LEAGUE POLICY COMMITTEES NOW FORMING

Registration is now open for the League's Policy Committee meetings. The League's Policy Committees, which are open to representation from all cities, are charged with developing policy recommendations and proposing amendments to the League's Statement of Municipal Policy (SMP). There are three committees that are focused in specific areas: Public Officers & Employees, Utilities & Environment, and Finance & Taxation. Following the meetings of each of those committees, the Legislative Policy Committee reviews the recommendations of the three specific committees and the remainder of the SMP.

These will be hybrid meetings, so you have the option to join virtually or in person in Topeka. The deadline to register is one week before each meeting. These meetings are free to attend, and lunch will be provided.

Please click on the policy committee titles below to register or visit our website to learn more about policy committees.

- Public Officers & Employees: Tuesday, August 17
- Utilities & Environment: Thursday, August 19
- Finance & Taxation: Wednesday, August 25
- Legislative Policy: Wednesday, September 1

Contact Kaitlyn Willis if you have any questions.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

Registration is now open for the League's Annual Conference taking place Oct 9-11 in Topeka. Register early for the best rate!

Information about the conference is available at our website, with updates coming in the weeks to follow, including final breakout session topics, schedule of events, and more.

Please read the conference FAQ page for other important information.

Additionally, the former Capitol Plaza Hotel is undergoing a change in management and is now Hotel Topeka at City Center. Online reservations will be available soon while they transition their system, but in the meantime, you can still call the hotel directly at (785) 431-7200 and mention you are with the League to secure the special rate.
LEAGUE LAUNCHES MUNICIPAL REVENUE SURVEY

The League launched the Municipal Revenue Survey on Tuesday, July 20. If you are the person who will be taking the survey for your city, and you have not received a link please reach out to Wendi Stark and she will send you a link for your city.

The questions in the survey are to gain feedback on:

- Local municipal tax revenues such as property taxes, local Sales & use taxes, or motor vehicle taxes;
- Local non-tax revenues such as State aid & shared funds, Enterprise Fund Transfers, or Public Safety fees & charges;
- City-Owned utilities such as cable TV, electric, natural gas, solid waste, sewer, water, and stormwater rates;
- Fees, Permits & Licenses such as animal license fees, building & construction fees, swimming pool fees, planning and zoning, or other fees and charges

We understand this is a lengthy survey and you may need to consult multiple departments, therefore we are providing you with a PDF link of the questions to assist you in collecting this key data.

Each city that completes the survey will have free access to the final report and data, which the League will provide after the survey is complete. The last time the League collected this data was in 2019. If you have questions or need additional information, contact Research Associate Wendi Stark at (785) 354-9565.

CYBERSECURITY SURVEY LAUNCHED - YOUR INPUT NEEDED

The State of Kansas, in partnership with the National Governors Association (NGA) Policy Academy on Advancing Whole-of-State Cybersecurity, is inviting you to participate in a survey on your cybersecurity prevention and response capabilities. As part of an effort to best collaborate and coordinate resources, we need your input on capabilities and needs specific to your jurisdiction. Responses will remain confidential and anonymous.

Kansas is one of five states to participate in the NGA’s efforts, where states will focus on critical issues surrounding state cybersecurity. With a focus on cybersecurity governance, Kansas is looking to identify the key roles and responsibilities of a unified statewide cybersecurity governance structure and establish a unified statewide cybersecurity strategy. This survey and NGAs information will assist the newly-created Governor’s Cybersecurity Task Force in creating the state’s strategy and encouraging collaboration amongst levels of government. Contact Jeff Maxon or John Guerriero if you have questions on the survey.

BROADBAND AVAILABILITY AND ACCESS SURVEY

Help us understand broadband access in Kansas! Test your internet connection and take a short 12-minute survey. This project is being conducted by the Institute for Policy & Social Research at the University of Kansas and will help us find ways to improve internet connections and quality in Kansas. Take the survey.
Kansas Women Leading Government Chapter

After much work and organizing the Kansas chapter of WLG is now active and hosting its first event. Join them for a networking happy hour on Wednesday, July 28 from 5-7 p.m. at the Transport Brewery at 11113 Johnson Drive in Shawnee. Registration is not required, but it helps them a lot if you say you’re going or interested on their Facebook event.

KSWLG is planning both virtual and in-person monthly events from now on please be sure to give them a follow at @KSWLG.

Excellence in Local Government Award Nominations Open

Now is the time to nominate a Kansas elected city official who has demonstrated outstanding service their city AND shown an active commitment to strong local government and service to the League of Kansas Municipalities. The E.A. Mosher Award is a prestigious honor and we look forward to naming the 2021 EA Mosher Excellence in Local Government Award winner at our annual conference in October. Nominations can be done online.

STO and UPOC Manuals will start shipping out in early August.

You can order them online now.