

NACE ANNUAL STATE REPORT

State Association Name: Wisconsin County Highway Association (WCHA) For year of 2020

Number of Counties: 72 Number of State Assoc. Members: 72

Number NACE Member: Hopefully 72, but does not look like we will maintain 100% status

State Annual Meeting/Conferences held at: Chula Vista Resort, WI Dells, WI

on dates: June and January average 550-600 in attendance at each

Other significant meetings held during the year: Spring and Fall Commissioner Training is held at various sites around the state, typically March and early October, average 100 in attendance at each. Leadership Development Group (Foreman and Superintendent) has a training every September, average 350-450 in attendance. We also have a Professional Development Training in December, average 80-100 in attendance, and various sponsored trainings for crew members.

Notable achievements of State Association and/or Individual members:

1. Executive Committee Jon Johnson, President, Eau Claire County
Roland Hawk, Secretary, Wood County
Mark Servi, Past President (2nd term), Barron County
2. Allison Bussler, Waukesha County and Mark Servi, Barron County were appointed by the Governor to the Wisconsin Department of Transportation's Transportation Project Commission, which reviews major highway project candidates and makes recommendations to the Governor and Legislature regard projects to include in the states next two year budget.
3. WCHA Executive Director Dan Fedderly has been featured in articles and interviews discussing the funding needs of the local transportation system, including an article in the NY Times

Important Events in which State Association participated during year:

1. Highway Safety Week - work zone safety is a large focus of WCHA
2. NACo Legislative Conference 2020
3. NACo Annual Conference 2019 planning on 2020
4. AASTHO Legislative Conference 2019
5. Wisconsin TDA DC Fly in 2019 cancelled in 2020 due to COVID-19

Issues and topics of particular importance for which action and efforts of State Association were directed during the year:

State Issues: Continued to work on streamlining the project delivery process when working with federal and state funds on the local level. With DOT Secretary Designee Craig Thompson, developed a Bridge Pilot Program to streamline the process on Low Risk Local Bridges and where practical, use Bridge Bundling help reduce construction costs. These Pilot Projects are now in the queue and some are currently awarded and scheduled to begin construction.

WCHA also worked with the Governor, Legislature and the DOT to develop the one time Multi-Modal Local Supplement funding program, a \$75 million transportation fund directed at local needs. There were over 1,500 project submitted for consideration with a total requested funding of over \$1.4 billion. Counties were awarded 32 projects with a value of \$26 million. Municipalities and Towns also were awarded projects.

Issues and topics of particular importance for which action and efforts of State Association were directed during the year (CONTINUED):

National Issues: WCHA typically participates in the Transportation Development Associations Annual DC Fly-in. The 2020 event was cancelled due to COVID 19.
WCHA Members continue to be involved in the NACo Transportation Steering Committee, most notably Executive Director Dan Fedderly who is a Vice-Chair of the Highway/Highway Safety Sub-committee

Ideas/concerns to share with other NACE Members: Need to continue to develop the message of What is the Value of NACE to our members.

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Note: Expand written report if desired; please keep oral report at conference to a minimum.

Thanks, NACE Executive Committee