



MCCA PRESIDENT'S GOALS-Andre Cushing

1. Strengthen our communications and working relationship with partner organizations such as (MMA, MSA, MACCAM, City & Town Managers) share goals, policy positions and participate in working groups on issues of mutual interest. Likewise, have a more prominent position interacting with legislators, municipal officials and those who can assist in county government delivering the services we offer to the citizens of our communities and state.
2. Seek opportunities to assist municipalities and UT to collaborate and find more effective ways to deliver the mandated and required services that local and county government is providing to our communities and citizens.
3. Grow awareness and opportunities for Maine County Commissioners to lead on key issues that make an impact on our counties and services. (Law enforcement, corrections services at the county level, 911 call centers, Emergency Management, Registry of Deeds & Probate, oversight of unorganized territories)

As I attend NACO and visit other states I see the services and benefits that county government can offer. While we must respect the strong tradition of home-rule that was established in Maine and other New England states, this model for rural communities is resulting in many challenges. Counties can be a resource to help, and some counties are starting to explore options in a number of areas. Workforce, mandated actions and reporting, and rising costs are factors that are raising great challenges. This is straining municipalities trying to fill positions and manage costs, one solution is regional collaboration, no longer should geopolitical boundaries impede the proper delivery of services. We can do better and be more effective together.

There is strength and value in cooperation. MCCA will provide future opportunities to gather local and county officials to share ideas, best practices and to build stronger relationships.

EVENTS- There has been some discussion about enhancing the July in person meeting, with a social component, potential speakers on issues of interest and additional training in light of the many new commissioners who have joined us in the last two elections.

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