The League invites nominations from city officials to serve on the League Governing Body. The Governing Body consists of 12 directors, a president, vice president and past presidents who meet six times each year to provide direction to the organization.

We seek a diverse membership by region, size of city, race, gender, ethnicity, and elected and appointed officials. Members of the Governing Body are expected to make a commitment to attend all meetings and possibly participate on subcommittees. Any travel expenses are paid by each member’s city. If you are interested in submitting a nomination, simply complete our online form.

**Legislative Session Begins January 10**

The Kansas Legislature will convene on Monday, January 10. As always, the League will be actively engaged and monitoring issues and legislation that affects our member cities. We encourage you to stay connected to the League and monitor issues as they arise. We will provide legislative updates each week and quickly inform you when we feel cities need to directly contact your legislators on important issues and movements that affect municipal policy.

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 26, 2022. Registration is now open, and a schedule of events and additional information can be found at our website.

Local Government Day provides an opportunity to make appointments to visit your legislators about issues that are important to your community. Legislative leadership will join us late in the afternoon for programming, followed by a reception where all legislators are invited to attend to network with city and county government officials.

This event is free to attend, but please register so we may get an accurate headcount for evening refreshments.

**Statement of Municipal Policy**

The League’s Statement of Municipal Policy (SMP) is revised each year to reflect the League’s advocacy goals and priorities for the upcoming legislative session. Our SMP is a member-driven process and sets the legislative priorities for our advocacy during the legislative session.

For more information, please review the full 2022 SMP.
DEADLINE EXTENDED FOR OPIOID SETTLEMENT PARTICIPATION

If you haven't taken action on the opioid settlements yet, you still have some time. Non-litigating cities have until January 31, 2022 to file all the required documentation to participate and receive settlement funds pursuant to the Kansas Fights Addiction Act. You can find information on these settlements and the required steps on the League's website at

Check out our website for resources and instructions and contact John Goodyear with any questions.

League Orientation Materials

The League is excited to release two NEW training/education pieces for cities. We have updated our Newly Elected Officials Guide to Governing. This is a downloadable publication you can print off and provide to new or returning elected officials that breaks down some of the basics of local government – effective meetings, KOMA basics, role of the mayor, etc.

We also produced a video that your city council/elected officials can watch any time at their convenience with our tips for successful public service and orientation to elected office. Thank you to former League Past President Sara Caylor (Ottawa Mayor) and former League Deputy Director Trey Cocking for sharing their ideas on how to get started in public service and get ready to lead!

We have the 52 Tips for Public Service online as well. Everything is easily printable and can be good additions to council packets as you onboard your new council and mayors over the coming weeks!

We have all of these resources and more at our website – please take a few minutes to look over the materials. Encourage your elected officials to sign up for League News, too. Just e-mail Megan Gilliland with e-mail addresses to be added to the League News distribution list.