

2024 ISAC Annual Conference CEU Requirements

TITLE: 2024 ISAC Annual Conference

DATE, DAY, AND TIME:

- Wednesday, August 21, 2024, 10:00 am – 11:00 am, 12:00 pm – 4:30 pm

PLACE: Veterans Memorial Community Choice Credit Union Convention Center, Des Moines

PURPOSE: The ISAC Annual Conference is an educational event hosted each year by the Iowa State Association of Counties (ISAC).

TARGET AUDIENCE: ISAC members

OBJECTIVES: Upon completion of this program, the participant should be able to:

August 21, 2024 (5.5 total contact hours possible)

- **10:00 am – 11:00 am – Leadership in Crisis: Under Cover in the CIA with James Olson**

Imagine living a lie for 31 years. That's what James Olson and his wife Meredith did while spying for the CIA. Spying for his country was the furthest thing from his mind when Olson, a farm boy from Iowa, received a mysterious phone call that changed his life forever. Mr. Olson will take you inside the real and chaotic world of being a CIA spy. He describes the rigorous training and difficult dilemmas encountered in the field on a daily basis as well as the personal challenges he and his wife faced as spies moving from place to place and job to job while raising a family. His eye-opening presentation sprinkled with some good humor will leave the audience wanting to know more with a fresh perspective on what we need to do as citizens, why the United States needs spies to protect our country and its vital interests, and what leadership in crisis *really* means.

CEUs: 1 hour

FACULTY: James (Jim) Olson, Keynote Speaker

- **12:00 pm – 2:00 pm – County Governance Unveiled: Navigating Parliamentary Procedures and Open Records**

This session aims to empower county officials with essential knowledge, fostering transparency, accountability, and effective decision-making.

CEUs: 2 hours

FACULTY: Sara Shonrock, Iowa State University Extension and Outreach

- **2:30 pm – 4:30 pm – The Ethics and Effective Use of AI**

This presentation will explore the promises and perils of artificial intelligence (AI). It will unpack the nature of AI, address common questions and fears, explore possible modes of use or non-use, and lay out fundamental ethical concepts relevant to how we move forward with it in an effective way.

CEUs: 2.0 hours

FACULTY: Scott Samuelson, Iowa State University Extension and Outreach and a philosopher in the Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies

- **12:00 pm – 1:30 pm – Wellmark Retiree Solutions**

A Guide to Getting Started with Medicare.

CEUs: 1.5 hours

FACULTY: Tyler Elliott, Wellmark Blue Cross and Blue Shield

- **2:00 pm – 3:00 pm – Managing the Taxes on your Retirement Income**

When you move into retirement, your income no longer comes in the form of wages from a job. But as far as the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) is concerned, the retirement funds you begin living on may be considered as income, and you will probably have to pay some kind of income tax. This presentation will explain how retirement income is taxed and how planning for those taxes can help you make the most of your money. It will also discuss the different types of taxes and when they apply as well as cover the kinds of retirement savings and which taxes apply to each.

CEUs: 1.0 hour

FACULTY: Bryan Jimmerson, Nationwide

- **3:30 pm – 4:30 pm – Ready, Set, Retire!**

A general overview of what Iowa Public Employees' Retirement System (IPERS) is and how it works. This presentation will provide information on eligibility for retirement, how benefits are calculated, and the different benefit payment options available. Requirements for returning to work after retirement will also be discussed.

CEUs: 1.0 hour

FACULTY: Danielle Mosqueda, IPERS

- **12:00 pm – 1:15 pm – Iowa State University Soil Compaction Study**

Drs. Mehari Tekeste and Mark Hanna will discuss research they have been leading related to soil impacts and cropland recovery from heavy equipment, such as during pipeline construction. Currently, with support from ISAC and the Supervisors affiliate, they are studying the potential for excessive soil compaction during different soil moisture conditions to inform development of guidelines that can be used to improve the potential for cropland recovery after construction activities. The impacts on soil they are researching have implications for water infiltration, erosion, and water quality.

CEUs: 1.25 hours

FACULTY: Dr. Mehari Tekeste, Associate Professor and Director, Soil Machine Dynamics Laboratory, Department of Agricultural and Biosystems Engineering, Iowa State University, and Dr. Mark Hanna, retired Agricultural and Biosystems Engineering Specialist, Iowa State University Extension and Outreach

- **1:30 pm – 2:45 pm – Water Management Authorities (WMAs) and Drainage Districts (DDs)**

This session will focus on WMAs, DDs, the interplay between the two, and allow time for questions and answers. Speakers Erin Erickson the Watershed Coordinator for the Maquoketa River Watershed Management Authority, and John Kurtz, Buchanan County Supervisor, will discuss their success story, the importance of collaboration between the supervisors and regional WMAs, and more. John Torbert, Iowa Drainage District Executive Director, will give an overview of DDs in Iowa.

CEUs: 1.25 hours

FACULTY: Erin Erickson, Watershed Coordinator for the Maquoketa River Watershed Management Authority, John Kurtz, Buchanan County Supervisor, and John Torbert, Iowa Drainage District Executive Director

- **3:00 pm – 4:15 pm – Serving Iowans: From Flood to Drought**

Seemingly overnight, prolonged drought conditions that plagued the state in recent years drastically changed to record-breaking flooding that has left communities in northwest Iowa devastated. The Iowa Flood Center and Iowa Geological Survey will discuss these recent water extremes and the tools and resources they provide to help Iowans understand and reduce their risks to the impacts of floods and droughts. Initiatives include: expanding the statewide network of weather stations to improve flood and drought monitoring and forecasting; developing a state groundwater plan to ensure future water sustainability; and developing online tools to communicate flood and drought risks and improve Iowa's resilience to these challenges.

CEUs: 1.25 hours

FACULTY: Larry Weber, IIHR – Hydroscience and Engineering Director and Iowa Flood Center Co-Founder, and Keith Schilling, State Geologist and Iowa Geological Survey Director

FEE: A \$250 registration fee for the ISAC Annual Conference covers all CEUs. Please see ISAC's cancellation and refund policy for further instruction.