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NCOGC looking for Open Government Hero Award nominations

Do you know someone who has gone above and beyond to keep records or meetings open? Someone who deserves statewide recognition? The N.C. Open Government Coalition seeks nominations for its Open Government Hero Award, with a preference for someone in government who is doing it right. Please send an email with your nomination to ncopengov@elon.edu.

The award will be given during Sunshine Day, which you can read more about below.

Save the Date: Sunshine Day scheduled for March 14 at Elon University

This year, Sunshine Day will be held from noon to 4 p.m. Wednesday, March 14 at Elon University. Speakers will include experts from Florida, veteran journalists from North Carolina and more than a dozen experts and advocates for open government. We'll release more details about the day when we have them. If you have any questions, contact us at ncopengov@elon.edu.

Lee County sets public records violation in motion

Fayetteville Observer: The Lee County Board of Commissioners voted to change the county's public records policy, which violates the state's public records law, according to the N.C. Press Association. The new policy would require the county to charge a "reasonable fee" for processing records requests.

Read more about the change here: <http://www.elon.edu/e-net/Note.aspx?id=956409&type=atom&departments=NCO&ecast=true&max=8>

CaroMont Health says it did not act illegally in naming new CEO

Gaston Gazette: Questions arose about whether CaroMont Health acted illegally in naming a new president and CEO after the board's vote wasn't done in public. CaroMont says the vote was not the last step in the process, so no public meetings laws were broken.

Read more about the vote here: <http://www.elon.edu/e-net/Note.aspx?id=956376&type=atom&departments=NCO&ecast=true&max=8>

UNC Health Care submits public records request

Daily Tar Heel: The UNC Health Care system submitted a public records request to WakeMed Health and Hospitals two weeks ago for all agendas and minutes from WakeMed's Board of Directors' meetings. WakeMed said it would comply with the request.

Read more about the records request here: <http://www.elon.edu/e-net/Note.aspx?id=956110&type=atom&departments=NCO&ecast=true&max=8>

Editorial: Stick with open government

Greenville Daily Reflector: The Daily Reflector takes the stance that government must act openly, calling it the “only acceptable form of government.”

Read the newspaper’s staff editorial here: <http://www.elon.edu/e-net/Note.aspx?id=955971&type=atom&departments=NCO&ecast=true&max=8>

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