

# National Association of County Engineers

“The Voice of County Road Officials”



# What is NACE?

- Nonprofit, non-partisan professional association
- Representing over 1,900 members since 1956.
- Roads - about 1.74 million miles by counties.
- Bridges - counties also own 231,000 bridges and operate 1/3 of the nation's transit systems.

# **NACE – More Than Engineers, County Road Professionals Titles:**

- \* County Engineer \* Highway Superintendent
  - \* Road & Bridge Superintendent
- \* Parish Engineer \* Road Supervisor
  - \* Commissioner of Public Works
- \* Highway Administrator \* Transportation Director
  - \* Road Operations Manager
- \* Public Works Director \* Highway Commissioner
  - \* Engineer-Manager Road Commission
  - \* Road Master \* Road Administrator

# What we do

- Networking
- Advocacy
- Professional Development

# NACE Officers 2016-2017



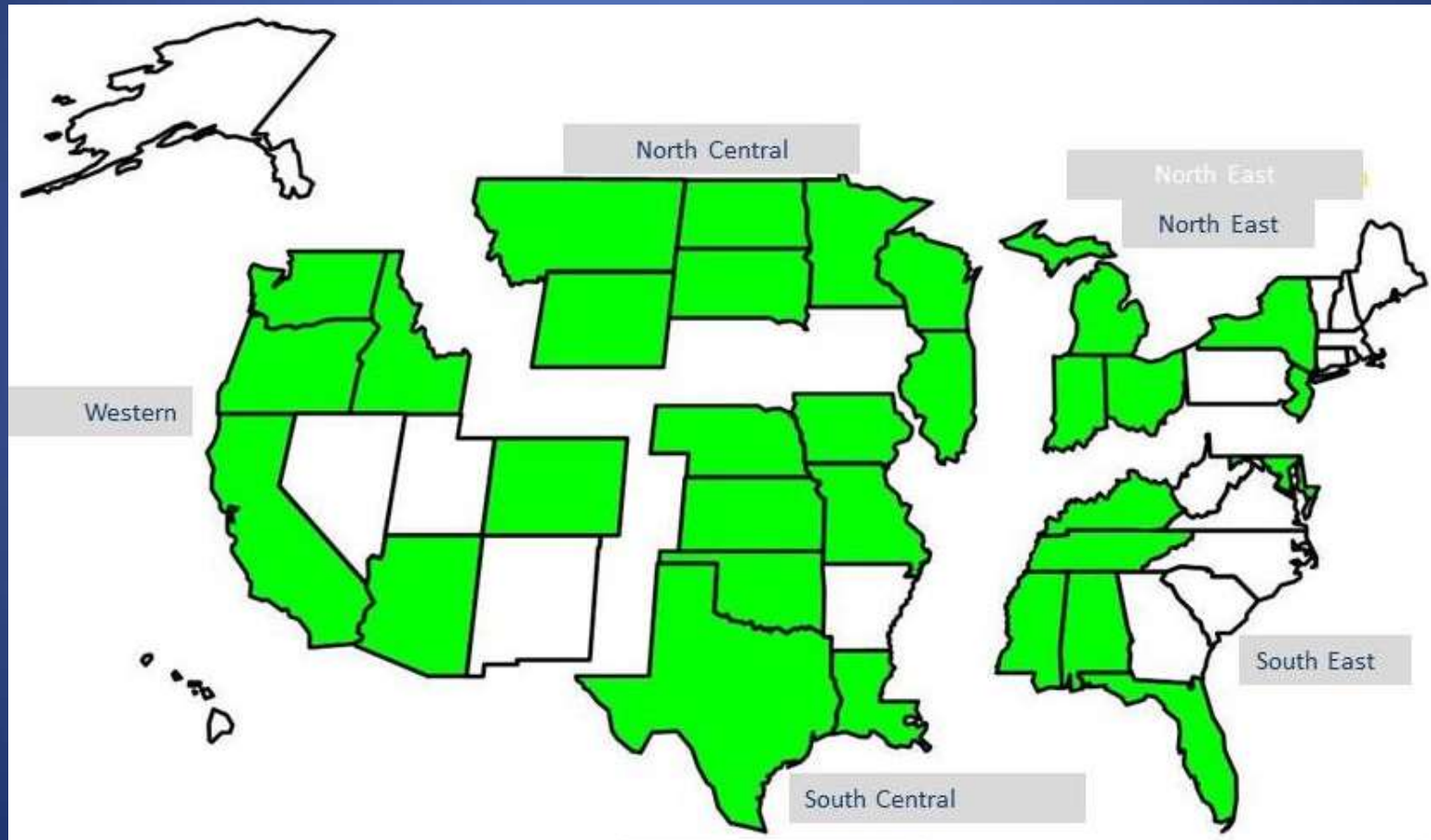


# NACE Board of Directors



# Regions & State Affiliates

(31 State Affiliates Shown in Green)



# Conferences

*Delivering best practices and the latest technology at national and regional meetings.*

- General sessions and technical sessions on issues important to you.
- Acquire information to optimize your county's resources.
- Exhibit show – latest & greatest.
- Added Pre-Conference Workshops



# Conference Scenes



# Advocacy

*Representing county engineers and professional road managers nationally.*

- Legislative Priorities - NACE and NACo
- Testimony before Congress
- Visits on the Hill and Legislative Fly-ins
- Information and Alerts for individual call to action

# NACE Officers Testify Before Congress





# NACE Website



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## Visit Local Roads Matter!



## Calendar at a Glance

- 10/24/2011 Oregon Association of County Engineers and Surveyors (OACES) Fall Conference  
Bend, OR
- 10/25/2011 Missouri Association of County Transportation Officials (MACTO) Conference  
Kansas City, MO - KCI Expo Center
- 10/25/2011 Midwestern Pavement Preservation Partnership (MPPP)  
Bismark, ND
- 10/26/2011 Texas Association of County Engineers and Road Administrators (TACERA) Conference  
San Antonio, TX



## News

E-news - biweekly for the latest information on legislation and regulatory issues, upcoming conferences-webinars, information on new publications, resource links and more (sign-up required on website).

NACE News - monthly publication for NACE members has current issues and member information in addition to articles of interest by NACE board members and committee members (be sure NACE has your current email address).



## Legislation

NACE is "The Voice of County Road Officials" You can view the [NACE legislative priorities](#) and the latest on Legislative and Regulatory issues and efforts!

Visit your members of Congress and tell them "Local Roads Matter!" see tips under [communication with congress](#).



## Upcoming Events

It's time to register for

NACE 2012 in

Lexington, Kentucky

April 1-5, 2012

Conference registration is now open!



## Member Info

See the new NACE membership video above and [Join NACE](#) to support "The Voice of County Road Officials"

NACE members include: county engineer, highway superintendent, public works director, highway commissioner, road manager, and many more titles - the goal is safe, efficient roads and bridges. See [Membership](#).

[Corporate members](#) expand their marketing efforts by taking advantage of member benefits such as exclusive newsletter ads,

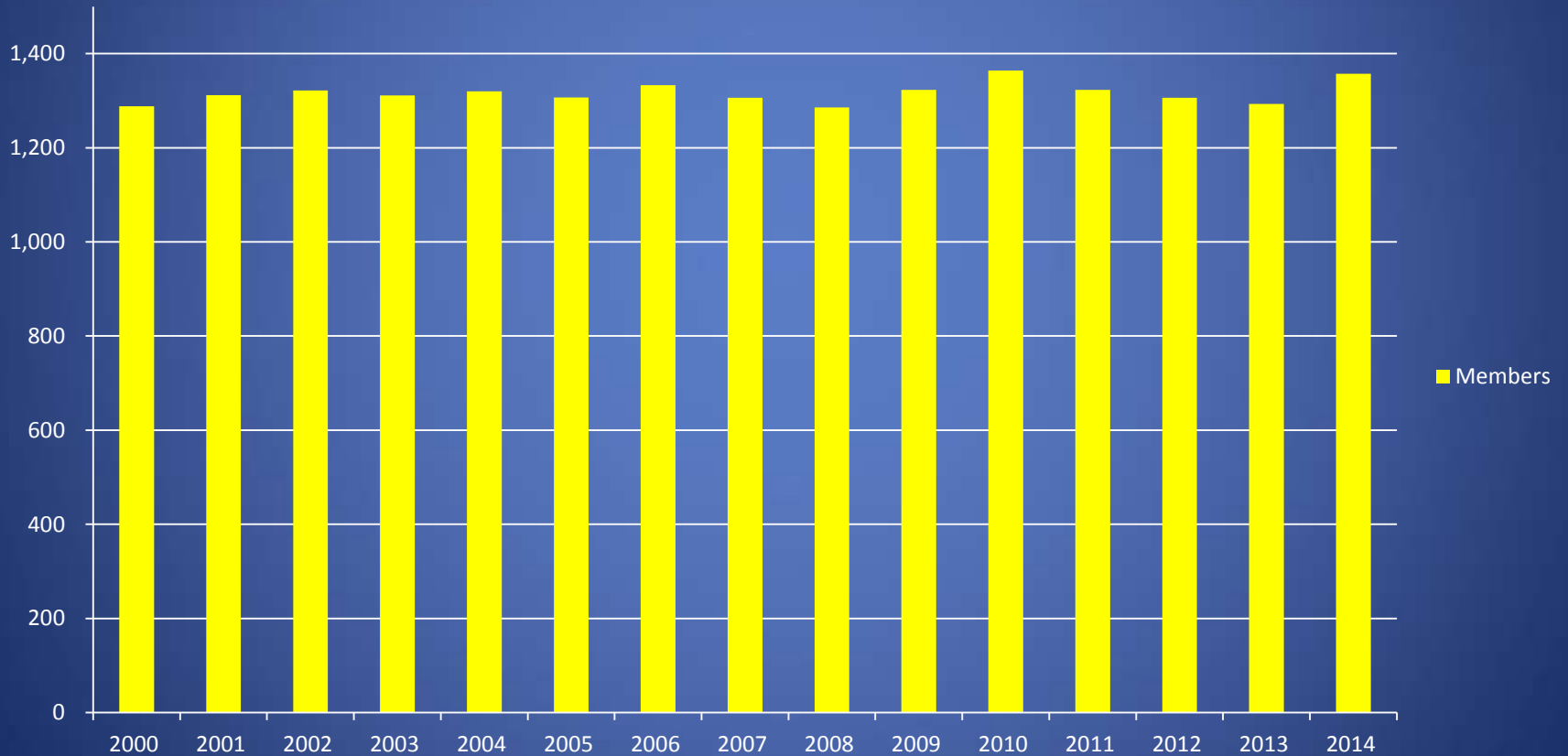
# Membership/Dues Restructure

## Goals:

- Sustainable Financial Model
- Grow Reserves
- Deliver Services
- Grow Membership

# Membership Trends

Members





# Revised Structure

<u>Population</u>	<u>Dues</u>	<u>Votes</u>
<50,000	\$200	1
50,000 – 150,000	\$350	2
150,000 – 250,000	\$500	3
250,000 – 500,000	\$750	4
>500,000	\$1000	5

# **NACE LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES**

**Streamlining**

**Funding**

**Safety**

# FAST ACT

- Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act
- Signed into Law December 4, 2015
- 5 Year, \$305 B

# FUNDING

- Modest Increases in Funding
- Potentially more funding for locals
- Increases sub-allocation to locals
- Maintains off-system bridge set aside
- More transparency on where funds are spent.

# STREAMLINING

The FAST Act:

Adds New Flexibilities

- Section 4(f) exemption for some bridges

- Authorizes taking of nesting swallows in at-risk bridges

Refines Existing Provisions

- Narrows concurrence requirement for PEL

- Pilot for substitution of State law for NEPA

# STREAMLINING

## Adds to Procedural Requirements

- Requires a schedule, a checklist, and response to project initiation

- Adds some new specific time frames for notices and reviews

## Builds on Existing Activities

- Requires permitting dashboard (but covers all EISs & EAs)

DOT to maximize use of authority to delegate project oversight to States on both a project and programmatic basis



# PREVIOUS STREAMLINING ADVANCES (MAP-21)

- Declares it is in the national interest to expedite delivery of surface transportation projects by substantially reducing the average length of the environmental review process.
- Advances the use of best practices to accelerate project delivery, reduce costs across all modes, and expedite the deployment of technology and innovation.
  - Engage interested parties and stakeholders.
  - Establish a clearinghouse for new innovative approaches and best practices.
  - Disseminate information on innovative approaches and best practices.
  - Provide technical assistance to public transportation stakeholders.

# PREVIOUS STREAMLINING ADVANCES (MAP-21)

## Categorical Exclusions:

- New CE: Projects to repair roads damaged in declared emergency (Sec. 1315)
- New CE: Projects within existing operational right-of-way (Sec. 1316)
- New CE: Projects receiving limited Federal assistance (Sec. 1317) <\$5M
- Redesignation of some (d) list CEs to (c) list (Sec. 1318(c))
  - Modernization of a highway (771.117(d)(1))
  - Highway safety or traffic operations improvements (771.117(d)(2))
  - Bridge rehabilitation, reconstruction, or replacement projects (771.117(d)(3))

# LEAP PROGRAM

## Local Empowerment for Accelerating Projects

- “The American Public Works Association (APWA), National Association of County Engineers (NACE), and other local entities have advocated for improvements to the Federal-aid Highway Program delivery to LPAs.”
- Experimental Program giving federal aid directly to locals

# SAFETY

## Funding – Good

- FY16 - \$2.45 billion
- FY17 - \$2.51 billion
- FY18 - \$2.56 billion
- FY19 - \$2.6 billion
- FY20 - \$2.66 billion

## Bad

- Doesn't fix HRRR
- Limits Use of HSIP Funds
- Gives States way out for collecting Unpaved Road data which prevents using HSIP on those roads

# Strategic Planning

- Membership Survey
- Corporate Interviews
- Strengths Weaknesses Opportunities Threats
- SWOT Analysis
  - State Director Interviews
- Strategic Goals
- Action Items

# Focus Areas

- Professional Development and Growth
- Influence and Advocacy
- Membership
- Financial Stability/Sustainability
- Affiliates and Partnerships
- Communication and Engagement



# NACE 2017: April 9-13

## Cincinnati, Ohio



Future Conferences:

2018 The Wisconsin Dells

2019 Wichita, KS

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