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Purpose of MACA

- To bring about a closer relationship between its members, the State Tax Commission, county boards of supervisors and the taxpaying public;
- To promote just and equitable principles in the assessing of all properties for ad valorem tax purposes required by the laws of Mississippi; and;
- To work for uniform standards of taxable values throughout the State, which will reflect credit on all members, thereby bringing about a better understanding and cooperation between all taxing officials and the taxpaying public.

Mississippi State Tax Commission

The Mississippi State Tax Commission (STC), created by the Legislature in 1916, is empowered under Title 27, Chapter 3, Sections 1-79 of the *Mississippi Code of 1972 Annotated*. The STC is authorized to administer certain tax laws, to supervise the administration of other tax laws, and to collect certain taxes. The STC, administered by a chairman and two associate commissioners, also ensures that there is uniformity across the State in relation to property assessment for taxation purposes.

**Center for Governmental Training & Technology
Mississippi State University Extension Service**

The Center for Governmental Training & Technology is a unit of the Mississippi State University Extension Service. For some thirty-five years the CGT has been a leader in the development and implementation of technical assistance and educational programs for local government officials.

The CGT serves the educational needs of the following associations of local government officials: Mississippi Association of Supervisors, Mississippi Municipal League, Mississippi Association of County Board Attorneys, Mississippi Municipal Clerks and Tax Collectors Association, Mississippi Chancery Clerks Association, Mississippi Association of County Administrators/Comptrollers, Building Officials Association of Mississippi, Mississippi Assessors and Collectors Association, Mississippi Chapter of the International Association of Assessing Officers, and the Mississippi Association of County Engineers.

In cooperation with the State Department of Audit and the State Tax Commission, the CGT manages legislatively-mandated certification programs for county purchase clerks, receiving clerks, inventory control clerks, and tax assessors and manages professional education programs for county supervisors and county administrators. The Center's Certification Program for Municipal Clerks-Tax Collectors and the Mississippi Education and Certification Program are nationally-recognized.

Teaming with the Mississippi Office of Homeland Security, the Mississippi Emergency Management Agency, the Mississippi Board of Health, and the Mississippi Board of Animal Health, the CGT helps plan, develop, and implement educational programs and training in areas related to homeland security and emergency management.

CGT Staff provide technical assistance to counties and municipalities in such areas as general management, financial administration, personnel administration, leadership development, economic development, community facilities and services, and solid waste management. Technical Assistance is provided on a "time available" basis.

Through these technical assistance and educational programs, the CGT assists local government officials, local units of government, and associations of local government in their efforts to improve governance at the grassroots and delivery of services to the citizens of Mississippi. The CGT does not take an advocacy role in the business, legislative, or political affairs of the local governments or local government associations with which it works.

For more information, visit the CGT on the web at www.cgt.msstate.edu or contact Joe Fratesi, Governmental Training Specialist, Box 9643, Mississippi State, MS 39762, telephone 662-325-3141, or e-mail joef@ext.msstate.edu.

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**2009 MISSISSIPPI TAX ASSESSORS AND
COLLECTORS ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL CONFERENCE**



**Harrah's Hotel &
Resort
Tunica, MS
July 27-30, 2009**

Sunday, July 26, 2009

4:30pm MECP Advisory Board Meeting

Monday, July 27, 2009

8:00am **Golf Tournament “Tee Off”**
Tunica Nationals Golf Course
(Sponsored by Bancorpsouth)

10:00 **Graceland Tour—Bus Departs**
Hotel Lobby

4:00 - 5:30pm **Early Registration**
Convention Center

Vendor Registration and Setup

6:00 **MACA Executive Committee Meeting & Dinner**

Tuesday, July 28, 2009

7:00 am **Registration**

7:00 am **Breakfast with Vendors**

8:00-8:15 **Opening Session**

Welcome & Call to Order
Frank McCain, Director, Office of Property Tax, MSTC

Invocation

Roll Call
Pattie Ishee, Jasper County Tax Assessor/Collector

8:15 **STC Report and Update**
J. Ed Morgan, Chairman, STC

8:45 **Legal Update**
Jim Powell, Staff Attorney, STC

9:00 **Office of Property Tax (Cont)**
Tony Lawler, Deputy Director
Barbra Ford, Director, Motor Vehicle Licensing

Tuesday, July 28, 2009 (continued)

9:30 **Vendor Break**

9:45 **Office of Revenue**
Terry Smith, Director
Greg Duke, Director, Sales Tax Bureau

10:15 **Mississippi Ethics Commission**
Tom Hood, Executive Director

11:15 **Mississippi Secretary of State**
Delbert Houseman, Secretary of State

12:00pm **MACA Luncheon**
Vendor Recognition

5:00 **BBQ Blues on the River- Tunica River Park**
Entertainment by Hudson & Saleeby
(Transportation not provided)

Wednesday, July 29, 2009

8:00am **Welcome & Call to Order**

David Melton, MACA President & Grenada County Tax Assessor/Collector

Joel Yelverton
MACA Executive Director

Invocation

Roll Call
Pattie Ishee, Jasper County Tax Assessor/Collector

8:15 **MECP Educational Update**
Joe Fratesi, Center for Governmental Training & Technology, MSU-ES

8:30 **Office of the State Auditor Report**
Pat Dendy, Manager, Technical Assistance Division

9:30 **Break**

9:45 **Public Employee’s Retirement System of Mississippi Update**
Pat Robertson, Executive Director

Wednesday, July 29, 2009 (continued)

10:45 **Vendor Break**

Closed Session—For MACA Members Only

11:00 **MACA Business Meeting & Committee Updates**

12:00pm **MACA Luncheon**

6:00 **MACA Banquet Reception**

7:00 **MACA Banquet**

Thursday, July 30, 2009

8:30 a.m. **MACA Breakfast and Business Meeting**
Charles Baldwin, MACA President Presiding

10:00 **Adjourn Conference**

Executive Committee Meeting—Fall Conference

Conference Sponsors

On behalf of the Mississippi Assessors and Collectors Association and the Mississippi State Tax Commission, the Center for Governmental Training & Technology would like to thank the following sponsors for their contribution and support of the 2009 Annual MACA Conference: