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1 | Conference Attendees to Visit WSU 3DExperience Center

We are going to start highlighting sessions for the League's Annual Conference in each week's League News. This year, the League is working with Wichita State University to offer a mobile workshop on Monday, September 18 at the 3DExperience Center. The **3DEXPERIENCE® Center**, a partnership with Dassault Systemes, involves an interconnected community of top researchers, corporations and laboratories to accelerate innovation. The 22,000 sq. ft. facility at Wichita State University offers the expertise and technology for companies to accelerate their innovation. Aerospace and other industries can target improvements from concept to production and extend to operations - all while facilitating certification. The **3DEXPERIENCE Center** enables companies to engage in advanced product development and the manufacturing of next-generation materials and technologies.

Visit our website (<http://www.lkm.org/page/AnnualConference>) to register for the League's Annual Conference and find out more about planned sessions and educational opportunities.

2 | KOMA/KORA MTI Set for August

Maintaining openness in government is a key responsibility for elected and appointed city officials. It is critical that city and county attorneys, along with elected and appointed officials, have a working knowledge of both the Kansas Open Meetings Act (KOMA) and Kansas Open Records Act (KORA). This workshop provides an in-depth legal analysis of both KOMA and KORA. The changes regarding executive session motions will be covered.

This MTI is a core class and the League recommends that any city official attend the class. Three locations will be offered in August: Neodesha (August 11), Edwardsville (August 18) and Garden City (August 25). Register online today (http://www.lkm.org/events/event_list.asp)! Cost to attend this course is \$100 for members, \$125 for nonmembers. Lunch and KOMA/KORA manuals provided. This MTI has been submitted for CLE and IIMC approval.

3 | EA Mosher Nominations Due August 11

Do you know of an elected city official who has demonstrated outstanding service to their community, is actively committed to strong local government and participates with the League of Kansas Municipalities? Consider nominating the elected official for the EA Mosher Excellence in Local Government Award.

Nominees for the E.A. Mosher Excellence in Local Government Award must meet the following qualifications:

- Must be an elected official from a League member city;
- Must have held elective office for a minimum of four years;
- Must demonstrate contributions that have had a significant impact on the quality of life of the citizens of his or her city;
- Must demonstrate contributions in promoting positive intergovernmental relationships; and
- Must show involvement with the League.

Guidelines for the selection of the 2017 award winner are as follows:

- Nominations will not be accepted after 5:00 p.m. on **August 11, 2017**;
- Nominations may be made by any elected or appointed official of a League member city;
- The Awards Committee of the League Governing Body will select the award recipient; and
- The winner's name will be kept confidential until the presentation at the League Annual Conference in Wichita.

For a nomination form, please e-mail Anna DeBusk (<mailto:adebusk@lkm.org>). Named in honor of E.A. Mosher, League Executive Director from 1960 to 1991, this award is designed to honor excellence and leadership at the highest level.

4 | Governing Body Nominations Due August 25

The League is seeking nominations for individuals wishing to serve on the Governing Body. Both elected and appointed officials are welcome to apply by using the form online (<http://lkm.org/page/GovBodyNomination>). The positions of president, vice president and director are open for nominations. The Governing Body meets six times a year, providing guidance to the League executive director for the organization's direction. We seek a broad and varied collection of directors, preferring diversity of geography, municipal position, city size, race and gender among the director membership. The League asks that all nominations be submitted by **Friday, August 25**.

5 | Read Your Kansas Government Journal Yet?

In this month's Kansas Government Journal, the League staff provided a review of the 2017 legislative session. The City of Plainville's efforts to engage residents in the Hometown Showdown contest are featured with insight on how cities can use social media to grow community participation. Find your copy today or read a preview online (<http://www.lkm.org/?page=KGJCoverPromo>).

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