negative impact.
COMMITTEE CHAIR REFUSES TO HEAR BILL

- IAC staff and the Legislative Committee often hear from the committee chair that they will refuse to hear a bill.

- Potential Roadblock: If IAC continues to pursue the bill, it will most likely not be heard and the chair could choose to not hear any other of our bills.

TIMING

- Stakeholders or legislators might introduce legislation in a committee without talking to IAC first.

- Potential Roadblock: Once the legislation is introduced, it can be difficult to offer input on behalf of the counties.
COMBINATION OF LEGISLATION

- Other stakeholders might be running similar legislation that we can join forces on.
- Not necessarily a roadblock, but can lead IAC down a slightly different path.

OPPOSITION FROM STAKEHOLDERS OR LEGISLATORS

- Other stakeholders or legislators might oppose one of IAC’s priorities.
- Potential Roadblock: If enough legislators oppose our legislation, it might not get passed on the floor.
QUESTIONS