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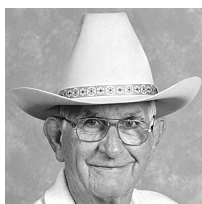
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Richard G. (Dick) Simmons: At Home on the Range



This article was originally published in the May 2011 Manager newsletter to recognize Dick Simmons' 60 years of service to FCCMA.

By Ann Toney-Deal

Setting the Stage

In 1823, Florida's territorial Governor, Andrew Jackson, assigned two men to ride their horses, one from Pensacola and the other from St. Augustine, and where they met would be the location of the new state capitol. The rider from St. Augustine was Dr. W. H. Simmons, an ancestor of our very own Richard G. (Dick) Simmons. Little did Dr. Simmons know at that time that he would not be the only one in his family "riding the ranges" of Florida. Arguably, the impact of his descendant, while not as historic, is and will continue to play a crucial role in many of Florida's local governments for generations to come. [\(Read more\)](#)

Register Today for the FCCMA Annual Conference

The FCCMA Annual Conference will be held May 22-25, 2013 at the Hilton Orlando in Orlando, FL.

The conference will open with the opening general session - For the Love of Cities. Author **Peter Kageyama** looks at what makes cities lovable, what motivates citizens to do extraordinary things for their places and how some cities use that energy to fill in the gaps that "official" city makers have left when resources disappear. Peter will speak about how we can turn peoples' emotional engagement with their place into tangible action and use that excitement and energy as a much needed community development resource. [\(Read more\)](#)

2013 Directory Update Forms

It is that time of year again to review your current directory information and make any necessary changes. The forms were sent last week along with conference information. If you would like a

picture included in your directory list, please send a digital picture with a minimum 300 dpi. The forms and pictures are due no later than March 29, 2013. ([Read more](#))

Committee Interest Forms



President-Elect Blackburn is putting together his committees for next year. This year, signups for committees will be different. The chairs and tasks for each committee will be posted on the website and you will go to the page of the committee on which you would like to serve and click on Join a FCCMA Committee. ([Read more](#))

ICMA Conference

The ICMA Conference will be held September 22-25, 2013 in Boston, MA. Registration and housing will open June 3 at 12:00 noon.

Most of the keynote and featured speakers have been confirmed. The lineup represents a variety of values and messages. At all times ICMA's goal of "Best Conference ever" was kept in mind!! ([Read more](#))

FLC Regional Risk Management and Disaster Planning Seminar - here's what is coming to your area:

The Florida League of Cities will hold regional training on risk management and disaster planning at the following locations over the next few weeks. Please click on the link, or call Serena West at (407) 367-3435 if you wish to attend. There is no charge for the training. ([Read more](#))

Transparency Webinar

April 11, 2013 | 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. EST | Registration Deadline: April 8, 2013
Cost: \$50 FACC members/\$75 nonmembers

Transparency - it's not just records, sunshine laws, financial reporting or the latest craze. A lack of information can create a perception that something is being hidden and erode trust in government. One way to combat this perception is to embrace transparency. ([Read more](#))

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