As we plan for the 2019 Annual Conference, we are seeking feedback and ideas from members. We’ve developed a quick online survey asking your opinion about topic session ideas, feedback on the conference structure, and whether or not our members would like to see “tracks” based on population, experience in local government, position in local government, or topics (i.e. public works, budgeting, personnel, etc.).

Take our survey online.

**Register Now for Local Government Day**

The League of Kansas Municipalities will once again co-host Local Government Day, an event for our members, with the Kansas Association of Counties on January 23, 2019. City officials from all across the state will gather for an exciting and informative day.

City and county officials are then invited to join us for an evening reception with legislators at the Capitol Plaza Hotel. All legislators are being invited to this event.

This event is free to attend, but please register/RVSP so we can get an accurate headcount for refreshments.

**Legislative Session Starts Soon - Sign Up for our Webinar**

The Legislative Session begins January 14, 2019! The League will hold a legislative preview webinar on Thursday, January 10, 2019 from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.

The League membership approved the Statement of Municipal Policy (SMP) at the Annual Conference providing direction to League staff on issues important to cities. Our Action Agenda for 2019 includes Internet sales tax collection, protection of Home Rule and the First Amendment, alternative property valuation, tax lid repeal, municipal budget time lines, workers’ compensation, and EMS/hospital funding. View the SMP online. Contact Deputy Director Trey Cocking with legislative questions.

Register for the webinar online. This webinar is available to the first 100 League members who register.

**Swearing In Set for January 14**

Governor-elect Laura Kelly and Lt. Governor-elect Lynn Rogers will be sworn in at 11 a.m. on Monday, January 14, 2019 on the south lawn of the Kansas Capitol. The day will be filled with inaugural activities beginning with the swearing in at 11 a.m. Seating will be limited at the swearing in but it is free and open to the public. Additional, ticketed events will be ongoing throughout the day.

We look forward to working with Governor Kelly and Lt. Governor Rogers and their administration in the coming years.
City Clerk Manual Updated for 2019

City Clerks serve in a vital city position and daily face a wide variety of responsibilities. To help the city clerk better serve their community, the League has worked to develop a resource guide beneficial to both the new and the experienced city clerk. The City Clerk’s Manual is a valuable reference tool. By incorporating state and federal law, the manual provides an up-to-date roadmap of municipal law essentials. In addition to containing the city clerk’s statutory duties, the manual also contains a number of sample forms, ideas and other suggestions that we hope you find useful in the day-to-day functions of the City.

For 2019, the League updated the City Clerks Manual with a supplement addressing significant legislative changes since the last publication in 2017. If your city already has a copy of the City Clerk’s Manual, you will receive a copy of the 2019 supplement in the mail. Follow the instructions with the supplement to update your copy. To order a copy of the City Clerk’s Manual with the supplement for 2019, visit our website.

Cereal Malt Beverage License Changes in 2019

In anticipation of the April 1, 2019 changes to cereal malt beverage (CMB) license rules, the League has prepared a new model ordinance. On April 1, 2019, all CMB licensed businesses will be able to sell beer containing not more than 6% alcohol by volume. Most city ordinances only reference the ability to sell CMB so, the new model authorizes the sale of “Enhanced Cereal Malt Beverage” which is defined as the combination of CMB and beer containing not more than 6% alcohol by volume.

The January/February edition of the Kansas Government Journal will have a more detailed explanation of all the changes but we wanted to provide our members with the model ordinance now so there is time to work through any questions before April 1, 2019. The model ordinance can be found at our website. The Director of Alcoholic Beverage Control has also established rules to allow CMB businesses to accept delivery of beer not containing more than 6% alcohol beginning on March 1, 2019. The rules provide for the businesses to stock the higher alcohol content beer and secure it in a way to assure there are no sales prior to April 1, 2019. The memo explaining the rules for this process can also be found on our website. For questions regarding this CMB license change, contact Deputy General Counsel Eric Smith at (785) 354-9565 or by e-mail.