

August 2017

IMPORTANT UPCOMING EVENTS

Please consult the League [Web Calendar](#)

October 4-

[Labor Negotiations: Understanding Collective Negotiations, the Impact of the Sunset of Chapter 78 and the Future of the 2% Interest Arbitration](#)
Cap-Doubletree Hotel, Tinton Falls

October 11-

[Creating and Maintaining an Ethical Environment - Holiday Inn Hasbrouck Heights](#)

October 25-

[Creating and Maintaining an Ethical Environment](#)
Hotel ML, Mount Laurel

Nov 14-16-

[102nd Annual League Conference-Atlantic City](#)
Convention Center, Atlantic City

- ✓ 102nd Conference Pre-Registration is Now Open
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- ✓ Innovation in Governance Awards
- ✓ 15th Annual Michael A. Pane Awards
- ✓ Mayors Hall of Fame
- ✓ Woodbridge to host Senior Olympic Games

FROM THE PRESIDENT

By Mayor Albert B. Kelly, President

We feel that it is vitally important for all elected and appointed officials to be aware of the ethics landscape. The Annual League Conference offers you an excellent value in keeping your staff well informed. This year the conference offers several sessions of the topic ethics in government. For more information on these sessions, visit the 102nd Annual Conference page at:

<http://www.njslom.org/2017conf/index.html>

Also please remember to register your staff early in August to take advantage of the Pre-Registration rate of \$55 for members and \$105 for non-members. Pre-Registration ends on October 1st. After that, the registration rate raises to \$65.00 on-site for members and \$125.00 for non-members, so be sure to get everyone registered as early as possible.

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. 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!

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102nd ANNUAL CONFERENCE PRE-REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN

-Contact Johnnifer Harris at jharris@njslom.org or ext. 119

Pre-Registration for the 102nd 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, 2017. 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/2017conf/index.html>

102nd ANNUAL CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS

-Visit www.njslom.org

Check for more updates on twitter @NJ_League

Visit the Conference webpage at <http://www.njslom.org/2017conf/index.html> 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. Also, be sure to attend the League Business Meeting Thursday, November 16, at 3:30 p.m. in the Sheraton Hotel.

BEWARE OF SCAM CONFERENCE HOUSING COMMUNICATIONS

-Contact Dee Kotch at ext 115 or dkotch@njslom.org

It has come to our attention that there are unauthorized firms soliciting housing and hotel reservations from League conference attendees.

Please Note: The only firm authorized to handle our conference housing reservations is AC Central Reservations. They will not call, email or contact anyone unsolicited.

Here is their website: <http://acrooms.com/events/NJSLOM2017/>

Using unauthorized reservation services creates real problems for you and the conference as a whole. You cannot be assured your credit card or financial information is secure and your room reservation may not actually be made. Also, your room will not be part of the official conference housing block so you won't get emergency housing information nor will there be adequate shuttle bus services to your hotel.

As always, the League is available to answer your questions on any aspect of the annual conference and we strive to make your participation both enjoyable and highly productive.

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR FIFTEENTH ANNUAL INNOVATION IN GOVERNANCE AWARDS

-Contact Ciara Bradley at ext. 128 or cbradley@njslom.org

The New Jersey Department of Community Affairs and the New Jersey League of Municipalities will again acknowledge and promote Innovation in Governance through our annual recognition program. This is a great opportunity to showcase innovative solutions to any problems that have cropped up – either suddenly or over time – in your municipality. It can also be an opportunity to let your peers in on innovations that prevented problems from even arising.

This year, the Innovation in Governance Awards Committee is looking for any original approaches in public administration undertaken by a Garden State municipality during the past 16 months – from the

beginning of June 2016 to September 30, 2017. Any innovation in any department or program will be considered for recognition.

This program was established to highlight exemplary local government activities that exhibit creative and practical approaches to local problems and concerns. We will share the winning entries with municipal leaders at the 102nd Annual League of Municipalities Conference Mayors' Luncheon on Wednesday, November 15, 2017 at the Sheraton in Atlantic City, and in the December issue of our magazine, New Jersey Municipalities.

This year's judges will be League Past Presidents Paul Maticera and Plainsboro Mayor Peter Cantu, Tim Cunningham, Director of the Division of Local Government Services, and League Executive Director Michael Darcy.

The application can be accessed by clicking on either of the links below:

- League of Municipalities website – 2017 Innovation Application
- Department of Community Affairs website – Innovation Application and Letter

The nomination deadline for this program is October 2, 2017. Accordingly, we encourage you to forward this information to the appropriate people in your municipality today, giving them ample time to meet our deadline.

If you have any questions on the Innovation in Governance awards, please contact Ciara Bradley at the League of Municipalities 609-695-3481 ext. 128 or cbradley@njslom.org

**15TH ANNUAL MICHAEL A. PANE AWARD NOMINATIONS
ARE NOW BEING ACCEPTED**

Contact Johnnifer Harris at (609) 695-3481 x119 or jharris@njslom.org

In honor of the memory of Michael A. Pane, the fifteenth 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.

Mr. Pane personified and promoted integrity in local government, and it is the purpose of this award to recognize an individual who has over a period of years, demonstrated the same professional commitment to service, and who by so doing, has set high standards that all involved in local government should strive to match.

The award ceremony will be held during the League's Annual Conference in Atlantic City, on Thursday, November 16th, during a session of the New Jersey Institute of Local Government Attorneys. Nominations for this award will be accepted through September 30, 2017. 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 promotion of the Michael A. Pane Award." said League Executive Director Michael J. Darcy. A list of past award winners may be seen at <http://www.njslom.org/hallfame.html>

**NOMINATIONS SOUGHT
FOR MAYORS HALL OF FAME**

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

The League is accepting nominations for the [2017 Mayors Hall of Fame](#). To qualify, a mayor must be serving in at least their tenth cumulative year for the silver level, twentieth year for the gold level, or 30th year for the platinum 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 15 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.

WOODBIDGE TOWNSHIP TO HOST NEW JERSEY SENIOR OLYMPIC GAMES

-For more information visit www.njseniorolympics.com

Woodbridge Township is proud to host the New Jersey Senior Olympic Games for the 11th consecutive year. On September 8, 9 and 10, 2017, more than 1,300 Senior Olympians from throughout New Jersey will again visit Woodbridge Township to participate in the three-day Olympic competition. New Jersey Senior Olympians will find world-class competition venues, sport and athletic facilities – including the Woodbridge Community Center (WCC), The Club at Woodbridge, and newly upgraded Woodbridge High School running track and event fields – all of which make Woodbridge Township the ideal location for the senior games.

After the daily competition, the Senior athletes, spectators, families and friends are encouraged to enjoy an evening in Woodbridge. Explore Main Street and other downtown districts where you will find the best “Buy Local” shopping and dining in the region.

For more information visit www.njseniorolympics.com