



# 2023 Municipal Accounting & Finance Conference

**June 21 - 23, 2023**

**Cornhusker Marriott Hotel, Lincoln**

**Let us help you.** This conference is designed for city officials and staff involved in fiscal planning for municipalities. We aim to connect municipal finance professionals with the essential information they need for their job.



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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, June 21, 2023

- 12 pm**                      **Registration for Preconference Seminar**
- 12:30–1:30 pm**        **Lunch**
- 1:30–4:30 pm**        **PRECONFERENCE SEMINAR – Cooperative Financing Structures:** How to work legally and effectively with Public-Private Partnerships, Interlocal Agencies, 63-20 Corporations and Nonprofit Organizations.  
*Mike Rogers, Attorney, Gilmore & Bell, P.C.*  
*Colleen Duncan, Attorney, Gilmore & Bell, P.C.*

#### Thursday, June 22, 2023

- 7:30 am**                      **Registration:** Visit Display Area  
(coffee and rolls available)
- 8–9:15 am**                **Budget Update: Budget Forms, Lid Laws, LB 644 (2021) and Related Issues for FY 22-23**  
*Jeff Schreier, CPA, Senior Auditor-In-Charge, Nebraska Auditor of Public Accounts*  
*Christy Abraham, Legal Counsel, LNM*
- 9:15–9:30 am**            **Break:** Visit Display Area
- 9:30–10:30 am**        **Update on ARP Act Reporting Requirements and Use of Funds**  
*NLC Representative*
- 10:30–10:45 am**        **Grants Available from the Land and Water Conservation Fund and Recreational Trails Program**  
*Hannah Jones, Assistant Division Administrator of Planning, Nebraska Game and Parks Commission*
- 10:45–11 am**            **Break:** Visit Display Area
- 11 am–12 pm**            **League Legislative Report**  
*L. Lynn Rex, Executive Director, LNM*
- 12–1:30 pm**              **Luncheon**  
Welcome by **Dawn Miller**, Director of Finance, North Platte; Chair of the MAFC Committee Honoring **LeAnn Brown**, Former Clerk/Treasurer, Oshkosh; **Jo Leyland**, Former Administrator/ Clerk/Treasurer, Imperial; and **Rod Storm**, Former City Administrator, Blair
- 1:30–1:45 pm**            **Business Meeting**
- 1:45–2:45 pm**            **Concurrent Sessions:**  
**A. Local Projects Transportation Funding Update**  
(Session repeated at 3 pm)



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### Thursday, June 22, 2023 (con't.)

#### 1:45–2:45 pm Concurrent Sessions: (con't.)

- B. Risk Management/Budgeting:** Learn why insurance markets are hardening in Nebraska and elsewhere with increasing costs for property coverages.  
(Session repeated at 3 pm)
- C. Review of Preventative Internal Controls Necessary to Safeguard Municipal Assets**  
(Session repeated at 3 pm)
- D. League Insurance Government Health Team (LIGHT):** Please take advantage of this opportunity to learn more about LIGHT and the partnership with Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Nebraska and Mutual of Omaha.  
(Session repeated at 3 pm)

#### 2:45–3 pm Break: Visit Display Area

#### 3–4 pm Concurrent Sessions:

- A. Local Projects Transportation Funding Update**  
(Repeat of 1:45 pm session)
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#### 4–4:15 pm Break: Visit Display Area

#### 4:15–5:15 pm Concurrent Sessions:

- A. Budgeting Issues and Ideas for Efficiencies When Challenged to Keep "Doing More with Less"**
- B. Utilities Update:** Landlord responsibility for unpaid tenant utility bills.  
(Session repeated Friday at 11 am)
- C. "101" Class on LB 840 Plans:** Review the basics of the Local Option Municipal Economic Development Act.  
(Session repeated Friday at 11 am)
- D. Do we need another topic?**

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

### Friday, June 23, 2023

#### 8 am Visit Display Area (coffee and rolls available)

#### 8:30–9:30 am Concurrent Sessions:

- A. Taking Advantage of State Procurement Contracts**  
(Session repeated at 9:45 am)





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**8:30–9:30 am**      **Concurrent Sessions: (con't.)**

- B. Sales Tax Reporting Requirements**  
(Session repeated at 9:45 am)
- C. Creative Districts:** From July 1, 2023, to June 30, 2024, funds from the Civic and Community Center Financing Fund (CCCFF) only will be available to municipalities partnering with creative districts certified by the Nebraska Arts Council.  
(Session repeated at 9:45 am)
- D. Nebraska Department of Labor:** Update on minimum age requirements, required information to post and other related issues.  
(Session repeated at 9:45 am)

**9:30–9:45 am**      **Break:** Visit Display Area

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(Repeat of Thursday 4:15 pm session)
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(Repeat of Thursday 4:15 pm session)
- C. Open Meetings Act Overview and Issues Update**

**12 pm**      **Adjournment** – Have a safe trip home!



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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 electronic handbook)

	Through June 2	After June 2	Recordings Only (prepayment required)
<b>Wednesday Preconference Seminar:</b> (Includes Preconference electronic handbook)	_____ \$110	_____ \$135	_____ \$110
<b>Thursday &amp; Friday Conference:</b> (Includes electronic handbook) Per municipal official, League member	_____ \$395	_____ \$425	_____ \$395
<b>Conference Total:</b>	\$ _____		

**Meals:** (not included in registration fee; indicate number needed by **June 2**)

Wednesday Luncheon \_\_\_\_\_ \$30  
Thursday Luncheon \_\_\_\_\_ \$30

**Meals Total:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Grand Total:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### Conference Information

- ❖ Preregistration deadline is **June 2**. Registrations received after this date will incur higher registration costs.
- ❖ Advanced registrations not cancelled by **June 2** or "no shows" will be billed for the conference and any meal tickets reserved.
- ❖ If you need special accommodations or equipment at this conference, contact the League office by **June 2**.
- ❖ The conference sessions will be recorded, unless prohibited by the speaker, and emailed to registered delegates for viewing through August 31, 2023.

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

[Click here to register and pay online.](#) \*\*\*PLEASE NOTE -- There is a credit card processing fee included for each item.\*\*\*



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### Conference and Hotel Information

- ❖ All conference sessions will be held at the Cornhusker Marriott Hotel, 333 South 13<sup>th</sup> 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 room block will be released **May 30**.
- ❖ The room rate is \$119 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 **June 2**.
- ❖ For your comfort, we recommend that you wear layered clothing, or bring a jacket, because heating and cooling conditions may vary.