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## **1 | Conference Preview: Public Sector Retirement and the Development of Compensation Packages**

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The League is excited to announce a special session for this year's annual conference! We've partnered with the National League of Cities to bring in two national experts on public sector retirement to discuss recruitment and retention of quality public servants. NLC staff will lead the conversation with an overview of national and state retirement. Alex Brown with the National Association of State Retirement Administrators will discuss a range of topics pertaining to public retirement system administration and policy. Amber Snowden, with the Center for State and Local Government Excellence (SLGE) will provide practical insight on attracting and retaining talented public servants. This session will delve into the key issues municipal leaders should consider when developing compensation packages for public employees to balance both human resource/workforce needs and fiscal responsibility.

**This special session will be held on Sunday morning prior to the keynote with National League of Cities CEO and Executive Director Clarence Anthony.** Make sure to mark your calendar for Sunday, September 17 at 8:30 a.m. for the presentation at our annual conference in Wichita. View our online conference registration (<https://lkm.site-ym.com/page/AnnualConference>).

## **2 | Are you registered for KOMA/KORA training?**

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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](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 | Kansas Fire Marshal Administrative Rules & Regulations**

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League staff attended a meeting of the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules and Regulations on August 2 to review the new regulations being proposed by the State Fire Marshal (SFM). Several of the committee members had been contacted in advance and they challenged the SFM and encouraged him to withdraw the regulations and work with municipalities to assure home rule/local control is protected. The SFM agreed to withdraw the current proposed regulations and to meet with those raising concerns to draft new regulations. For more information on this issue, please contact Eric Smith (<mailto:esmith@lkm.org>).

## **4 | EA Mosher Nominations Due August 11**

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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.

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. Submit nominations online (<http://www.lkm.org/?page=Excellence>).

## 5 | League Offers Two Revised Publications

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The League's legal staff recently completed revisions on two popular municipal manuals. Order your copies online today to help your city navigate the complex issues of municipal governance:

**Kansas Open Meetings Manual:** Since its enactment in 1972, the Kansas Open Meetings Act (KOMA) has contained a body of standards for conducting open government meetings. **The 2017 Session resulted in substantive changes to the procedure for recessing into executive session.** The League is pleased to offer this updated informative manual on the subject for policymakers, attorneys and administrators alike. It represents our most complete and considered advice on KOMA to date. Order Online (<https://lkm.site-ym.com/store/ViewProduct.aspx?id=6207546>).

**Personnel Policies & Guidelines:** Good personnel management is essential for the efficient and effective functioning of city government. It is difficult to overestimate the importance of productive, competent employees in achieving the city's goals and policies. Personnel administration can also be an effective tool in city management. This manual presents a model set of personnel policies and guidelines for Kansas cities. Order electronic (<https://lkm.site-ym.com/store/ViewProduct.aspx?id=6224325>) or standard (<https://lkm.site-ym.com/store/ViewProduct.aspx?id=6207021>) version.

## 6 | Governing Body Nominations Due August 25

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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.

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