

IMPORTANT UPCOMING EVENTS

Please consult the League [Web Calendar](#)

Dec 9-[Immigrant Wage Theft Webinar-Your Computer](#)

Dec 11- [A Review of the Farmland Assessment Guidelines Webinar, Your Computer](#)

Jan 10-[Orientation for Newly Elected, Re-Elected, or Experienced Officials, Sheraton, Eatontown](#)

Feb 4- [23rd Mayors Legislative Day-Statehouse, Trenton](#)

Feb 7- [Orientation for Newly Elected, Re-Elected, or Experienced Officials, Renaissance Meadowlands Hotel, Rutherford](#)

Feb 28- [Budgeting For Elected Officials – Conference Center at Mercer, West Windsor](#)

- ✓ Thank You Conference Volunteers
- ✓ Mayors Hall of Fame
- ✓ Retain Conference Information Digitally
- ✓ Women in Government Day
- ✓ Newly Elected Officials Orientation
- ✓ Mayors Legislative Day
- ✓ Budgeting for Elected Officials Seminar

FROM THE PRESIDENT

By, Mayor Brian Wahler, President

I am very grateful to have this opportunity to serve as President of the New Jersey League of Municipalities. I deeply regret that Mayor Gerry Tarantolo was denied the opportunity to serve as League President. He would have been an excellent President; I wish him well. I congratulate my predecessor, Mayor Suzanne Walters of Stone Harbor, for her stewardship of the League and I hope that I can live up to the standards she set during her tenure as President. I look forward to working with Mayor Walters as well with our Executive Director, Bill Dressel, the Members of the Executive Board and all other League Members and Staff. I will continue to rely on these experienced professionals for support and wise counsel.

I promise this year will be a year where our voices will continue to be heard – loud and clear. Our great state of New Jersey has a multitude of issues that can no longer be swept under the rug or put off until another day. *That other day is here.* Critical issues such as the diminishing transportation trust fund, property taxes, pensions and affordable housing can no longer remain unresolved. The League must remain front and center on these problematic issues. We will work closely with our Legislators – both sides of the aisle. It's time to seize the day.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE CONT

I'm particularly excited that the League will be celebrating its 100th Anniversary this year. The League, with its long and prestigious history has always been a significant voice for our citizens and will, no doubt, continue for another 100 years. I urge all of you to continue to support the League and to become more involved so that you can help us shape a better future for all the people of our Garden State. I thank you for calling me to this office.

THANK YOU CONFERENCE VOLUNTEERS

-Contact Bill Dressel, ext. 122 or bdressel@njslom.org

Many conference delegates wonder how the League is able to conduct the country's largest municipal conference with a full time staff of just 18. The answer is you! In the back of the conference program, you will see a listing of mayors who served on various committees. Although the list is extensive, it cannot possibly include all the mayors who work to make our conference successful every year. Mayors play an integral role by helping to produce sessions, moderating, working on committees, and auditing important sessions. Your dedicated service enables nearly 18,000 attendees to come together for one week of invaluable learning and networking each year. Thank you for making the 99th Annual Conference a great success.

2014 MAYORS' HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

At the 99th Annual New Jersey League of Municipalities Conference in Atlantic City, then League President Suzanne Walters and officials from throughout New Jersey honored the most recent inductees to the Mayors' Hall of Fame.

The League established the Mayors' Hall of Fame to recognize mayors who have served for over 10, 20 or 30 years. "Serving as mayor for decades is a commitment of time and energy over the long haul. These mayors have obviously made a long-term commitment as leaders to better their communities. They have had a chance to see their communities grow and change over the years and to work to make a difference" said League Executive Director Bill Dressel. "They deserve to be recognized."

In 2014 for the first time, a new level was established, the White Level, for mayors currently serving more than 30 years in office as mayor.

The members of the 20th induction class of the Mayor's Hall of Fame were honored during a special ceremony during the Mayors Box Luncheon on Wednesday November 19 in Atlantic City.

List of Inductees:

Silver Level

Independence Township	Honorable Robert M. Giordano
Monroe Township (Gloucester)	Honorable Michael F. Gabbianelli
North Brunswick Township	Honorable Francis M. Womack, III
Palisades Park Borough	Honorable James M. Rotundo
Swedesboro Borough	Honorable Thomas W. Fromm
Tenafly Borough	Honorable Peter S. Rustin
Voorhees Township	Honorable Michael Mignogna

Gold Level

Southampton Township	Honorable James F. Young, Sr.
Surf City Borough	Honorable Leonard T. Connors, Jr.

White Level

Haworth Borough	Honorable John Dean DeRienzo
Plainsboro Township	Honorable Peter Cantu
Port Republic City	Honorable Gary B. Giberson

RETAIN CONFERENCE INFORMATION DIGITALLY

View the [interactive online floor plan](#) and a searchable exhibitor directory. Files of speakers' power point presentations can be downloaded after the conference from the League conference web page via the link <http://www.njslom.org/99thconf/conf-presentations.html>

SAVE THE DATE!!- WOMEN IN MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT "WOMEN IN GOVERNMENT DAY" - MARCH 20, 2015

-Contact Lori Buckelew ext 112 or lbuckelew@njslom.org

The Women in Municipal Government committee will be holding their 7th annual "Women in Government Day" on Wednesday, March 20, 2015 at the Princeton Marriott. More details to follow.

SEMINAR FOR NEWLY ELECTED AND RE-ELECTED OFFICIALS

-Contact Danielle Holland-Htut ext. 118 or dholland@njslom.org

Every year the League offers this important program in two locations throughout the state to help serve the needs of municipal officials who are new to their positions or want a timely update on issues. Each seminar includes a special luncheon open forum discussion designed to specifically update and answer questions from newly elected officials. Attend these programs and get the information and answers you need about your new responsibilities. See the calendar on the top of the newslines or, the [calendar](#) on our web site for locations.

ATTEND THE 23rd ANNUAL MAYORS LEGISLATIVE DAY

-Contact Danielle Holland-Htut ext. 118 or dholland@njslom.org

Be sure to register for the 23rd Annual Mayors Legislative Day to be held February 4, 2015 at the State House Annex in Trenton. This is a great way to kick off your administration by hearing about the State's legislative agenda from the Governor, Administration officials, and key members of the Senate and Assembly. For more information please click on the following link: <http://www.njslom.org/seminar-documents/Mayors-Legislative-Day.html>

NEW PROGRAM "BUDGETING FOR THE ELECTED OFFICIAL: EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW TO CREATE, BALANCE, AND APPROVE YOUR MUNICIPALITY'S BUDGET"

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Creating and approving a feasible budget is one of the most important tasks of an Elected Official. It is also one of the most complex and time consuming tasks. To aid in this endeavor, the League has created a special half day program geared towards Elected Officials to help them in understanding the Municipal Budgeting Process. The program will take place on Saturday, February 28, 2015 at the Conference Center at Mercer. Additional program details and registration fees are available at: <http://www.njslom.org/seminar-documents/ElectedOfficial022815.html>