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NCOCG News

At our November board meeting, we officially swore in our new officers and two new board members. Please send them a hearty welcome.

President: Steve Riley

Vice-President: Sue Rowland

Secretary: Pauletta Brown-Bracy

Treasurer: Beth Grace

New Board Members: Annette Privette-Keller and Kelley O'Brien

SAVE THE DATE: Sunshine Day will be held during Sunshine Week, which runs March 11-15. NCOGC Vice President Sue Rowland will head the Sunshine Day committee. If you would like to be a part of the committee, please let her know by emailing her at sue4opengovt@yahoo.com.

SOCIAL MEDIA: Please follow us on Twitter at <http://twitter.com/ncopengov>. We have been posting more open government news to our Twitter page and have received great feedback. Also, don't forget to "like" us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/ncopengov>.

Be on the look out for our Android, iPhone and tablet apps. We'll release more information about the apps in the coming weeks.

NEW WEBSITE: If you haven't been to www.ncopengov.org recently, make a point to point your browser in that direction. We just redesigned the site to make it easier to navigate, particularly if you're a holder or seeker of public records. Take a look around and let us know what you think.

Hurricane Sandy: Government Data Tools Assist Citizens

Information Week: Without the use of government data and technology, alerting the public to prepare for storms like Hurricane Sandy would be almost impossible.

Read more about the importance of government data during natural disasters: <http://www.informationweek.com/government/leadership/hurricane-sandy-government-data-tools-as/240012635> AND <http://techcrunch.com/2012/10/30/like-hurricane-maps-thank-open-government-data-nerds/>

Candidates for governor support prying open some government records

News and Observer: Candidates for governor are interested in the concept of open government, but they're not 100-percent on board with opening up all data and records.

Read more about the candidates for governor and their platforms:
<http://www.elon.edu/e-net/Note.aspx?id=963042>

Vote for transparency when electing judges

Fayetteville Observer: By voting North Carolina Supreme Court Justice Paul Newby and North Carolina Court of Appeals Judge Wanda Bryant as judges for the North Carolina appeals courts, there is a hope for open government in the state.

Read more about the candidates and their involvement in open government:
<http://www.elon.edu/e-net/Note.aspx?id=962974> AND <http://www.elon.edu/e-net/Note.aspx?id=963043>

UNC will release records to media group as part of settlement in FERPA case

SPLC.org: The University of North Carolina will release records regarding past NCAA violations to eight media outlets, after the school reached a settlement with the media organizations. The decision comes after North Carolina Judge Howard Manning ruled earlier in the year that many parts of the documents being withheld should be made public.

Read more about UNC's release of public documents: <http://www.elon.edu/e-net/Note.aspx?id=962973> AND <http://aol.sportingnews.com/ncaa-football/story/2012-11-05/north-carolina-ncaa-investigation-documents-released-public-records>

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