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## AIC Annual Conference

The AIC Annual Conference is about 2 weeks away! Are you registered yet? The last day for online registration is next Friday, Sept. 13. Afterwards, you will be able to register onsite.

Today is the last day to reserve rooms at Belterra under the AIC block (Group Code: C17275). The block is extremely full. If you still need to make a reservation, please contact Jennifer Castle, Convention Service Planner at Belterra, directly at 812-427-7862. There are also other hotels in the area listed on our website. Click

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[here](#) for other options.

Remember that if paying by check, Belterra must receive payment for processing a minimum of one week prior to your arrival and check in. In order to receive Sales Tax Exemption for your hotel room, you must have a state tax exempt form from the State of Indiana. A tax identification number alone will not work. Please contact the Indiana Department of Revenue if you have questions regarding sales tax.

### **AIC Annual Ray Nuce Golf Outing**

Don't miss out on the opportunity to play on a Tom Fazio designed world-class championship golf course. On Monday, Sept. 23 enjoy a boxed lunch and hit the course for the Annual Ray Nuce Golf Outing with a shot-gun start at 1:30 p.m. The last day for online registration is next Friday, Sept. 13.

To register for golf or the conference click [here](#).

### **State House Report**

#### **Franchise Fee Revenue Again at Risk**

Video Franchise Fees collected by counties, cities and towns from cable companies for the use of public rights of way are again threatened by legislative action. The Regulatory Flexibility Committee met Wednesday this week to take testimony on proposals to eliminate the fee. This would cost local units of government millions of dollars. Click [here](#) for the LSA Report on unit-by-unit collections.

The AIC encourages its member to contact legislators on this issue. Franchise fees are collected for the use of public rights of way and statute explicitly allows that revenue to be used as part of the General Fund. Cable companies largely complain that their competitor, satellite TV providers, do not pay this fee. However, DISH, Direct TV and others do pay personal property on the equipment they rent out to their consumers.

For more information on the Regulatory Flexibility Committee, click [here](#).

#### **Summer Study Committee Dates**

Click [here](#) for a list of upcoming dates for summer study

committees. Important upcoming meeting include:

Criminal Law and Sentencing Policy Study Committee - Sept. 10

Joint Study Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure  
Assessment and Solutions - Sept. 12

Commission on Courts - Sept. 12

Environmental Quality Service Council - Sept. 13

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### **2013 -2014 AIC Legislative Committee**

The AIC is pleased to welcome the Legislative Committee which will direct AIC policy for the 2014 legislative session.

Tera Klutz - Allen County Auditor, Chair

Mike Brown - Lake County Recorder

Larry Hesson - Hendricks County Council

Jack Kroeger - Spencer County Council

Kevin Overmyer - Marshall County Commissioner

Jason Cockerill - Washington County Assessor

Kent Ward - Hamilton County Surveyor

Stacey O'Day - Allen County Assessor

Paula Stewart -Lawrence County Treasurer

Wendy Hudson - Elkhart County Clerk

Pete Mullen - St. Joseph County Auditor

Jerry Weaver - Elkhart County Recorder

Ed Cripe - Clinton County Deputy Coroner

Dill Dorrell - Ohio County Council

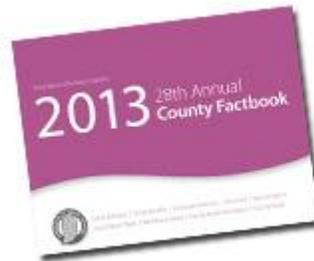
John Ayers - Hendricks County Highway Department

Dave Sturgeon - Tippecanoe County IT Director

Barry McNulty - Hamilton County Health Department

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## AIC Institute to Hold Graduation Ceremony at Conference

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The AIC Institute for Excellence in County Government graduation and Masters Pins ceremony will take place during the General Session at the AIC Conference beginning at 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 24. Credit hours are tabulated from the previous year until Sept. 1, 2013. Remember that by attending the workshops at the AIC Conference, you will earn three credit hours towards your 2014 total.

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### **AIC Institute for Excellence in County Government**

Counties are in the midst of adopting their 2014 budgets. How did your revenue get you where you are today and what does the future hold? Join us next week as we explore county income taxes, the importance of forecasting, and the effects of real estate prices. Bob Lain, Assistant Director of the Indiana State Budget Agency, will review the State's administration of county option income taxes including the determination of certified distributions, collections, and balances.

As important as your 2014 budget, forecasting revenue for 2015 and beyond is just as important. Brian Colton, Partner at Umbaugh, will describe what you can do today to forecast your 2015 revenues including income taxes and the effects of the tax caps.

Also important to forecasting county budgets, are real estate prices. See what trends are occurring today in the real estate market and use that information to forecast assessed values and tax caps. Courtney Schaafsma, Budget Division Director of the Department of Local Government Finance, will review the 2013 trending.

For a complete agenda, click [here](#).

5 Credit Hours for both days

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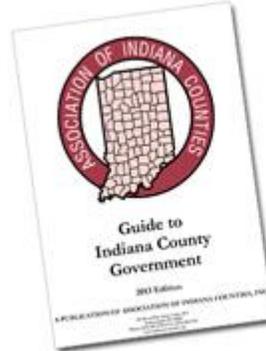
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