



2022 MIDWINTER CONFERENCE

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



Feb. 28-March 1, 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. *The League will follow CDC guidelines and any other applicable health directives to protect conference delegates and comply with the law.*

Tentative Conference Program (subject to change)

Monday, February 28, 2022

- 7:15–7:45 am** **Registration:** Visit Display Areas (coffee and rolls available)
- 7:45–8 am** **Welcome**
*Welcome by League President **Paul Lambert**, Mayor of Plattsmouth*
- 8–8:40 am** **Bipartisan Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act:** \$550 billion for transformative investments in infrastructure projects including funding for safer transportation networks, better water systems and necessary broadband capacities. Learn about the importance of this historic legislation for your municipality!
Representative of the National League of Cities (NLC)
- 8:45–9:15 am** **Key Issues in the 2022 Legislative Session, including the STAR WARS Project**
Speaker Mike Hilgers
- 9 am–4 pm** **Fire Chiefs Section Meeting**
- 9:15–9:30 am** **Break:** Visit Display Areas
- 9:30–10:30 am** **American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act:** Learn how to maximize your ARP Act funds and comply with the significant changes in the “Final Rule” recently issued by the U.S. Department of the Treasury; Key provisions municipal officials need to know!
Representative of the National League of Cities (NLC)
- 10:30–10:45 am** **Break:** Visit Display Area
- 10:45–11:45 am** **League Legislative Update**
L. Lynn Rex, Executive Director, LNM
- 11:45 am–12 pm** **Break:** Visit Display Areas
- 12–1:30 pm** **Luncheon honoring U.S. Senator Deb Fischer and U.S. Representative Don Bacon (NE-02) for their support of the historic Bipartisan Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act**
- 1:30–1:45 pm** **Break:** Visit Display Areas
- 1:45–2:45 pm** **Concurrent Sessions:**
- A. Strategic Visioning and Civic Collaboration Transform Communities:** Learn how other cities and villages are progressing and thriving, despite this pandemic!
(Session repeated at 3 pm)
 - B. NEMA's Review of the FEMA Application Process – From Application to Completion!**
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1:45–2:45 pm

Concurrent Sessions: (con't.)

- D. Recent Rulings by the U.S. Supreme Court on Federal Vaccine Mandates:** The Supreme Court voted to stay the injunction on the healthcare emergency temporary standard (ETS) requiring healthcare workers at facilities receiving federal funding (Medicare and Medicaid) to be vaccinated. What does this mean for your municipality?
(Session repeated at 3 pm)

2:45–3 pm

Break: Visit Display Areas

3–4 pm

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4–4:15 pm

Break: Visit Display Areas

4:15–5:30 pm

Section Meetings:

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

Tuesday, March 1, 2022

8 am

Registration: Visit Display Area (coffee and rolls available)

8:15–9:15 am

Concurrent Sessions:

- A. Opportunities for Grants and More Grants to Transform Your Municipality:** Civic and Community Center Financing Fund (CCCCFF); Community Development Block Grants (CDBGs); and U.S. Dept. of Agriculture Grants (USDA).
(Session repeated at 10:45 am)
- B. Save Money by Reducing Workers' Comp Claims:** The important role of elected and appointed officials in creating an effective safety culture with employees.
(Session repeated at 10:45 am)
- C. Municipal Landbanks (PART I):** Review of LB 424 passed in 2020 and the League's Interlocal Agreement prepared by Cline Williams.
- D. Update on Broadband Grants, Laws, Initiatives and Success Stories!**
(Session repeated at 9:30 am)
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9:30–10:30 am

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(Session repeated at 10:45 am)
- B. Nebraska Accountability and Disclosure Laws:** Protect yourself by understanding the conflict of interest laws when doing business with your municipality.
(Session repeated at 10:45 am)
- C. Municipal Landbanks (PART II):** Update on how municipalities are structuring regional land-banks.
- D. Update on Broadband Grants, Laws, Initiatives and Success Stories!**
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12 pm

Designated Delegates with White Ribbons on Their Name Badges: Greet your State Senator.

12–1:10 pm

Senator Appreciation Luncheon

1:10 pm

Adjournment – Thank you for coming! Please drive safely!

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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:** _____

	Through Feb. 11	After Feb. 11
Conference: (Includes electronic handbook; meals are extra)		
Per city/village official, League member	_____ \$325	_____ \$355

	Through Feb. 11	After Feb. 11
Partial conference attendance: (Includes electronic handbook; meals are extra)		
Monday sessions	_____ \$230	_____ \$260
Tuesday morning only	_____ \$140	_____ \$170

Conference Total: \$ _____

Meals: (not included in registration fee; indicate number needed by **Feb. 11**)

Monday Luncheon	_____ \$26
Tuesday Senator Appreciation Luncheon	_____ \$26

Meals Total: \$ _____

Conference Information

- ☐ Preregistration deadline is **Feb. 11**. Registrations received after this date will incur higher registration costs.
- ☐ Advance registrations not cancelled by this date or "no shows" will be billed.
- ☐ If you need special accommodations or equipment at this conference, contact the League office by **Feb. 11**.

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

[Click here](#) to register online with a credit card.

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Conference Information

Designed for elected or appointed officials, the focus of the **2022 Midwinter Conference** will be current and proposed legislation and how it affects local governments. A highlight of the two-day conference will be the Senator Appreciation Luncheon, which offers municipal officials an opportunity to meet and visit with their State Senators.

Hotel Reservations

- ☐ 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 **Feb. 6**.
- ☐ The room rate is \$110 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 p.m.; check out time is 11 a.m.
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- ☐ To meet printing schedules for the conference materials, sponsor fund or display table information must be returned by **Feb. 11**.
- ☐ For your comfort, we recommend that you wear layered clothing or bring a jacket because heating and cooling conditions may vary.