

November 2015

IMPORTANT UPCOMING EVENTS

Please consult the League [Web Calendar](#)

Dec 1- ["OPRA In Depth: Redactions, Personal Privacy, Security, ACD, and Attorney Client Privilege - Double Tree Hotel, Tinton Falls](#)

Dec 4- [Managing Escrow Accounts for Land Development Applications Webinar , Your Computer](#)

Dec 10- [A Review of the Open Public Records Act Webinar, Your Computer](#)

Jan 9- [Orientation for Newly Elected, Re-elected, or Experienced Officials, Renaissance Meadowlands Hotel](#)

Jan 23 - [Orientation for Newly Elected, Re-elected, or Experienced Officials, Hotel ML, Mount Laurel](#)

Feb 3- [24th Annual Mayors Legislative Day- Statehouse Annex, Trenton](#)

Feb 20- [Budgeting for the Elected Official: Everything you Need to Know to Create, Balance, and Approve Your Municipalities' Budget:- Conference Center at Mercer, West Windsor](#)

- ✓ A Century of Gathering
- ✓ Consulting Period has been replaced with Consulting Meetings
- ✓ Attention Mayors
- ✓ Mayors Information Center
- ✓ Elected Official Hall of Fame
- ✓ CEU Scanning At Conference

FROM THE PRESIDENT

By Mayor Brian Wahler, President

As you make plans to attend this year's Conference, I especially want you to attend the [League's Business Meeting on Thursday, November 19, at 3:30 p.m.](#) at the Sheraton Hotel. Only the Mayor or their official designee can vote, but we welcome all municipal officials into the discussion of League business.

Here are some very important conference deadlines and cost saving ideas. Take a moment to review these and get all your municipal staff prepared for the Annual League Conference November 17-19, 2015.

The Annual League Conference is the most cost effective way to get your staff trained and up to date on the latest ways to efficiently serve your constituents. Registration is now done on site for \$65 for government officials and \$125 for non-government registrants and can be paid for by voucher, check, or cash.

A [Mayors' Luncheon](#) with a cabinet level briefing will be held Wednesday, November 19. Click here to see the speaker line up and order tickets.

Check the full list of League sessions and CEUs for your staff at the [conference web page](#) .

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A CENTURY OF GATHERING – THE ANNUAL LEAGUE CONFERENCE

In 1916 League leadership held a one-day meeting to gather its membership and educate them on current issues. The convention consisted of an early morning session devoted to a business meeting and the afternoon portion consisting of addresses by three out-of-state municipal leaders.

Out of the success of this first meeting it was decided that it should become a yearly event, and over the years the size of the League's Annual Conference has grown immensely. What started as a one-day meeting is now a three-day conference with over 15,000 attendees, 600 companies exhibiting, and over 170 League educational sessions and additional affiliate sessions occurring. The Conference is also host to the Mayors Box and Delegates Luncheons, awards ceremonies, and the Women in Government Breakfast. (Information on these ticketed functions may be found at njslom.org/100thconf/delegates.html.) The NJLM Business Meeting, to which all members are invited, is also held during Conference week.

To read this article in full, pick up a copy of the November issue of *New Jersey Municipalities* magazine (subscription required). [New Jersey Municipalities](#) is the League's official monthly magazine publication (available in print or [digital format](#) by subscription), and will be highlighting the League's centennial each month throughout the year 2015.

NEW CONSULTING MEETINGS REPLACE CONSULTING PERIOD

-Contact Becky Wright at ext 110 or bwright@njslom.org

In 2015 Conference attendees will see a change made to a long-standing feature of the Conference, the Consulting Period. For many years, the Consulting Period has been an in-person event held at a set time during Conference week, which presented a chance for attendees to speak face to face with over 60 state program directors and experts. Striving to meet the growing interest in utilizing technology and focusing on individualized opportunities, the League staff has creatively developed a new way of providing this valuable service.

This function is riding the new wave of communications tools; and for the first time, the new "Consulting Meetings" will be available. A list of contacts have been made available on the League's website and in the onsite Session Program, allowing Conference attendees the opportunity to schedule face-to-face meetings with state program directors, area experts, and grant givers. Conference attendees are encouraged to set-up meetings with participating consultants before Conference week to occur at a mutually agreeable time during Conference week. Take advantage of the ample space for one-on-one and small group meetings in the exhibit hall lounges and atrium lobby. The list of 2015 Consultants can be found at njslom.org/100thconf/consulting.html.

ATTENTION MAYORS

As your community's Chief Executive, we offer the following amenities at this year's Annual Conference November 17-19:

- *MAYORS RIBBONS*-Available at the League Information Center near the top of the second floor escalator.
- *MAYORS' INFORMATION CENTER*- a place for mayors to gather their thoughts, gain information, have a coffee break and catch up with colleagues
- *MAYORS 17th ANNUAL LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES SURVEY*-Early in October, the Mayors 17th Annual Legislative Priorities Survey was mailed to each of you. Additional copies of this survey are available at the League Information Center.

VISIT THE MAYORS' INFORMATION CENTER

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

The Mayors' Information Center continues to provide mayors a place to gather their thoughts, gain information, have a coffee break and catch up with colleagues. Now it is located behind booth 2500 in the exhibit hall, the Mayors' Information Center can also serve as an office while in Atlantic City. The Information Center offers major daily newspapers, position statements and space for a small meeting. Also do not forget to drop off your Mayors survey at the Mayors Information Center.

Thanks to the courtesy of **Atlantic-Tomorrows Office (booths 1819-1918)** the League's copy and fax services are also made available to mayors. Mayors may use their courtesy copier at the Mayors Information Center. Mayors may also send/receive faxes at the registration area near entrance "C". See League staff for access to a fax. The fax number at the registration area, beginning Tuesday, November 18th is (609) 449-3928. Please instruct those sending faxes to include a cover sheet with the recipient mayor's name.

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 have selflessly served for twenty or more years, the League of Municipalities is pleased to once again accept nominations for the Elected Officials Hall of Fame.

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 2016, 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/Hall-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, 2015 so they may be included in the ceremony. Confirmations will be mailed to the nominees in January, 2016.

You may view a full list of all hall of fame inductees at the league website http://www.njslom.org/hallelec_cover.html

IMPORTANT NOTICE ABOUT YOUR CEU'S AT THE 2015 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.