

## **About the development and adoption of VACo's annual legislative program:**

1. Spring regional meetings: In even number years VACo members are invited to attend regional meetings to identify and discuss key statewide legislative and policy issues.
2. Three Resolutions Committee meetings: The committee oversees the development of the annual Legislative Program. The meetings occur in the spring after the regional meetings, early fall, and during the annual conference in November. The committee receives regular legislative updates, via conference call, during the regular legislative session in the winter.

The Resolutions Committee includes the six members of VACo's Executive Committee and the chairs and vice chairs of VACo's eight steering committees. The eight steering committees are Administration of Government, Community Planning and Development, Education, Environment and Agriculture, Finance, Health and Human Services, Telecommunications and Public Utilities, and Transportation.

3. Steering Committees meet at least twice: Late summer and November during the annual conference.

The Steering Committees develop their policy sections of the annual Legislative Program.

4. The membership is asked to adopt the new legislative program during the annual business meeting. The meeting occurs on the last day of the annual conference in November.

Additional information:

The President appoints steering committee chairs and vice chairs.

VACo members volunteer to serve on steering committees.

In early October, prior to the annual conference, the membership receives a Preliminary Legislative Program. This draft is revised during the annual conference.

Link to [VACo's 2008 Legislative Program](#)

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