

IMPORTANT UPCOMING EVENTS

Please consult the League [Web Calendar](#)

Aug 14- [Secondary Bond Market Continuing Disclosure Commitments Webinar](#)

Sept 23- [Inappropriate Behavior in the Workplace: How to Prevent and Mitigate Sexual Harassment and Other Forms of Discrimination-Burlington Twp Community Room, Burlington Twp](#)

Oct 16- [How to Find Grants That Meets your Municipalities' Needs Webinar-Your Computer](#)

Oct 21 -- [Inappropriate Behavior in the Workplace: How to Prevent and Mitigate Sexual Harassment and Other Forms of Discrimination-Galloping Hill Golf Course](#)

Oct 23- [Personnel Manual and Policies Primer- Robert Meyner Reception Center, Holmdel](#)

Oct 29- [Taking the Mystery Out of Applying For Grants Seminar- Crowne Plaza, Monroe Twp](#)

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

By Suzanne Walters, President

We feel that it is vitally important for all elected and appointed officials to be aware of the ethics landscape especially given national, state and local developments. The Annual League Conference offers you an excellent value in keeping your staff well informed. This year the conference offers hundreds of hours of CEU's for your certified staff and education for all municipal officials in the area of ethics. There are at least four educational sessions involving ethics on Wednesday and Thursday of the conference week and our Affiliated Associations are providing additional training specific to their professional needs. For more, visit the [Ethics Resource Center](#).

When you consider all the valuable certification credits and information available for just \$55.00(pre-registration rate), it is clear that this is the best, most cost effective method for you to keep your staff trained. And please take a moment to review the lower hotel rates. The combination of low registration fees and low housing rates make the decision to send your staff easy!

And please remember to register your staff early in August to take advantage of the reduced \$55 rate for members and \$105 for non-members. The rate goes up to \$65.00 on-site for members and \$125.00 for non-members, so be sure to get everyone registered as early as possible.

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99TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE PRE-REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN

-Contact Gayle Krygier at gkrygier@njslom.org or ext. 119

Pre-Registration for the 99th Annual League Conference has begun! Costs for Pre-Registration are \$55.00 for Government Officials and \$ 105.00 for Non-Government Officials. Pre-Registration runs through October 1, 2014. After this Pre-Registration period has ended, attendees must register on-site at the Atlantic City Convention Center. On-site registration rates are \$65.00 for Government Officials and \$125.00 for Non-Government Officials.

For more information on Pre-Registration please visit the Conference website <http://www.njslom.org/99thconf/index.html>

99th ANNUAL CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS

-Visit www.njslom.org

Check for more updates on twitter [@NJ_League](https://twitter.com/NJ_League)

Click on www.njslom.org and go to the link for 99th Annual Conference to get housing forms and a preliminary schedule of topics that will be covered in League sessions. You can also view an early list of exhibitors. Prepare a "must visit" list of vendors.

When scheduling your time at the Annual Conference, don't forget to attend the Consulting Period on Tuesday, November 18 at its new time from 12:30p.m. to 2:30 p.m. where you can speak one-on-one with hundreds of consultants and State agency representatives. Also, be sure to attend the League Business Meeting Thursday, November 21, at 3:30 p.m. in the Sheraton Hotel.

CAMDEN FUNDS BIKE TRAIL WITH THE HELP OF THE KICKSTARTER WEBSITE

The Camden Greenway, which is a part of the Greater Philadelphia Regional Trail Network for Pedestrians and Cyclist, reached their funding goal to help build bike trails in the City of Camden. They did this by raising money, via the website kickstarter.com. Kickstarter is a website that allows individuals to post their films, projects, and other creations on the web and connect with potential funders from around the globe to help them come to light. For more information on the Camden Greenway please visit https://www.kickstarter.com/projects/90627646/connecting-the-circuit-in-camden-the-camden-greenw?ref=nav_search

PENSION SYSTEMS POST EXCELLENT INVESTMENT EARNINGS

-Contact Jon Moran at ext. 121 or jmoran@njslom.org

On July 23, the Director of the State's Division of Investment presented, to the Investment Council, the preliminary report on the performance of the State administered pension systems investments. Pension system assets are comprised of employer payments into the systems, employee payments into the systems and investment earnings.

Preliminary figures show investment earnings equaled 15.9%, just more than twice the 7.9% assumed rate of return. L. Mason Neely, who Chairs the League's Pension Study Committee, noted the following "Good News" for local employers, employees, retirees and property taxpayers.

1. For PFRS (Local), assumed earnings were \$1,569,255,001.00, which will be doubled.
2. For PERS (Local), assumed earnings were \$1,499,700,292.00, which will be doubled.
3. For TPAF (State funded), assumed earnings were \$ 2,339,228,672.00, which will be doubled.

"I did not report the assumed earnings for the State's PFRS or PERS," said Mr. Neely, "but they will also be double what was assumed. Because the local Mayors are making 100% payments and the employees are making 100% payments, the local systems will show a very good valuation when

completed by the actuaries in February, next year.” For more information on this contact Jon Moran, Senior Legislative Analyst at 609-695-3481 ext. 121 or jmoran@njslom.org.

WOODBIDGE TOWNSHIP WILL HOST THE NEW JERSEY SENIOR OLYMPIC GAMES

-Contact Woodbridge Township Senior Olympic Chairpersons Pat Trombetta at 732-636-3910 or Frank St. Marie at 732- 636-9439.

Woodbridge Township will again host the New Jersey Senior Olympic Games on September 5, 6, and 7, 2014. We at the League are very happy that Mayor John E. McCormac has asked us to forward this invitation – and challenge – to reach out to your Senior community to encourage participation and attendance in the upcoming statewide New Jersey Senior Olympics. We have also posted Mayor McCormac’s personal invitation to all New Jersey Mayors at <http://www.njslom.org/notices/NJLM-Mayor-Challenge-NJSO-July-2014.pdf>.

You can access the New Jersey Senior Olympics Registration Book at <http://www.njslom.org/notices/NJ-Senior-Olympics-Registration-Book-7-2014.pdf>. It provides an excellent overview of the games and the exciting competition that Senior athletes can expect as they engage in the competitive sporting events. With your support and encouragement, we are confident that New Jersey’s Senior athletes – as well as non-athletes - from your town will make a strong showing at the 2014 New Jersey Senior Olympic games.

So... let’s get the word out. New Jersey Senior athletes needed to compete in the 2014 Senior Olympic Games!!! For more information about the 2014 New Jersey Senior Olympics, go to: www.njseniorolympics.com or www.twp.woodbridge.nj.us call the New Jersey Senior Olympic Headquarters at 973-618-1111; or contact Woodbridge Township Senior Olympic Chairpersons Pat Trombetta at 732-636-3910 or Frank St. Marie at 732- 636-9439.

ELECTED OFFICIALS HALL OF FAME NOMINATIONS

-Contact Michael Darcy ext. 116 or mdarcy@njslom.org

In recognition of the many municipal governing body members who are selflessly serving for twenty or more years, the League of Municipalities is pleased to once again accept nominations for the Elected Officials Hall of Fame. www.njslom.org/hallelec_cover.html.

This special honor is reserved for those governing body members, active and retired, who have served twenty years in elected municipal office. As you know, these special elected officials have governed their municipalities for lengthy tenures, guiding their communities through the good times and troubled times, with little recognition.

The Elected Officials Hall of Fame will shine a light on these pillars in our communities and hold them up as an example of civic pride for all citizens to emulate.

In a special ceremony in February 2015, during the Mayors Legislative Day at the State House, there will be a presentation to these special elected municipal officials. They will be inducted into the Elected Officials Hall of Fame and their picture will appear in the League magazine, *New Jersey Municipalities*.

If you know of any elected municipal officials, not currently in the Elected Officials Hall of Fame, who have served at least twenty years in elected municipal office, please click on the link to download the form <http://www.njslom.org/2015Hall-of-Fame-Nomination.pdf> .The form may be copied if you want to make several nominations. Please mail the form(s) back to League office by December 1, 2014 so they may be included in the ceremony. Confirmations will be mailed to the nominees in January, 2015.

You may view a full list of all Hall of Fame inductees at the League Website www.njslom.org.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE ABOUT YOUR CEU'S AT THE
2014 LEAGUE CONFERENCE**

-Contact Danielle Holland-Htut at ext. 118 or dholland@njslom.org
Check for more updates on twitter [@NJLeague](https://twitter.com/NJLeague) or <http://www.facebook.com/njleague>

In order to expedite the CEU Tracking process, the League will have badge scanning in every classroom at the Atlantic City Convention Center. All attendees looking to earn CEU's must follow the process mentioned below.

For Sessions with CEU's

- There will be no CEU Volunteers present at the doors. Instead attendees will self scan-in and out. Desktop Scanners will be present at the entrance of each room.
- Following the conference, the attendees will log on to the Tracking System website and download their CEU's the same way they have done in previous years.

All ATTENDEES scanning for credit MUST self scan in and out. This is a requirement of all accrediting bodies to receive CEU's.

VOLUNTARILY VERIFY YOUR ATTENDANCE AT CONFERENCE SESSIONS

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- For those attendees who aren't receiving CEU's but wish to track their attendance, they have the option to self scan in and out of every session utilizing the badge scanners in each classroom.
- Following the Conference, attendees can access their attendance verification by logging-on to the League Tracking System from a link on the League website, and utilizing their badge number, print out their attendance verification

**NOMINATIONS SOUGHT
FOR MAYORS HALL OF FAME**

-Contact Michael Darcy ext. 116 or mdarcy@njslom.org

The League is accepting nominations for the [2014 Mayors Hall of Fame](#). To qualify, a mayor must be serving in at least their tenth cumulative year for the silver level or twentieth year for the gold level. Mayors who rotate into office can qualify after holding the office of mayor for ten years.

Qualifying mayors will be inducted into the New Jersey State League of Municipalities Mayors' Hall of Fame during the Mayors' Luncheon at the Annual Conference Wednesday, November 20 in Atlantic City. For nomination forms and more information about the Mayors' Hall of Fame, visit the [Mayors Corner](#) or contact the League at 609-695-3481 ext.116.

**12TH ANNUAL MICHAEL A. PANE AWARD NOMINATIONS
ARE NOW BEING ACCEPTED**

-Contact Gayle Krygier at ext. 119 or gkrygier@njslom.org

In honor of the Memory of Michael A. Pane, the twelfth annual award will be presented to a professional (attorney, engineer or planner) that personifies outstanding ability, integrity, and a high standard of ethics in his or her dealings with local government. This award includes a \$500 honorarium.

The award ceremony will be held during the League's annual conference in Atlantic City, on Thursday, November 20th during a session of the New Jersey Institute of Local Government Attorneys. Nominations for this award will be accepted through September 30, 2014. Please fax, mail or email your nomination to:

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“The League thanks the NJLM Educational Foundation for making this possible and is honored to participate in the Memorial Fund and the Award in memory of Michael A. Pane.”
said League Executive Director William G. Dressel Jr.

“Mr. Pane set the highest standards for himself and for local government, and it is the purpose of this award to recognize a person who has through the same likeness, exemplified, and perhaps is the role model for the local government community.”

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS THIRTEENTH ANNUAL INNOVATION IN GOVERNANCE AWARDS

-Contact Michael Darcy at ext. 116 or mdarcy@njslom.org

The New Jersey Department of Community Affairs and the New Jersey League of Municipalities continue to recognize *Innovation in Governance* through an annual recognition program.

This year, the *Innovation in Governance* Awards include any innovation undertaken by New Jersey municipal government in the past 24 months. We invite you to submit any recent innovative municipal initiatives for recognition. Any innovation in any department or program can be submitted for recognition.

This program was established to highlight exemplary local government programs that provide innovative and practical approaches to solving municipal problems and concerns. At the same time, we will share these innovative approaches with municipal leaders throughout the state at the 99th Annual League of Municipalities Conference Mayors Luncheon on November 19, 2014 at the Sheraton Hotel, Atlantic City.

This year's judges include: League Past Presidents Paul Maticera and Plainsboro Mayor Peter Cantu; Tom Neff, Director, Division of Local Government Services, DCA, and League Executive Director Bill Dressel.

Applications can be downloaded from the New Jersey League of Municipalities' and the Department of Community Affairs' websites, at www.njslom.org and www.nj.gov/dca respectively. The nomination deadline is October 1, 2014.

If you have any questions on the Innovation in Governance awards, please contact Michael Darcy at the League of Municipalities 609-695-3481 ext 116 or MDarcy@njslom.org

LEAGUE ORDINANCE AND SHARED SERVICE AGREEMENTS LIBRARIES UPDATED

-Contact Taran Samhammer at ext. 124 or tsamhammer@njslom.org

The League is pleased to announce a significant upgrade to its online Ordinance and Shared Service Agreement libraries. Both libraries have been redesigned and reformatted to make it easier for you to navigate and more quickly find the information you are seeking. Some of the new functionality includes the ability to search both libraries by category or do your own keyword searches.

The Shared Service Agreements (SSA) Library has been expanded and updated with hundreds of new Shared Service Agreements covering a wide variety of services that can be implemented to deliver services more efficiently at a lower cost to help you save tax payers money.

Please note that the Ordinances and Agreements are actual documents adopted by New Jersey municipalities and are provided as received. The individual documents are not necessarily endorsed as best practice models by the League, but are provided as a valuable tool to help guide you in the creation of your own documents. We recommend you use them as a framework for your municipal attorney and governing body to draft an ordinance or shared services agreement that is specific to your municipal needs.

We invite the League's member municipalities to continue submitting copies of their ordinances and shared service agreements that deal with current topics of interest to other New Jersey municipalities.

Visit the new libraries now by visiting www.njslom.org/bureau/ordinances-ssa.html