The Capitol Press Room radio host Susan Arbetter is an award-winning broadcast journalist who brings more than 15 years of experience to the Pressroom as an Albany correspondent. Based in the State Capitol in Albany, Arbetter guides listeners through the maze of New York state politics and public affairs, cutting through the jargon to make sense of even the most complex issues.

Sept. 14, Noon, Inaugural Luncheon
### Wednesday, Sept. 13th

- **8:30am - 7:00pm**  
  Registration

- **10:00am - 11:30am**  
  NYSAC Standing Cmt. Mtgs.
  - Public Employee Relations
  - Taxation & Finance
  - Economic Development & Environment
  - Agriculture & Rural Affairs
  - Public Health & Mental Health
  - Transportation & Public Works

- **11:30am - 1:00pm**  
  NYSAC Standing Cmt. Mtgs.
  - Intergovernmental Relations
  - Native American Affairs
  - Medicaid & Human Services
  - Public Safety
  - Children with Special Needs

- **1:00pm - 2:00pm**  
  Luncheon

- **1:00pm - 7:00pm**  
  Exhibits Open

- **2:00pm - 3:00pm**  
  NYSAC Legislative Committee Meeting

- **2:00pm - 3:15pm**  
  Workshop Session I

- **3:00pm - 5:00pm**  
  Women's Leadership Council

- **3:15pm - 5:30pm**  
  Resolutions Cmt. Meeting

- **3:45pm - 5:00pm**  
  Workshop Session II

- **5:00pm - 6:00pm**  
  Women's Leadership Council Launch Reception

- **6:00pm - 7:00pm**  
  Reception Honoring NYSAC Exhibitors & Sponsors

- **7:00pm - 9:00pm**  
  Dinner Event

### Thursday, Sept. 14th

- **7:30am - 5:00pm**  
  Registration

- **7:30am - 8:45am**  
  General Breakfast

- **9:00am - 10:15am**  
  Opening Plenary Session

- **10:15am - 10:45am**  
  Coffee Break in Exhibit Hall

- **10:45am - Noon**  
  Workshop Session III

- **Noon - 1:30pm**  
  Inaugural Luncheon: NYSAC Business Meeting Part I
  - Election of Officers & Directors
  - Keynote: Susan Arbetter
  - The Capitol Press Room

- **1:30pm - 2:00pm**  
  Time to Visit Exhibit Hall

- **2:00pm - 3:00pm**  
  County Administrators Mtg

- **2:00pm - 3:15pm**  
  Workshop Session IV

- **3:30pm - 5:00pm**  
  Joint Execs/Board Chairs/Adms Mtg

- **3:45pm - 5:00pm**  
  Workshop Session V

- **6:00pm - 7:00pm**  
  Onondaga Host County Reception

### Friday, Sept. 15th

- **8:00am - 9:15am**  
  General Breakfast & Joint Inter-County Breakfast

- **9:15am - 11:00am**  
  NYSAC Business Meeting: Part II
  - Resolutions
  - Closing Plenary Session

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*Agenda tentative and subject to change.*
GENERAL INFORMATION

Important Deadlines

HOTEL RESERVATION DEADLINE - AUGUST 25th
(or until the seminar room block is sold out) Please fax your hotel form DIRECTLY TO THE HOTEL. FAX (315) 424-6093
Deadline for Hotel Cancellation: Sept. 8th

SEMINAR PRE-REGISTRATION DEADLINE - SEPTEMBER 8th
(please register at the Seminar registration desk as a walk-in after this date.)

REGISTRATION CANCELLATION DEADLINE - SEPTEMBER 8th
Paid registrations cancelled PRIOR to Sept.8th will be refunded and subject to a 25% administrative fee. Cancellations made after this date cannot be refunded.

Hotel Accommodations

A room block has been reserved at the Marriott Syracuse Downtown in Syracuse, NY. To make a hotel reservation, please complete the enclosed hotel reservation form and return it DIRECTLY TO THE HOTEL. SPACE IS LIMITED! Rooms will be sold on a first come/first served basis, so make sure to send in your hotel forms as early as possible to assure that you get a room. The deadline for hotel reservations is AUGUST 25th. It is important to note that the deadline does not mean that you are assured a room if you register before this date. The deadline means that our room block is being held until this date. Remember that the room block can sell out before the deadline so please don’t wait to send in your hotel forms. If you need to cancel your hotel reservation once registered, please do so directly with the hotel. NYSAC cannot process hotel arrangements.

HOTEL RATES INCLUDE MEALS AS LISTED!

Registration Fees

Conference Registration - $195
County/State/Federal Officials ONLY
Includes participation at all workshops, plenary sessions, exhibit hall, receptions and coffee breaks on Wednesday through Friday. (Please note that this registration rate does not include meals. Meals are part of the hotel package rate OR you may purchase a la carte meal tickets through online registration)

Registration fees apply only to county officials and state/federal representatives. Private sector attendees must register as a sponsor or exhibitor in order to attend the Fall Seminar.

Hotel/Meal Packages

NYSAC conferences offer what is known as a FULL AMERICAN PLAN hotel package rate. A Full American Plan includes both MEALS and HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS.

PACKAGE 1       Arrival  9/13  Depart 9/15
Traditional room for Wednesday and Thursday nights
Wednesday lunch–Thursday breakfast, lunch, Friday breakfast, gratuities

PACKAGE 2     Arrival  9/13  Depart 9/14
Traditional room for Wednesday night only
Wednesday lunch–Thursday breakfast, lunch, gratuities

PACKAGE 3      Arrival  9/14  Depart 9/15
Traditional room for Thursday night only
Thursday breakfast, lunch, Friday breakfast, gratuities

Spouse meal tickets are not included in a single room rate. You can purchase meal tickets for your spouse at the NYSAC registration desk. Only the attendee registered with the hotel will be given meal tickets as part of a single package rate.

Online Registration (County Officials)

https://www.regonline.com/nysacfall2017
Meeting of the Minds
Issues Facing Women in County Government

Roundtable conversations on the issues facing women in county government.

Discussions will be facilitated by experts on several topics:

- How to Move an Agenda: Partnerships, Discourse, and Strategy
- Raising Campaign Funds
- Mentoring: Finding a Mentor, Being a Mentor
- Reflections on a Career in County Government
- Managing Conflict: Campaigning and Leading in Heated Times
- It's Up to the Women! A Discussion of Challenges Women Face in Public Office and the Workplace

Monday, Sept. 13
3pm-5pm

Women’s Leadership Council Launch Reception
All conference attendees are invited to celebrate the launch of the NYSAC Women’s Leadership Council at 5pm on September 13.

Join us as we toast this new NYSAC initiative and mark the 100th Anniversary of Women’s Suffrage in NYS.
Collective Bargaining: The Art of Negotiation with your County Employees  Controlling employee costs, while continuing to provide quality services to local residents, is a balancing act all counties face. Collective bargaining is the mechanism by which your county government and local unions communicate to meet this challenge. This workshop will provide you with collective bargaining best practices from top labor law attorneys to help shape your county’s approach when negotiating future employee healthcare benefits, salary rates, and procedures for dispute resolutions. *(Wednesday, Sept. 13, 2:00pm-3:15pm)*

Importance of Preparing for the 2020 Census  The Census is critical to the funding and political influence that New York State leverages with the federal government. From the $53 billion in census driven programs to the number of our congressional seats, ensuring a 2020 Census count is critical. This session will discuss how local leaders can take steps now that will help ensure a more accurate count in 2020. *(Wednesday, Sept. 13, 2:00pm-3:15pm)*

Body Cameras: Preserving the Safety of Officers and the Public  Sheriff departments in counties across the state have begun deploying body-worn cameras on their officers. This workshop will discuss how the benefit of officers using body worn cameras and how using the product protect the officer’s using the product and the community the officers protect. This new technology allows for protection during active shooter situations, incident response and workplace violence. *(Wednesday, Sept. 13, 2:00pm-3:15pm)*

Preschool Special Education  Preschool special education is one of the nine state mandates that equal 99 percent of the county property taxes levied statewide. While counties outside of New York City do not have education departments we play a key funding role in serving the nearly 81,000 preschool education students across the state. Counties fund these services in the first instance, and then seek state reimbursement after the services are provided. This session will address the reimbursement issues related to the program, including school-based programs and Medicaid. *(Wednesday, Sept. 13, 2:00pm-3:15pm)*

Foundations of County Government  (County Government Institute Core Session) This session will detail the historic and legal foundations of county governments in New York State. During this session, participants will learn about the structures of county governments in New York and their authority, duties and responsibilities under state law. This session will provide county officials with a working knowledge of state government, the state legislative process and a fuller understanding of how it ultimately affects the everyday operations of county government. *(County Government Institute Core Requirement 4 credits). *(Wednesday, Sept. 13, 2:00pm-3:15pm)*

Women’s Leadership Council: Meeting of the Minds  Less of a workshop and more a series of facilitated roundtable conversations, this session will give attendees an opportunity to discuss the nuts and bolts of being a woman with a career in county government. Learn from those who have decades of experience and share wisdom with those new to their county role, and engage in conversation that
will leave you ready to take on more challenges and opportunities of public office. Discussion topics, each facilitated by an expert on the topic, will include raising campaign funds, mentoring, managing conflict, moving an agenda, career balance, and more. *(Wednesday, Sept. 13, 3:00pm-5:00pm)*

**An Early Intervention Update for County Officials**  
The New York State Early Intervention Program (EIP) is part of the national Early Intervention Program for infants and toddlers with disabilities and their families. County health departments coordinate all Early Intervention services under the guidelines of the state health department. With the state’s implementation of the Health Homes model, New York is working to recognize the important differences in the approach to care management and planning for children, and tailor the program accordingly. This session will provide an update on the Health Homes model and the impact it is having on early intervention services. *(Wednesday, Sept. 13, 3:45pm-5:00pm)*

**Cyber Security Awareness Tips and Information**  
With IT system hacks and ransomware attacks becoming more commonplace, counties and local governments must begin to strengthen their cyber security efforts. This session will discuss steps counties can take to guard against malicious attacks on their websites and IT systems. Topics will include performing system wide assessments, vulnerability scans, educating employees, and critical system backups. *(Wednesday, Sept. 13, 3:45pm-5:00pm)*

**Getting in Bed with Airbnb**  
In late 2015, Airbnb launched their Community Compact. This Community Compact is Airbnb’s commitment to working with local governments through, paying local taxes, building open and transparent communities, and promoting responsible home sharing. Since 2015, counties have created partnerships with Airbnb to benefit their communities. This workshop will discuss the relationships counties have engaged in with Airbnb throughout New York State. *(Wednesday, Sept. 13, 3:45pm-5:00pm)*

**Clean Energy Communities**  
Governor Cuomo provided $16 million in funding for a Clean Energy Communities initiative to support local government leaders’ efforts to implement energy efficiency, renewable energy and sustainable development projects in their communities. The Initiative is directed by the New York State Energy and Research Development Authority (NYSERDA) and requires local governments to complete up to 10 clean energy actions in their communities. In this session, Albany County and Cayuga Counties will discuss their success with this program. *(Thursday, Sept. 14, 10:45am-Noon)*

**Employment Practices Liability: How Vulnerable Are You?**  
Employment Practices Liability covers municipalities against claims or lawsuits filed by employees, former employees and employment candidates regarding their employment relationship with an employer. This seminar will help you protect yourself against claims of discrimination (based on age, sex, race, religion, color and national origin), sexual harassment claims, wrongful termination, emotional distress and breach of contract. *(Thursday, Sept. 14, 10:45am-Noon)*

**County-wide Shared Services Initiatives**  
The Governor’s Shared Services Initiative tried to address high property taxes by requiring counties to work with local leaders to find efficiencies that create recurring property tax savings. Whether your county is submitting a Shared Services Plan in 2017 or 2018, this workshop will address the state’s requirements...
and provide an overview of some plans currently under consideration. *(Thursday, Sept. 14, 10:45am-Noon)*

**Driverless Cars: Emerging Technology that will Impact County Government and your Local Economy**  Driverless cars are here. In June 2017, the NYS DMV and NY State Police oversaw safety tests of driverless cars on New York highways. Driverless cars are a true game changer and have the potential to impact local and state government. This workshop will discuss this growing technology and how it could change local government services such as enforcement of traffic violations, county service transportation, DMV registration, economic development, and job retention. *(Thursday, Sept. 14, 10:45am-Noon)*

**Raising the Age of Criminal Responsibility: State Overview**  The enacted 2017-18 State Budget includes language for Raising the Age of Criminal Responsibly. The new law will be phased in over two years. On October 1, 2018, the age of criminal responsibility will be raised from 16 to 17 year olds. This means that a 16-year-old that is charged with a non-violent felony or a misdemeanor will be considered an Adolescent Offender (AO), and will be protected from the adult incarceration. On October 1, 2019, the age will be raised from 17 to 18 year olds. This workshop will provide information on the state’s vision for implementing the law. *(Thursday, Sept. 14, 10:45am-Noon)*

**Casinos and Gaming in NY Counties: a Growing Partnership**  New York gaming (casinos, racinos, OTBs, horse racing, etc.) is a growing multi-billion dollar industry in New York. Gaming facilities provide local government revenue and needed job creation. However, they also require additional and expanded government services such as infrastructure creation and repair as well as public safety needs. Learn how counties are growing and working with these gaming facilities to best provide for the needs of New York State residents. *(Thursday, Sept. 14, 2:00pm-3:15pm)*

**Community Choice Aggregation Can Reduce Energy Costs**  Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) allows participating local governments to procure energy supply service and distributed energy resources (DER) for eligible energy customers in the community. In addition, CCA allows local governments to work together through a shared purchasing model to put out for bid the total amount of electricity and/or natural gas being purchased by eligible customers within the jurisdictional boundaries of participating municipalities. Please join us to hear from a panel of county leaders and MEGA staff to explain the CCA process and benefits. *(Thursday, Sept. 14, 2:00pm-3:15pm)*

**Raising the Age of Criminal Responsibility: County Impact**  Implementing the new law will impact several county departments, and will require additional personnel and resources in probation departments, county attorney’s offices, mental health services, and social services agencies. It also has the potential to require counties to make financial investments in programs, services, and infrastructure. This workshop will provide information on the county specifics for implementing raising the age. *(Thursday, Sept. 14, 2:00pm-3:15pm)*

**Combating New York’s Heroin and Opioid Epidemic**  Addiction and abuse of heroin often stems from the abuse of prescription opiate painkillers, and is directly related to heroin’s growth in popularity. In order to combat this growing epidemic, we must improve prevention, increase access to treatment, expand recovery options and expand resources available for law enforcement. This workshop will
present best practices and recommendations for local governments who are dealing with this national epidemic. (Thursday, Sept. 14, 2:00pm-3:15pm)

Plastic Bags: An Issue Coming Soon to Your County Board  New York residents use more than 23 billion plastic bags a year. These bags do not biodegrade; instead, they pollute our environment, causing litter, damaging wildlife, entering waterways, and crowding landfills. Even recycled plastic bags cause trouble, as they clog recycling plant machinery and cost tax payers money by making these facilities halt their operations. How should this problem be addressed, and who should take the lead in addressing it? This workshop will highlight the issues and solutions being discussed at the county and state level. (Thursday, Sept. 14, 2:00pm-3:15pm)

The Blooming of Blue Green Algae
Most algae are harmless and are an important part of the food web, but certain types of algae can grow quickly and become harmful. Blooms are algae species that produce toxins known as harmful algae blooms (HABs) that can be harmful to people, animals, and fish. HABs occur when colonies of algae grow out of control while producing toxins from overfeeding. This occurs when nutrients from sources such as lawns and farmlands flow into bodies of water. HABs are currently affecting recreation, economic development and tourism in many communities. Please join us for a discussion on how to best prevent HABs in our waterways. (Thursday, Sept. 14, 3:45pm-5:00pm)

Building Consensus in a Political Environment: Understanding Dispute Resolution
(County Government Institute Core Session) County leaders are often confronted with the need to settle political differences so that the greater interests of the public can be served. During this session county leaders will learn skills and techniques to help manage and resolve political conflicts. This is an interactive session, where participants will be grouped with other county officials to jointly work on real issues facing your county so that practical application of the techniques can be demonstrated. This session will be led by the NYS Dispute Resolution Association (County Government Institute Core Requirement –4 credits) (Thursday, Sept. 14, 3:45pm-5:00pm)

Meeting Dynamics: A Guide to Parliamentary Procedures  Join parliamentary expert Linda Juteau as she discusses best practices for running meetings, keeping parliamentary order, processing motions and other aspects of parliamentary leadership in a meeting setting. (Thursday, Sept. 14, 3:45pm-5:00pm)

Indigent Defense Services: The County and State Role  2017 brought historic changes to New York’s indigent defense criminal justice system. Join the Director of the New York State Office of Indigent Legal Services (OILS) for a discussion on the impact of state legislation that will improve and expand indigent defense services. Updates will include county implementation and new duties such as arraignment coverage, as well as providing you with insight into state grant funding available to all counties. This workshop will provide ideas on how your county can improve upon their indigent legal services and reduce their local fiscal burden. (Thursday, Sept. 14, 3:45pm-5:00pm)
NYSAC 2017 Fall Seminar Hotel Reservation Form
Reservation Desk, Marriott Syracuse Downtown, 100 E. Onondaga Street, Syracuse NY 13202
Fax: Reservation Desk: (315) 424-6093    HOTEL DEADLINE: August 25, 2017

Fax or Mail this form to the HOTEL
Please DO NOT MAIL TO NYSAC

Name__________________________________________
Address________________________________________
County/Company________________________________
Phone__________________________________________
Fax____________________________________________
EMAIL REQUIRED

Hotel Packages (Please Check ✓ Package Choice)

☐ Package 1  Wednesday 9/13 Arrival—Friday 9/15 Departure  Single $548/per person  Double Share $394/per person
   Includes traditional room on Wednesday & Thursday Nights, Wednesday Lunch & Dinner, Thursday Breakfast/Lunch, Friday Breakfast, Gratuities, Admin Fee

☐ Package 2  Wednesday 9/13 Arrival—Thursday 9/14 Departure  Single $366/per person  Double Share $289/per person
   Includes traditional room on Wednesday Night, Wednesday Lunch & Dinner, Thursday Breakfast/Lunch, Gratuities, Admin Fee

☐ Package 3  Thursday 9/14 Arrival—Friday 9/15 Departure  Single $263/per person  Double Share $186/per person
   Includes traditional room on Thursday Night, Thursday Breakfast/Lunch, Friday Breakfast, Gratuities, Admin Fee

☐ Early Arrival— Tuesday Sept. 12, 2017  (room only)  Single $130/per person  Double Share $65/per person

Special Requirements: ________________________________

To ensure our conference is ADA accessible to all, please indicate if you require special assistance. IF YES, please specify:

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Please guarantee my reservation to my credit card, I have authorized charges with my signature.

➢ TAX EXEMPT FORMS MUST BE FAXED TO THE HOTEL WITH HOTEL REGISTRATION FORM. YOU MUST SUBMIT A TAX EXEMPT FORM IN ORDER TO AVOID BEING CHARGED STATE AND LOCAL TAX ON YOUR HOTEL PACKAGE.

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Cardholder’s Phone__________________________________________ Guest Arrival Date___/___/___ Guest Departure Date___/___/___

PLEASEREAD THE FOLLOWING IMPORTANT HOTEL INFORMATION

➢ Hotel reservation must be received by 5pm, August 25th or prior to sell out after which time the room block will be released and reservations will be accepted based on availability and at non-group rates. NYSAC encourages you to make your reservation as soon as possible to avoid any inconvenience. Room reservations at the hotel are on a first come, first served basis. Please note that although the cut off is Aug. 25th, the block can still sell out prior to this date so please get your reservation form to the hotel as early as possible.

➢ Check-in time is 3:00 pm. Guest room availability cannot be guaranteed before that time. Checkout is 12:00pm. Upon checking out, please pay the hotel directly. Credit cards and County Checks are accepted. Personal checks are not accepted.

➢ COUNTY VOUCHERS FOR PAYMENT will only be accepted if received by the hotel at least TWO WEEKS PRIOR TO ARRIVAL. Tax exemption can only be offered to county officials paying by county credit card or county check. Cash payments cannot be tax exempt.

➢ Hotel Confirmation will be sent via email by the hotel as an acknowledgement of your reservation once the credit card deposit payment is received. Please bring your confirmation to the hotel for prompt check-in. Please make sure that you provide an email address above!

➢ If for any reason you need to cancel your reservation with the hotel, please be sure to notify the Hotel at (315) 474-6093 or f (315) 424-6093 BY SEPTEMBER 8th. If the hotel is not contacted directly the registrant is responsible for all hotel charges. Please note that NYSAC cannot accept hotel cancellations. You may cancel your reservation by Sept. 8th Cancellations made AFTER September 8th will not receive a refund. Should you fail to arrive or cancel prior to the check-in date, you will be charged the entire package. In the event you need to leave or change your reservation once registered, the entire value of the package will be charged.

➢ Reservations cannot be guaranteed by a purchase order or voucher. A credit card is required to guarantee. Please note that your credit card must be county issued in order to receive tax exemption. Cash cannot be used to receive tax exemption.

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$195 Conference Registration—please note this rate is only available to member counties and their employees
Includes participation at all open sessions, program workshops, affiliate programs Wednesday – Friday.
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Pre-Registration Deadline: September 8, 2017 *
(*You may register for the conference after the deadline date as a walk–in registrant at the Conference registration desk.)

PRIVATE SECTOR COMPANIES CAN ONLY REGISTER AS AN EXHIBITOR OR SPONSOR VIA VENDOR FORMS @ WWW.NYSAC.ORG/EVENTS

PAYMENT INFORMATION
All conference registrations must be paid upon invoice. If using a voucher or purchase order - please submit to NYSAC upon online registration. Vouchers and purchase orders must be filled out completely by the registrant - including the names of which attendee(s) will be covered by that voucher/purchase order to ensure prompt return of the forms to the county for payment in a timely fashion.

Vouchers that have not been completely filled out by the registrant will be returned without registration processing.

If paying by check/purchase order/voucher, please make checks payable to NYSAC 2017 Fall Seminar and mail a copy of your online confirmation to:
NYSAC Fall Seminar, 540 Broadway, 5th Floor, Albany NY 12207

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NYSAC 2017 Fall Seminar Materials Enclosed!

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