



2022 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

**With Opportunities,
Good People Do Great Things**



SEPTEMBER 14-16, 2022
CORNHUSKER MARRIOTT HOTEL
LINCOLN, NEBRASKA

Paul Lambert
League President
Mayor, Plattsmouth



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MUNICIPAL TREASURERS AND MUNICIPAL ATTORNEYS: The League will let you know as soon as the State Auditor's Office and the Mandatory Continuing Legal Education Commission informs us of the number of hours each will receive.

Tentative Conference Program (Subject to Change)

Wednesday, Sept. 14, 2022

- 9-10:45 am** **Smaller and Larger Cities Legislative Committees Meeting**
- 11 am** **Annual Meeting of Members of the League Association of Risk Management (LARM)**
- 11:30 am** **Registration** (for Preconference Seminar)
- 12-1 pm** **Delegate Luncheon**
- 1:15-4:15 pm** **PRECONFERENCE SEMINAR: Effective Strategies for Attracting Businesses, Millennials and others to your City or Village:**
- 1) Review the background of how and why the Legislature appropriated funds to the Nebraska Arts Council and passed LB 927 in 2022 to incentivize through grants the formation of "creative districts" to foster innovation and focus on significant cultural tourism projects.
- David Landis**, JD, MPA, Instructor at UNL College of Law, Former Professor in Community Regional Planning, Former Urban Development Director for the City of Lincoln and Former State Senator*
- 2) Learn how Ashland is using the arts as an economic driver by forming a "creative district" and accessing funds appropriated by the Legislature to the Nebraska Arts Council in addition to funds from the Civic and Community Center Financing Fund (CCCCFF) only available in FY 23-24 to municipalities partnering with "creative districts" certified by the Nebraska Arts Council.
- Caleb Fjone**, Director, Ashland Area Economic Development Corporation*
- 3) David Landis will review the ideas of Peter Kageyama, the author of *For the Love of Cities*. Kageyama examines the source of citizen affection and pride in their community. His ideas will surprise you! Landis will share Kageyama's approach for building community loyalty and commitment to help transform your city or village into a more interesting, vibrant and fun place to live and work!
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- 4:30 pm** **Meeting of the LARM Board of Directors**

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Thursday, Sept. 15, 2022

- 7:30 am** **Registration**
Visit Display Area (Coffee and Rolls Available)
- 8-8:15 am** **Welcome**
League President Paul Lambert, Mayor, Plattsmouth
- 8:15-9:15 am** **Promoting Civility in Uncivil Times During Public Meetings and Events**
- 9 am-4 pm** **Fire Chiefs Section Meeting**
- 9:15-9:30 am** **Break** (Visit Display Area)
- 9:30-10:30 am** **What Elected Officials Need to Know to Protect the Financial Assets of their City or Village**
Craig Kubicek, CPA, CFE, Deputy Auditor, Nebraska Auditor of Public Accounts
- 10:30-10:45 am** **Break** (Visit Display Area)
- 10:45 -11:45 am** **League Legislative Report**
L. Lynn Rex, Executive Director, LNM
- 11:45am-12 pm** **Break** (Visit Display Area)
- 12-2 pm** **Delegate Luncheon Honoring League Past Presidents**
Remarks by League President Paul Lambert, Mayor, Plattsmouth
Keynote Speaker
- 2-2:15 pm** **Break** (Visit Display Area)
- 2:15-3:15 pm** **Concurrent Sessions:**
- A. The Changing Landscape and Increasing Challenges of Operating and Funding Assisted Living Facilities and Skilled Nursing Facilities in Nebraska**
(Session repeated at 3:30 pm)
 - B. FEMA/NEMA Disaster Response, Recovery and Resiliency: Learn about critical concepts, opportunities and keys to success!**
(Session repeated at 3:30 pm)
 - C. Update by the Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy on Key Programs, Rules and Regulations Affecting Municipalities**
(Session repeated at 3:30 pm)
 - D. League Insurance Government Health Team (LIGHT):** LIGHT was established at the request of League members to offer a health insurance plan. There was an overwhelming response of League members to the survey relating to development of this program. Please take advantage of this opportunity to learn more about LIGHT and the partnership with Blue Cross Blue Shield of Nebraska and Mutual of Omaha.
(Session repeated at 3:30 pm and Friday's 8 am session)

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4:30-4:45 pm **Break** (Visit Display Area)

4:45-5:45 pm **Section Meetings**

Mayors/Village Board Chairs
City Managers/Administrators
Clerks
Larger Cities
Smaller Cities
Utilities

Make plans to network, visit the display area and enjoy the many restaurants and activities in Lincoln.

Friday, Sept. 16, 2022

7:30 am **Registration**
Visit Display Area (Coffee and Rolls Available)

8-9 am **Concurrent Sessions:**

- A. Effective Security Measures Needed to Protect Municipal Officials, Employees and Citizens Attending Public Meetings and Events**
This session is sponsored by the League Association of Risk Management (LARM).
(Session repeated at 9:15 am)
- B. LB 840 Plans: Update on the laws governing voter approved local economic development plans**
(Session repeated at 9:15 am)
- C. What Municipal Officials need to know about HR: Comparability requirements and other related personnel issues**
(Session repeated at 11 am)

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(Repeat of 8 am session)

C. Annual Members Meeting of the League Insurance Government Health Team (LIGHT): All conference delegates are welcome to attend LIGHT's Annual Members Meeting which will include a special presentation by Michelle Sitorius, LIGHT's Legal Counsel, who will review the requirements of an Association Health Plan (AHP)

10:15-10:30 am **Break** (Visit Display Area)

10:30-10:45 am **Annual Business Meeting**

10:45-11 am **Break** (Visit Display Area)

11 am-12 pm **Concurrent Sessions:**

A. Update by the Department of Economic Development on Community Development Block Grants; Civic and Community Center Financing Fund Grants and Other Important Initiatives

B. What Municipal Officials need to know about HR: Comparability requirements and other related personnel issues

(Repeat of 8 am session)

12 pm **Adjournment.** Have a safe trip home! Please remember to buckle up!

12:15 pm **Meeting of the LIGHT Board of Directors**

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Delegate Registration

Municipality: _____

Name (as you want it to appear on name tag): _____

Title: _____ Spouse (if attending): _____

First League Conference? Yes _____ No _____

Check # _____ enclosed for \$ _____ (Advanced payment encouraged)

Billing address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____ (Required for you to receive link to handbook.)

	Through Aug. 24	After Aug. 24
Wednesday Preconference Seminar attendance: _____	\$110	\$135
(Includes Preconference electronic handbook)		

Thursday & Friday Conference attendance: _____	\$395	\$425
(Includes electronic handbook; meals are extra)		
Per city/village official, League member		

Partial conference attendance: _____		
(Includes electronic handbook; meals are extra)		
Thursday morning only	_____ \$150	_____ \$170
Thursday afternoon only	_____ \$150	_____ \$170
Friday morning only	_____ \$150	_____ \$170

Conference Total: \$ _____

Meals: (not included in registration fee)

Wednesday Luncheon	_____ \$28
Thursday Luncheon	_____ \$28

Meal Total: \$ _____

Grand Total: \$ _____

Conference Information

- ☐ Preregistration deadline is **Aug. 24**. Registrations received after this date will incur higher registration costs.
- ☐ Advanced registrations not cancelled by this date or "no shows" will be billed for any meal tickets reserved.
- ☐ If you need special accommodations or equipment at this conference, contact the League office by **Aug. 24**.

Mail registration and payment to: League of Nebraska Municipalities, 1335 L Street, Lincoln, NE 68508, or fax 402-476-7052

Online registration will be available after Aug. 11; a credit card processing fee will be included in the conference costs.

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- ☐ All conference sessions will be held at the Cornhusker Marriott Hotel, 333 South 13th Street, Lincoln, NE 68508.
- ☐ To make room reservations at the Cornhusker, call 1-866-706-7706 or 402-474-7474 or [book online](#). When calling to reserve a room, please state that you are attending the League's conference to obtain the special room rate. The deadline for reserving a room is **Aug. 24**.
- ☐ The room rate is \$109 for a single or double room with Government ID card. If you need an ID card, contact the League office. Individual guest accounts are payable at check out by cash or credit card.
- ☐ Check in time is approximately 4 pm; check out time is 11 am.
- ☐ Preregistration deadline for delegates is **Aug. 24**. Registrations received after this date will incur higher registration costs.
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- ☐ To meet production schedules for the conference materials, sponsor fund or display table information must be returned by **Aug. 24**.
- ☐ For your comfort, we recommend that you wear layered clothing or bring a jacket because heating and cooling conditions may vary.