



## Public CEO Article on MISAC Conference

On Monday, September 15th Public CEO Newsletter featured an article on the MISAC Annual Conference. The PublicCEO.com newsletter is sent to a list of thousands of subscribers, comprised of local government decision-makers (City Managers, County Administrators, Elected Officials, etc.), as well as prominent media members who cover local government issues throughout the state. To read the article [click here](#). To subscribe to this newsletter [click here](#).



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**MISAC is getting more social!**



## Disaster Recovery - Are You Ready?



Industry experts estimate that the majority of local governments are not effectively backing up their data. Should a disaster occur, many local governments may find some of their data lost and their systems unavailable. In order to effectively manage data in the event of an emergency, every public agency should implement a comprehensive plan for Backup, Restore and Disaster Recovery (BRDR). [Click here](#) to read more.

## Upcoming Events

### MISAC Northern Chapter Meeting

September 18, 2015  
11:00 AM to 3:00 PM  
Richmond, CA

### MISAC Annual Conference

October 4-7, 2015

[Click here](#) for the events calendar.

## Evaluating Your IT Department

Last year, the International City/County Management Association published an article discussing effective evaluation of an IT Department. To read the original article drafted for management professionals, [click here](#).

While it is important for management to evaluate the effectiveness of their departments, MISAC promotes intra-department evaluation to develop a course for improvement not prompted by top-down management directives. [Click here](#) to read more.

## Cyber Security Awareness Month

October is Cyber Security Awareness month, which is sponsored by the Department of Homeland Security in partnership with the National Cyber Security Alliance and the Multi-State Information Sharing and Analysis Center. [Click here](#) to read more.

## MuniTech Academy

Offering monthly educational opportunities to MISAC members, MuniTech Academy is your one-stop shop for all of your training needs. [Click here](#) to learn about upcoming classes.

## Central Chapter Highlight

Central chapter has recently surpassed a big milestone - membership exceeded 100 members for the first time ever! The chapter warmly welcomes all returning and new members, and extends a big "Thank You" to all of our members who helped achieve this milestone through their participation and sharing the benefits of MISAC membership with their peers.

The chapter is excited to have a mix of new and returning officers starting in new roles beginning January 1st. Please welcome to their respective roles:



## Board Updates

The State Board would like to thank the following board members for their many years of service:

- Helen Hall (9 years)
- Mike Allen (6 years)
- Ken Phillips (5 years)

Helen, Mike, and Ken have dedicated countless hours and ideas to the success of MISAC and we are very grateful for their service. As these members leave the Board, we welcome Joyce Starosciak from the Central Chapter and two other members to fill Helen's and Mike's seats, which will be determined shortly.

The Board will hold a strategic planning session (Board Members only) on Saturday, October 3, and the final board meeting of the year will be held on Sunday, October 4.

President: Matthew Marcotte, City of Galt, succeeding Tim Ranstrom.  
Vice President: Miguel Guardaro, City of San Luis Obispo, succeeding Matthew Marcotte.  
Secretary/Treasurer: Shane Steckelberg, Sacramento Regional Fire/EMS Communications Center, succeeding Joyce Starosciak.

The current and future leadership teams are actively working together to make for a smooth transition.

On the State Board, Mike Allen, City of Visalia, and Ken Phillips, South Lake Tahoe PUD are stepping down after serving as representatives for 6 years and 5 years, respectively. Both gentlemen played active roles over their respective tenures and had positive impacts on many of MISAC's program and their service to the organization was been greatly appreciated. Balloting is currently underway to fill Ken's position. Joyce Starosciak, Sacramento Regional Fire/EMS Communications Center, was elected earlier in the year and will begin serving as a State Board Representative in January. The chapter expects great things from her energy, enthusiasm, and expertise.

The chapter looks forward to the annual conference in Monterey and to a strong showing of Central Chapter members. This excellent event wouldn't happen without the efforts and dedication of many volunteers, including the Central Chapter's own Bryon Horn, City of Fresno, serving yet again as Conference Chair, and Miguel Guardado, City of San Luis Obispo, serving again on the Conference Committee.

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