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**Commitment to Leadership**

2007 ACMA Summer Conference - July 25-27 at the Loews Ventana Canyon Resort, Tucson

# WEDNESDAY, JULY 25, 2007

- 7:00a - 12:00p** **Golf Tournament**  
**Box Breakfast**
- 12:00p - 1:00p** **Lunch at the Flying V**
- 1:00p - 2:15p** **Opening Session: The 21st Century: A New Era for Local Government Managers as Leaders**  
**Speaker:** Patrick Ibarra, Partner, Mejorando Group  
**Location:** Catalina Ballroom  
The numbers don't lie, more and more professional managers are retiring and the pipeline for the future is choked. Are the incredible rewards of being a professional manager lost on today's younger generation? How about the "new" role of leadership managers must embrace to be effective and lead today's knowledge free-agents? Join us as Patrick Ibarra of the Mejorando Group, and former city manager, as he kicks-off the conference with his ideas on how to inject a sense of urgency towards enticing young people to the local government profession.
- 2:30p - 3:45p** **Session: Networking with Local Government Managers**  
**Panelists:** Huey Long, City Manager, City of Safford; Ed Beasley, City Manager, City of Glendale; Jan Dolan, City Manager, City of Scottsdale; David Smith, County Manager, Maricopa County  
**Location:** Salon B  
This session includes a candid, interactive discussion on the local government management profession between panelists and attendees and will provide an opportunity to network with city and county managers from across the state. This session is intended to engage local government management professionals early in their careers, and will provide the tools to build a leadership pipeline by engaging and developing promising individuals so that they are prepared to step into leadership roles, both in their local governments and ACMA.
- 2:30p - 3:45p** **Roundtables: Harvard Program/Senior County Employees/International Committee/ICMA Credentialing**  
**Location:** Executive Boardroom  
These roundtables provides breakout tables for those individuals that have attended, or are interested in attending the Harvard Program; Senior County Employees to meet and discuss County issues; and ICMA credentialed managers, or those interested in pursuing ICMA credentialing to discuss a variety of issues as pertaining to these areas.
- 4:00p - 5:00p** **Hospitality Suite**  
**Location:** Suite 2211
- 5:00p - 7:00p** **Opening Reception - President's Welcome**  
**Speaker:** Gayle Mabery, ACMA President, Town Manager, Town of Clarkdale  
**Location:** Bill's Grill

# THURSDAY, JULY 26, 2007

- 8:00a - 9:00a** **Continental Breakfast**  
**Location:** Foyer
- 8:00a - 9:00a** **Morning Coffee with Mark Watson, Yuma City Administrator - Alliance for Innovation (formerly IG)**  
**Location:** Salon F  
Enjoy your morning coffee with Mark as he discusses the new Alliance for Innovation, the partnership between ICMA and ASU, workshops and membership.
- 9:15a - 10:15a** **Session: Insights on Leadership**  
**Speaker:** David Rabiner, Certified Speaking Professional, Rabiner Resources  
**Location:** Catalina Ballroom  
Effective leadership does not occur by accident. It happens as a result of a relentless commitment to principles and values. In this keynote program, David Rabiner will provide a three-step process for turning the principles of effective leadership into personal virtues.
- 10:30a - 11:45a** **CONCURRENT SESSION: Innovative Funding Strategies for Service Delivery**  
**Speakers:** Michael F. Townsend, Deputy County Manager, Coconino County; Andrew Bertelsen, Budget Manager, Coconino County; Shirley Medler, Deputy Director Parks and Recreation, City of Glendale; Lori Bye, Recreation Manager, City of Glendale; Melinda Brimhall, Management Analyst, City of Casa Grande; Richard Wilkie, Senior Management Analyst, City of Casa Grande  
**Location:** Salon C  
Cities and counties in Arizona are seeking innovative funding approaches to meet the growing demand for services despite declining general fund revenues. In order to provide a high level of service delivery, many local jurisdictions are turning to targeted strategies such as user fees, shared services and alternative funding mechanisms to meet the demand for services. Come learn about what several Arizona communities have done to meet these funding challenges, how these differing strategies work in practice and see what your community can do to develop their own strategy.

- 10:30a - 11:45a** **CONCURRENT SESSION: Keeping the Public Trust**  
**Speaker:** David Rabiner, Certified Speaking Professional, Rabiner Resources  
**Location:** Catalina Ballroom  
At a time when many citizens distrust their leaders and doubt government's ability to deliver, it is imperative for city and county leaders to understand what it takes to earn and keep the public trust. From this interactive program, you will leave with specific ideas for building and maintaining confidence in public leadership and service delivery.
- 12:00p - 1:30p** **Networking Lunch**  
**Location:** Kiva A
- 1:45p - 4:30p** **Session: Tour of APS Saguaro Solar Trough**  
**Meeting Location:** Grand Ballroom Foyer  
The Saguaro Solar Trough Power Plant was the first solar electric trough plant built in Arizona. The tour will include a presentation on solar power and a tour of the facility.
- 1:45p - 3:00p** **Session: Proposition 207: How Are You Handling It?**  
**Speakers:** Alan Stephenson, City of Phoenix; Deborah Stark, City of Phoenix; Frank Cassidy, Town of Marana  
**Location:** Catalina Ballroom  
Since being signed into law in December 2006, Proposition 207 has prompted much discussion on its interpretation and proper implementation. Many cities and towns have already been faced with Proposition 207 issues regarding waivers. This session will discuss strategies and provide suggestions on how to implement the law, minimize the risk of claims, handle future claims, and present information on how the state of Oregon has dealt with a similar law. Knowledgeable panelists will help address questions and concerns with the law.
- 3:15p - 4:30p** **Session: Energy: Supplies, Costs, and Solutions**  
**Speakers:** Paul Portney, U of A, Dean of the Eller School of Management; Kris Mayes, Commissioner, Arizona Corporation Commission  
**Location:** Salon C  
With Arizona gasoline prices more than doubling in the last five years and electricity costs also rising, our organizations are feeling the energy pinch. We've heard about the need to conserve and use alternative fuels as well as the growing regulation of energy. This session will provide information on these issues and what organizations can do and are doing in response.
- 3:15p - 4:30p** **Session: A Tale Of Two Cities**  
**Speakers:** Kathy S. Rice, Assistant City Manager, City of Surprise; Mark Watson, City Manager, City of Yuma  
**Location:** Catalina Ballroom  
What does it take for your community to be named "North American City of the Future" or to be recognized for innovations in local government? The City of Surprise was honored in April 2007 by being named "North American City of the Future." The City of Yuma received the 2007 Outstanding Achievement in Local Government Innovation Award for their "Community that Thinks" initiative. Learn how these Two Cities have engaged their leadership in organizational and community-wide efforts to garner national and international recognition.
- 5:00p - 6:00p** **Associates' Networking**  
**Location:** Suite 2206  
Come and meet fellow associate members, network and share experiences.
- 5:00p - 6:00p** **Hospitality Suite**  
**Location:** Suite 2211
- 6:00p - 8:00p** **Casual Dinner**  
**Location:** Kiva A

# FRIDAY, JULY 27, 2007

- 8:00a - 9:15a** **Continental Breakfast**  
**Location:** Foyer
- 8:00a - 9:00a** **ACMA Board Meeting**  
All ACMA members are welcome to attend.  
**Location:** Coronado
- 9:15a - 11:00a** **Session: Legislative Report**  
**Speakers:** Jeff Kros, Legislative Director, League of Arizona Cities and Towns; Craig Sullivan, Executive Director, County Supervisors Association  
**Location:** Catalina Ballroom  
This session will focus on current legislative issues in Arizona and how these issues relate to our communities and staff. This session will begin with a legislative update followed by a discussion on new compliance issues.
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