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1 | **Conference Preview: Creating Cities for All Ages**

Kansas communities are changing in many ways. One significant shift is an aging population and city functions that will be needed to accommodate the Boomer Generation. Cathy Boyer-Shesol with MidAmerica Regional Council's Cities of All Ages initiative, will present at the League Conference about national trends on aging, the impacts increased adult populations have on cities, creating policies for "age-friendly" cities and rural areas, and will give tips on how a community can begin to address these challenges and opportunities.

Make sure to book your reservation for the League's Annual Conference, Sept. 16-18 in Wichita. View our online conference registration (<https://lkm.site-ym.com/page/AnnualConference>).

REMINDER!! The hotel cut-off date for reserving a room at the headquarter hotel (Hyatt Regency Wichita) is **August 24**...and there aren't many rooms remaining. The deadline to register for the annual conference, without late fee is September 1. Act quickly! Here's the hotel Information Online (<http://www.lkm.org/?page=ConferenceHotels>). Please make sure to book your conference reservation and then book a hotel room.

2 | Need KOMA/KORA Training? Two Opportunities Left this Month!

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 any city official attend the class. Two classes remain this month: Edwardsville (August 18) and Garden City (August 25). Register online (http://www.lkm.org/events/event_list.asp) today! 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 | Policy Committee Update

This week, two policy committees met at the League offices to discuss their priorities for the upcoming 2018 legislative session. Next, week, the remaining two committees meet before producing a final draft of the Statement of Municipal Policy for the Governing Body to review at their upcoming meeting in Hays. This policy development process is very important to our organization and is a great way for local government officials to stay involved and have a say in the League's legislative efforts.

4 | League Offers Two Revised Publications

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.

5 | 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.

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