



State of MAC

Stephan Currie

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**MICHIGAN
COUNTIES**

2023 LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE

April 24-26, 2023 • Radisson/Lansing Center





State of MAC: History

MAC is 125! (1898-2023)

- Formed on Feb. 1, 1898, as State Association of Supervisors of Michigan
- Oldest association representing local government units in Michigan
- Renamed Michigan Association of Counties in 1969
- **Service expansions:**
 - 1955 – First Executive Director (W.E. Dennison)
 - 1979 – Workers' Comp Fund
 - 1986 – Service Corporation





State of MAC: Events

Conference Stats

- 148 commissioners attending (24%)
- 53 of 83 counties represented (64%)
- Largest delegation: 6 - Berrien, Kent, Macomb, Mecosta, Ottawa, Wayne
- Largest region: Region 3 (47)
- Exhibitors: 35





State of MAC: Governance

MAC Leadership



Jim Storey
Allegan County
First Vice President



Stephan W. Currie
Executive Director
scurrie@micounties.org

Stan Ponstein
Kent County
President

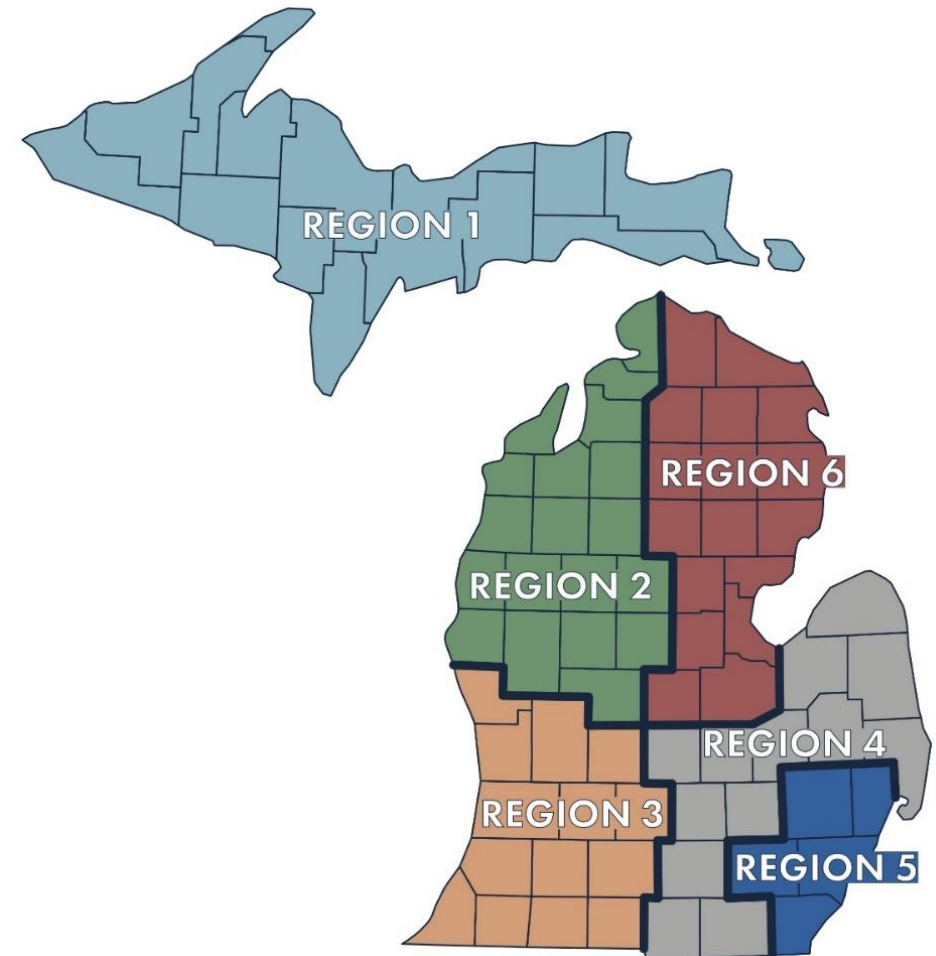




State of MAC: Governance

MAC Board Elections

- **Caucuses at 3:15 p.m.**
- **Only commissioners participate**
- **Candidates**
 - Region II - 5
 - Region III - 4
 - Region IV - 2
 - Region V - 2
 - Region VI - 1

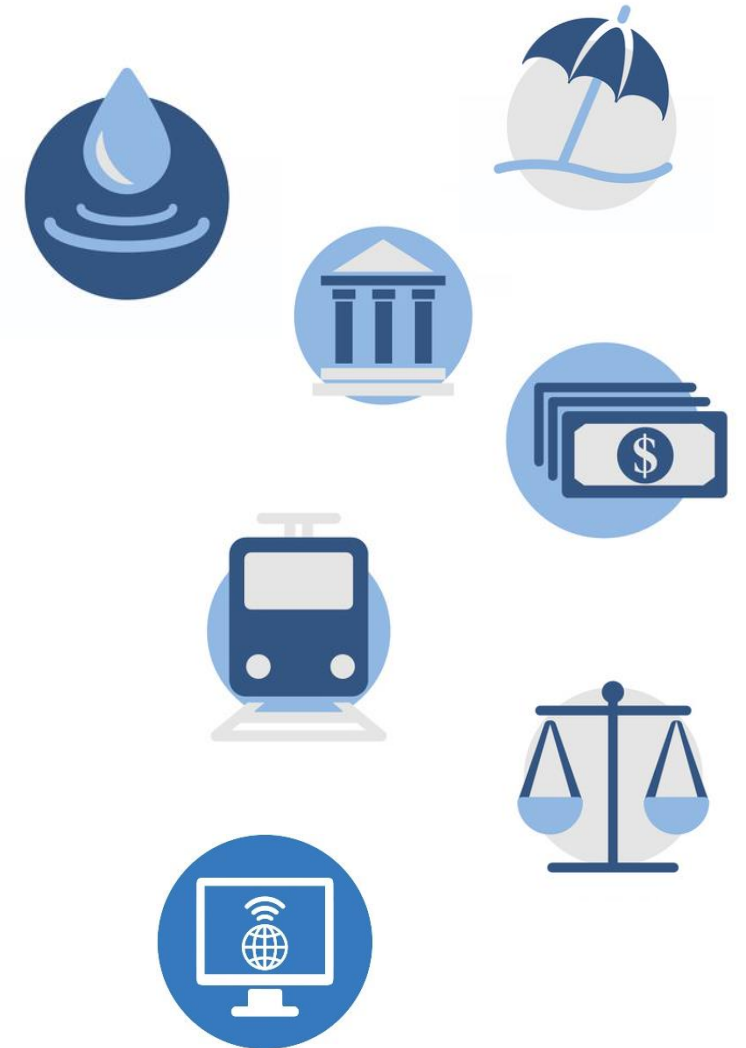




State of MAC: Advocacy

Internal Committees

- **Appointed by president**
- **Member participation from across state**
- **Areas of focus**
 - Finance and General Government
 - Environmental and Regulatory Affairs
 - Judiciary and Public Safety
 - Health and Human Services
 - Transportation and Infrastructure
 - Agriculture, Tourism and Natural Resources





State of MAC: Services

Purpose of MAC

- **Advocacy:** To be the voice of Michigan counties at the state and federal level
- **Education:** To provide educational opportunities to county commissioners to ensure they can do their jobs to the best of their abilities
- **Services:** To make available services that counties can take advantage of to save their staff time and money





State of MAC: Staff

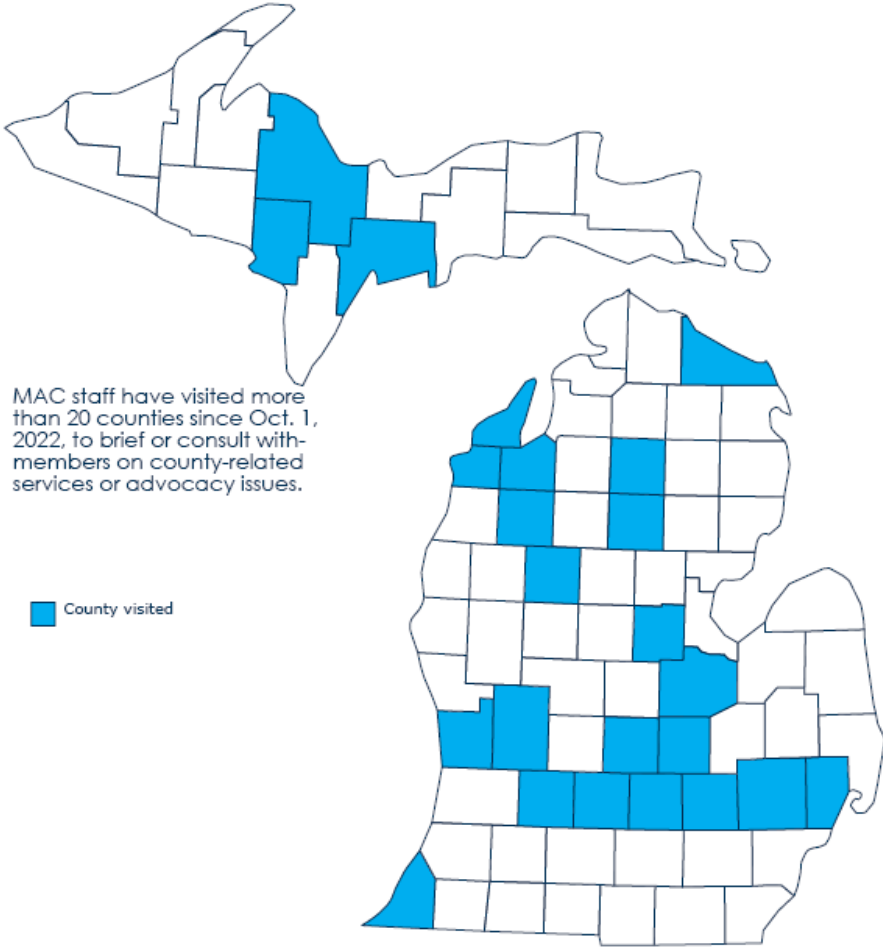
- **Stephan Currie**, Executive Director
- **Deena Bosworth**,
Director of Governmental Affairs
- **Tammi Connell**,
Director of Member Events
- **Amanda Despins**,
Governmental Affairs Assistant
- **Amy Dolinky**,
Technical Adviser, Opioid Settlement
Funds Planning and Capacity Building
- **Vicki Dozier**,
Executive Assistant
- **Madeline Fata**,
Governmental Affairs Associate
- **Kristina Garner**,
Coordinator of Blue Cross and
COBRA Services
- **Samantha Gibson**
Governmental Affairs Associate
- **Derek Melot**,
Director of Communications and
Marketing
- **Jamie Pemberton**,
Director of Finance
- **Gabriel Zawadzki**,
Director, Grant Services Program



State of MAC: Services

Member Outreach

- More than 20 counties visited
- Oct. 1, 2022-April 20, 2023





Upcoming Events

2023 NACo Annual Conference

- July 21-24, 2023
- Austin (Texas) Convention Center
- Registration open at naco.org

2023 Michigan Counties Annual Conference

- Oct. 1-3, 2023
- Radisson, Kalamazoo
- Registration to open in early August





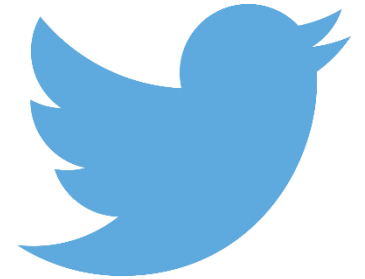
Communications

- Full suite of social media channels
- Podcast 83 is MAC's video briefing on news and trends in county government
- Website has county resolutions database; digital advocacy tools; conference archives

State of MAC: Services



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Podcast 83



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Looking Ahead

- Continued Opioid technical support staffing in partnership with Vital Strategies
- New Corporate Partnership Program
- Updated **CoPro+** website
The PLUS Makes the Difference

