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## BAILEY, CONNET RECOGNIZED WITH AWARDS

**Two former N.C.**  
City & County  
Management Association  
Presidents were recently  
recognized with local  
government awards.

John Connet,  
Hendersonville city  
manager, on December  
5 was awarded the  
Robert E. Shepherd  
Excellence in Local  
Government Award by  
the Land of Sky Regional  
Council.

The award is  
presented at the  
council's discretion to a  
local government  
professional who has  
shown great leadership  
in improving governance  
and service delivery,  
especially in the areas of  
regional cooperation and  
collaboration.

"This is a well-  
deserved award," said  
Hendersonville Mayor  
Barbara Volk. "We are  
delighted Land of Sky  
chose to recognize Mr.  
Connet for his work in  
this region and across  
the state."

Robert "Bob"  
Shepherd was the first

executive director of  
Land of Sky and  
faithfully served the  
organization for more  
than 30 years.

Biltmore Forest Town  
Manager Jonathan  
Kanipe presented Connet  
with a plaque for the  
award that read, in part:  
"John is a dedicated and  
faithful local government  
professional. His  
leadership and work  
ethic serves as a shining  
example for all that  
choose to serve the  
public."

Past recipients  
include Robert E.  
Shepherd in 2016 and  
Susan Frady,  
Hendersonville's  
Development Assistance  
director, in 2017.

Salisbury City  
Manager Lane Bailey  
recently received the  
2018 Centralina Council  
of Governments James  
D. Prosser Excellence in  
Government Leadership  
Award.

This award is  
presented to a recipient  
who "exemplifies and  
promotes excellence in

government, outstanding  
leadership and high  
ethical standards. The  
award recognizes the  
cumulative  
achievements of a local  
government professional  
who has served as a role  
model for others and has  
consistently exhibited  
high professional and  
personal standards  
throughout his or her  
public career."

"I've worked as a  
professional local  
government manager  
now for 28 years, both  
as a city and county  
manager in North  
Carolina," Bailey told the  
Salisbury Post "Local  
government has never  
been more challenging in  
my career. Because of  
the problems we face  
today, it's essential that  
we have good men and  
women working in the  
profession. The Salisbury  
team members I work  
with each day are the  
greatest public servants  
I know, and I'm proud to  
be a part of this  
organization."

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### 2019 NCCCMA Winter Seminar

M.C. Benton Convention Center  
Winston-Salem  
February 6-8, 2019

### 2019 NCCCMA Summer Seminar

The Ballast Hotel, Wilmington  
June 27-29, 2019

### 2020 NCCCMA Winter Seminar

M.C. Benton Convention Center  
Winston-Salem  
February 2-4, 2020

# ICMA SOUTHEAST MEETING COMING UP IN FEBRUARY

**The International City & County Management Association (ICMA)'s Southeast Regional Conference** will take place in Greenville, S.C., February 27 through March 1, 2019 at the Hyatt Regency Greenville.

The ICMA Southeast Regional Conference is a wonderful opportunity for ICMA/N.C. City & County Management Association members to attend an outstanding professional development and networking opportunity so close to North Carolina. ICMA has ramped up the level of professional development at the regional conferences as it realizes not everyone can attend the annual conference.

The ICMA Southeast Regional Conference will send you home with the ideas and know-how you need to reshape and create new innovations in your organization and community. From digital regulation in the mobility space: e-scooters, dock-less bikes, and ride-sharing; to leveraging human-centered design and blockchain frameworks, the 2019 Southeast Regional Conference marries ICMA's innovation expertise with the thinking of industry



experts to help dream up the local government leader's innovation playbook all while teaching the best ways to propel success and prosperity across people, process, data, and technology ventures.

Though conference registration is not open yet, those planning to attend the conference can book their rooms via the room block. Please go to <https://icma.org/events/southeast-regional-conference> for more information.

Xavier Hughes, the new Chief Technology and Innovation Officer for ICMA, will be the keynote speaker. Hughes will discuss key elements of the local leader's innovation playbook.

## REGISTRATION NOW OPEN FOR NCCCMA 2019 WINTER SEMINAR

**Registration is now** open for the 2019 N.C. City & County Management Association (NCCCMA) Winter Seminar, which will be held in Winston-Salem. This year's seminar will take place February 6-8, 2019, at the M.C. Benton Convention Center in Winston-Salem.

Once again the Winter Seminar will kick off with a preconference workshop presented by the International City/County Management Association (ICMA). This workshop is titled, "Moving Your Organization Toward Higher Performance." Regardless of the size or location of our organizations, we are all challenged by the same types of issues—increased demands for services, reduced revenues, negative perceptions of government and disengaged workers. This workshop will challenge you to think differently about how your organization can work. This workshop will be led by Brian Bosshardt, city manager of Bedford, Texas.

Maurice Jones, the new Chapel Hill town manager, will be the opening keynote speaker for the seminar. Jones was the Charlottesville, Va., city manager during the

confederate monument riots last year. Now in Chapel Hill, Jones will be tasked with facing the Silent Sam monument controversy at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Jones will be speaking on the topic of being a local government manager in times of civil unrest. We are grateful for his time and insights, and we look forward to hearing what he will be sharing.

Once again, the Winter Seminar will offer up a host of educational and networking opportunities in Winston-Salem. Concurrent session topics will address subjects such as: pay, challenging community issues, affordable housing, human trafficking, economic development, suicide prevention for first responders, and more.

Several mobile workshops will offer attendees the chance to get "out and about" and see some of the good things going on in Winston-Salem and surrounding areas. Workshops will take attendees to the Wake Forest Innovation Quarter and Union Station; and a tour of the joint Forensic

Services department of the City of Winston-Salem and Forsyth County. Department. Other (non-mobile) workshops will touch on "speed networking" for MPA screenings, and yet another will feature a showing of the documentary, "All the Queen's Horses," which investigates the largest municipal embezzlement in U.S. history. After the film, there will be a discussion of lessons learned from the case.

Other networking opportunities abound. The various public Master's of Public Administration program alumni groups will meet concurrently for breakfast on Thursday morning, February 7.

The second keynote session, on Friday morning, will feature Matt Jones, who will inspire with his story of beating cancer three times – and also of running marathons all over the world.

You can register by visiting <https://www.sog.unc.edu/courses/nc-city-and-county-management-seminar>. Look for more information about in the next issue of *The Administrator*.