



2023 WINTER CONFERENCE

#2023AMLWC Tentative Agenda

Wednesday, January 11, 2023

12:30 p.m.-2:30 p.m.

TBD

ARKANSAS CITY CLERKS, RECORDERS AND TREASURERS ASSOCIATION (ACCRTA) TRAINING

This session is an orientation for city clerks, recorders and treasurers. This training is especially helpful for individuals who are newly elected or new to their positions. This session will not be recorded.

1:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.

Osage Room, SCC

REGISTRATION (NO ON-SITE REGISTRATION AVAILABLE)

1:00 p.m.-5:30 p.m.

Governor's Hall I-III, SCC

EXHIBIT HALL OPENS

1:30 p.m.

TBD

MLWCP BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

2:15 p.m.-2:30 p.m.

Governor's Hall IV, SCC

INTRODUCTION OF THE VOLUNTARY CERTIFICATION PROGRAM

*2:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m. (1 hour of Level 1 Certification Credit)

Governor's Hall IV, SCC

CITY GOVERNMENT 101:

WHAT IS THE ARKANSAS MUNICIPAL LEAGUE AND HOW DO WE SERVE OUR MEMBERS?

The Arkansas Municipal League is a service and advocacy organization for the cities and towns of Arkansas, but what does that mean? This session will be your chance to learn about the "Big Five" League benefit programs: the Municipal Health Benefit Program (MHBP), the Municipal League Workers' Compensation Program (MLWCP), The Municipal Vehicle Program and Municipal Property Program (MVP/MPP), and the Municipal Legal Defense Program (MLDP). The general managers will provide an overview of their programs and discuss how the League meets the needs of member municipalities of all sizes.

3:30 p.m.-4:00 p.m.

Governor's Hall I-III, SCC

BREAK

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***4:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. (1 hour of Level 1 Certification Credit)**

Governor's Hall IV, SCC

CITY GOVERNMENT 101: WHAT ARE THE SPECIFIC ROLES OF MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS AND PERSONNEL IN MAYOR-COUNCIL AND CITY MANAGER/ADMINISTRATOR FORMS OF GOVERNMENT?

Who is responsible for what within city hall? While the roles individuals play in local government can become confusing, municipal officials who are well-versed in the duties and responsibilities of their elected office can help create a city hall brimming with collaboration, productivity and progress. This session will prove to be of great value to veteran and newly elected officials alike.

5:00 p.m.-5:30 p.m.

Governor's Hall I-III, SCC

BREAK

5:30 p.m.-5:45 p.m.

TBD

STATE AID MAIN STREET PROGRAM UPDATE

****5:45 p.m.-6:45 p.m. (1 hour of Continuing Certification Credit)**

Governor's Hall IV, SCC

TOPICS RELATED TO ARPA PROJECTS AND NLC'S GRANT INITIATIVES

This hour-long session will benefit veteran and newly elected municipal officials and personnel alike. League staff will summarize ARPA Rescue Grant projects, announce new water, infrastructure and other grant opportunities, and discuss how you can participate in the National League of Cities' grant initiatives, such as the Grants Boot Camp and Strong Southern Cities. Current Arkansas municipalities participating in NLC programs will discuss their experiences so you can consider taking part in the spring.

7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m.

Wally Allen Ballroom, SCC

OPENING NIGHT BANQUET

8:30 p.m.-10:00 p.m.

Capital Hotel Mezzanine

OPENING NIGHT DESSERT RECEPTION

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7:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.	REGISTRATION (NO ON-SITE REGISTRATION AVAILABLE)	Osage Room, SCC
7:00 a.m.-8:30 a.m.	HOST CITY BREAKFAST	Governor's Hall I-III, SCC
7:15 a.m.-7:45 a.m.	VOLUNTARY PRAYER SESSION	TBD
8:30 a.m.-10:00 a.m.	OPENING GENERAL SESSION	Governor's Hall IV, SCC
<p><i>Welcome to the Opening General Session of the 2023 Winter Conference. The Presentation of Colors, singing of the National Anthem, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance will kick off our 2023 Winter Conference. Little Rock Mayor, Frank Scott, Jr., will provide the Host City Welcome, followed by our keynote speaker, Dr. Leila Brammer. Dr. Brammer will focus on free and open discourse in a public setting. Ensured in the First Amendment, free and open discourse is a hallmark of American democracy. In our present, heated political climate, municipal officials and personnel face numerous challenges to respond to, facilitate and mediate public discourse. We will examine current divisive discourse and provide municipal leaders with principles and practices to engage the public more productively and effectively.</i></p>		
10:00 a.m.-10:30 a.m.	BREAK	Governor's Hall I-III, SCC
*10:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. (1 hour of Level 1 Certification Credit)	CITY GOVERNMENT 101: ALL YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT (FOIA)	Governor's Hall IV, SCC
<p><i>Signed into law by Gov. Winthrop Rockefeller in 1967, the Arkansas FOIA is one of the most stringent in the country, and municipal officials and personnel must understand the ins and outs of the law. League legal staff will discuss the importance and basics of the FOIA, including legislative intent, public meetings, public records, exemptions and more.</i></p>		
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11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Governor's Hall IV, SCC

ARKANSAS BUSINESS PUBLISHING GROUP TRENDSETTER CITY AND ENGAGE|AR COTY AWARDS LUNCHEON

Join us for lunch as the Arkansas Business Publishing Group recognizes the innovative and forward-thinking cities and towns receiving the 2022 Trendsetter City Award in multiple categories, including infrastructure and water, and education and workforce development.

Engage|AR does an outstanding job awarding to cities and towns the high distinction of being named a Community of the Year. Cities and towns with this honored award have volunteers who gone above and beyond in making their city or town feel like a "Community of the Year."

****1:45 p.m.-2:45 p.m. (1 hour of Continuing Certification Credit)**

Governor's Hall IV, SCC

HOW TO ACCESS NEW SALES TAX INFORMATION FROM DF&A

This session offers an explanation and a walk-through of the DF&A website in relation to the additional sales tax information now available to municipalities. DF&A tax analyst Drew Smith will discuss the new information, how it can be accessed on their site and how the information can be best used in forecasting sales tax dollars for a municipality.

2:45 p.m.-3:15 p.m.

Governor's Hall I-III, SCC

BREAK

***3:15 p.m.-4:15 p.m. (1 hour of Level 1 Certification Credit)**

Governor's Hall IV, SCC

HOW THE 94TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY MAY AFFECT CITIES AND TOWNS OF ARKANSAS: THE GOOD, THE BAD AND PERHAPS THE UGLY?

League staff will review the legislative priorities for the 94th General Assembly and discuss potential legislation that could affect municipalities. The session will also include a review of the League's Be Local. Be Heard. initiative and the importance of local control, and how to build solid relationships with your local legislators.

4:15 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

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5:00 p.m.

DINNER ON YOUR OWN

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7:00 a.m.-Noon	Osage Room, SCC
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7:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	Governor's Hall I-III, SCC
EXHIBIT HALL OPENS	
7:00 a.m.-8:30 a.m.	Governor's Hall I-III, SCC
BREAKFAST	
*8:30 a.m.-9:30 a.m. (1 hour of Level 1 Certification Credit)	Governor's Hall IV, SCC
CITY GOVERNMENT 101: A DAY AT THE CAPITOL DURING THE LEGISLATIVE SESSION	
<p><i>What is a typical day like during the General Assembly, and where am I supposed to park? This session will answer those questions and many more as the League's Legislative Advocacy team walks us through everything you need to know to get around the capitol, what it's like to advocate for Arkansas' cities and towns, and how the legislative process works.</i></p>	
9:30 a.m.-10:00 a.m.	Governor's Hall I-III, SCC
BREAK	
**10:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. (1 hour of Continuing Certification Credit)	Governor's Hall IV, SCC
OPIOID UPDATES AND THE STATUS OF THE OPIOID LITIGATION	
<p><i>Since the 88th Convention in June, much progress has been made not only in opioid funding but also in the hiring of an expert to lead the newly created Arkansas Opioid Recovery Partnership (ARORP) to ensure Arkansas' cities, towns and counties strategically use the funding to create holistic, successful opioid recovery centers for Arkansans suffering from opioid addictions.</i></p>	
11:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.	Governor's Hall IV, SCC
POLYFLUROALKYL SUBSTANCES (PFAS): HOW WIDESPREAD ARE THEY?	
11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.	TBD
LUNCH BUFFET	
1:00 p.m.	TBD
MUNICIPAL HEALTH BENEFIT PROGRAM BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING	
<p><i>The quarterly meeting of the MHBP's Board of Trustees will be held during this time.</i></p>	
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