

NDACo

What it does for Counties



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Origins of the Association

Our Beginnings – The History



Today

Member Association
Formation

North Dakota
Statehood 1889

NDACo Member Associations have
been in place almost since statehood.

Dawn of Time



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The State Constitution and Century Code limits the use of public funds, and “member associations” lacked authority to receive county funds for legislative relations.

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Because of these limitations, and at the prompting of the Legislature, a group of county officials came together prior to the 1975 legislative session to develop a structure that would address the limitations.

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11-10-24. Authorization to organize associations of county governments.

1. Counties, organized under the Constitution of North Dakota or organized under any form of county government authorized by the statutes of North Dakota, are hereby authorized upon motion of the board of county commissioners to organize and participate in an association of counties.
2. The organization or organizations authorized hereunder must be organized pursuant to chapter 10-33.

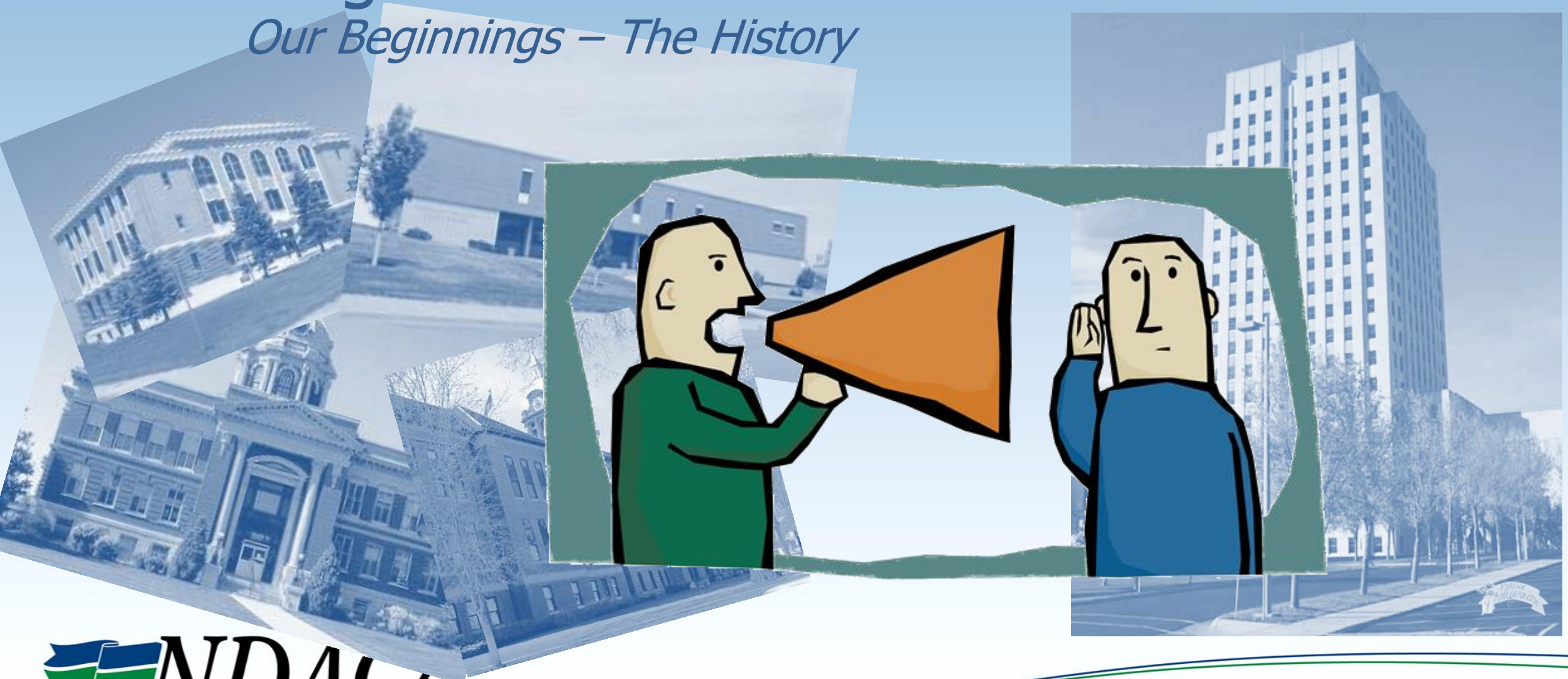
11-11-14. The board of county commissioners shall have the following powers:

...

15. To expend county funds for the purpose of participating in an organization of county governments pursuant to section 11-10-24....

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NDACo ●
Born 1975

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North Dakota Association of Counties was incorporated as a non-for-profit corporation on August 20, 1975.

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Our Beginnings - Mission

ARTICLE II - MISSION STATEMENT

- The North Dakota Association of Counties provides leadership and services to ensure fair, effective, efficient government for the good of all counties.



Current Constitution and By-Laws: [Available at NDACo.org](http://www.ndaco.org)

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The Concept



North Dakota Association of Counties

County Auditors Assoc.
State's Attorneys Assoc.
Sheriffs & Deputies Assoc
Clerks of Dist. Court Assoc.

County Judges Assoc.
Supt. of Schools Assoc.
Register of Deeds Assoc.
County Treasurers Assoc.

County Commissioners Association

Organizational Structure

Membership vs Governance

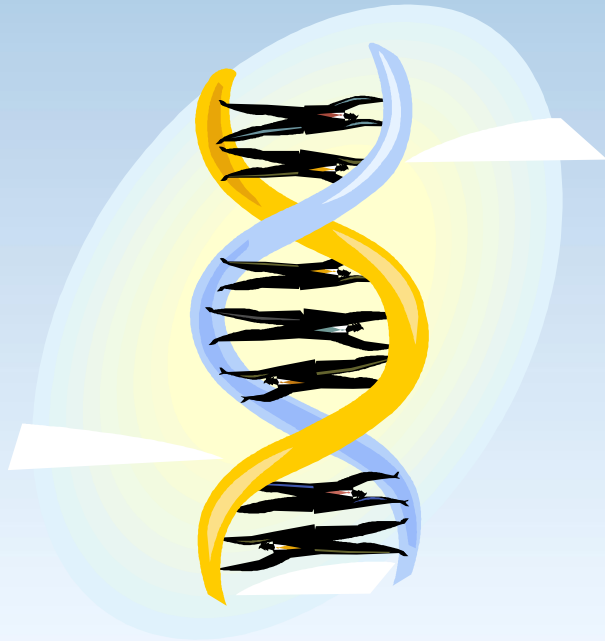
NDACo Members are the
"Counties-Corporate"

County officials that have
paid their annual
membership dues are eligible
to vote and hold office.

Governance of the
Association is through its
Delegate Council and
Board of Directors, which
are composed of county
elected and appointed
officials.

Organizational Structure

Governance Changes



In 1975

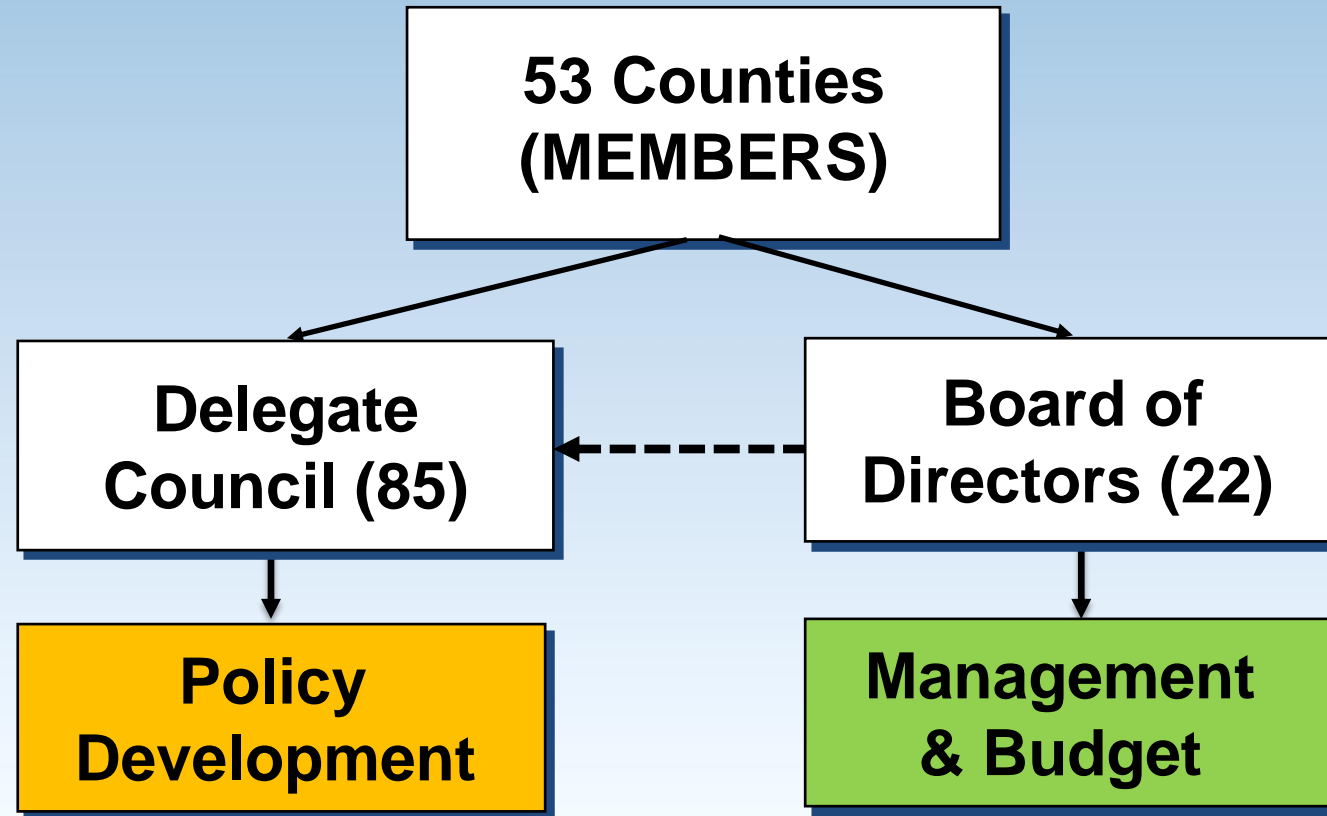
- Commissioners
- Auditors
- Clerks of District Court
- Recorders
- Sheriffs
- State's Attorneys
- Treasurers
- ~~Former County Judges [Removed in 2015]~~
- ~~Superintendents of Schools [Removed in 2019]~~

Added in 2001

- Highway Engineers & Superintendents
- Social Services Directors
- Tax Equalization Directors

Organizational Structure

Governance – Governing Bodies





Tax Status

The Right Choice for NDACo – 501(c)4

Essential Characteristics

Non-Taxable Entity

May Lobby for Members

Limitations

Donations are Not Tax Exempt

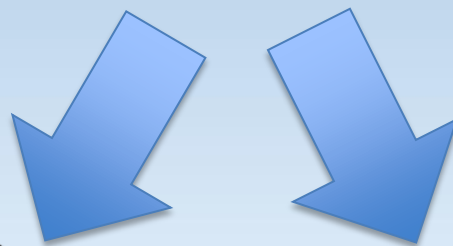
Ineligible for Foundation Grants

Services Limited to Member Groups





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TECHNOLOGY SERVICES



PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT



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NDACo Subsidiaries

Mission & Purpose



- Originally an NDACo program for continuing education

- Established as a non-profit subsidiary of the NDACo in 2000 with a focus of:
 - Foundation grant administration, and
 - Scholarship fund management

- As a non-profit, wholly-owned by a non-profit,
 - The NDACo board is the ILG board of directors,
 - How and when the officers change is the only difference.

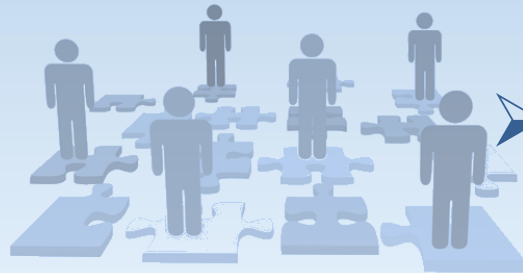


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➤ The Human Resource Collaborative is a joint venture with the ND League of Cities, ND School Board Association, ND Recreation and Park Association, ND Insurance Reserve Fund and the ND Association of Counties.



➤ This is housed in ILG where its charitable tax status facilitated the receipt of a major foundation grant.

➤ The goal of this collaborative is to provide a tool chest of resources relating to human resources and training for local governments.



NDACo Subsidiaries

Mission & Purpose



- Established as a traditional for-profit corporation in 2000, NRG has its own mission: *To provide innovative solutions for business and government.*
- Created to house the technology services for counties, the for-profit status allows NRG to also provide services to non-members – increasing the efficiency of our technology staff, making them better able to deliver cost-effective services to counties.
- The foundation of NRG however is to provide the highest quality, most professional services possible for counties & county officials
- NRG is OWNED by COUNTIES for COUNTIES

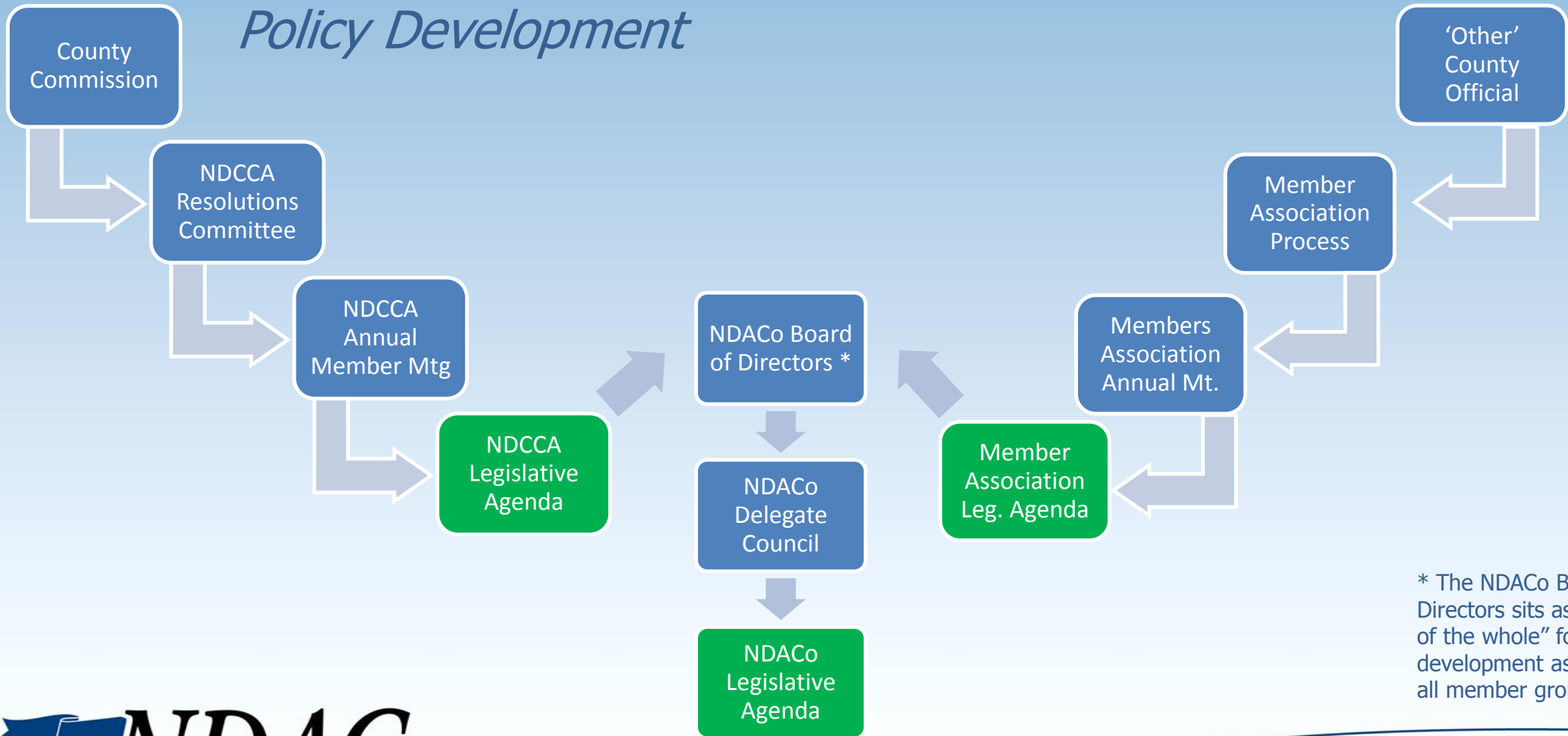




2019 Annual Report

Organizational Structure

Policy Development



* The NDACo Board of Directors sits as a "committee of the whole" for policy development as it represents all member groups

Revenues By Source

