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WASHINGTON -- North Carolina Governor James B. Hunt, Jr., Federal Election Commission Chairman Robert O. Tiernan, Director Alex K. Brock of the North Carolina State Board of Elections, FEC Commissioner Joan D. Aikens and Dr. Gary Greenhalgh, Director of the FEC's National Clearinghouse on Election Administration, will be the main speakers during a two-day Southeast Workshop Conference on Election Administration starting today (January 13) in Winston-Salem, North Carolina. Some 400 election administrators from 10 states are registered for the series of nine workshops.

Sponsors of the two-day conference are the North Carolina Board of Elections and the Federal Election Commission's National Clearinghouse on Election Administration. On Wednesday, January 16, the Commission also will sponsor a seminar on Federal Election laws. Both conferences will be held at the Hyatt House.

States in the Southeast Region are: Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee and Virginia. The Winston-Salem events are the last of five which will have been conducted throughout the United States during the past six months. Previous meetings have been in Madison, Wisconsin; Sacramento, California; Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; and Austin, Texas.

The Conference on Election Administration, which starts tonight, will hear welcoming talks by Mr. Brock and FEC Commissioner Aikens, with a Keynote address by Dr. Greenhalgh.

FEC Chairman Tiernan will be the main speaker at Monday night's banquet, and Governor Hunt will be the main speaker at the Tuesday luncheon.

Nine workshops will be conducted in connection with the two-day regional meeting, starting Monday morning and running through Tuesday, all at the Hyatt House. Specialists in various phases of election administration throughout the country will serve as panelists of the workshops.

The one-day Campaign Finance Seminar on Wednesday will start at 9:00 a.m. and is open to the public without charge. Chairman Tiernan and Vice Chairman Max Friedersdorf will summarize the Federal Election Campaign Act.

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Three two-hour workshops will be held in the morning and repeated during the afternoon with Commissioners Aikens, John McGarry and Frank Reiche joining the Chairman and Vice Chairman in responding to questions relating to reporting requirements of the law, political action committees and party committees. Also participating will be Harriet Robnett, Special Deputy to the Secretary of the U.S. Senate, Douglas Patton, Special Deputy to the Clerk of the U.S. House of Representatives and senior staff members of the Commission.