

WEDNESDAY - JANUARY 11

1:00 P.M. – 7:00 P.M.

REGISTRATION Osage and Caddo, SCC

1:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M.

VISIT WITH GOVERNMENTAL

AGENCIES Governor's Hall I-II, SCC

Governmental agencies have been invited to exhibit in Halls I and II. Drop by during the breaks and exhibit hall hours to visit with them about services their agencies might offer to your municipality.

2:00 P.M.

MLWCT BOARD MEETING Manning Room

3:00 P.M. – 6:30 P.M.

CITY GOVERNMENT 101 Governor's Hall IV, SCC

Learn about what makes Arkansas cities unique as well as who does what at city hall. (This session is for those who have not had City Government 101. It is a core class in which you will receive 3.5 hours of certification credit. Break will be included.)

Presiding: Mayor Harry Brown, Stephens
President, Arkansas Municipal League

4:00 P.M.

MHBF BOARD MEETING Manning Room

The January 2017 quarterly meeting of the Municipal Health Benefit Fund's Board of Trustees will meet.

7:00 P.M. – 8:30 P.M.

OPENING NIGHT BANQUET Wally Allen Ballroom

Legislators and constitutional officers will be invited to attend. Municipal officials that have obtained their "Certified Municipal Official" status and "Continuing Certified Municipal Official" status will be recognized.

Presiding: Mayor Harry Brown, Stephens
President, Arkansas Municipal League

Speakers: Honorable Jonathon Dismang, State Senator
President Pro Tempore
Honorable Jeremy Gillam, State Representative
Speaker of the House
Honorable Tim Griffin, Lieutenant Governor
State of Arkansas (invited)
Honorable Leslie Rutledge, Attorney General
State of Arkansas (invited)
Honorable John Thurston, Commissioner of State Lands
State of Arkansas (invited)
Honorable Mark Martin, Secretary of State
State of Arkansas (invited)
Honorable Andrea Lea, State Auditor
State of Arkansas (invited)
Honorable Dennis Milligan, Treasurer of State
State of Arkansas (invited)

8:30 P.M.

POST BANQUET RECEPTION Capital Hotel

After the Opening Night Banquet walk across the street to the beautiful Capital Hotel. Meet hosts from Stephens Inc. Delicious desserts and beverages will be provided as well as an opportunity for you to tour the Capital Hotel.

Reception hosted by Stephens Inc.

THURSDAY AM - JANUARY 12

7:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M.

REGISTRATION Osage, SCC

7:00 A.M.

BREAKFAST Governor's Hall I-II, SCC

7:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.

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7:15 A.M. – 7:45 A.M.

VOLUNTARY PRAYER SESSION Fulton Room

A time to gather and pray for those who lead our nation, state and municipalities.

8:45 A.M. – 10:00 A.M.

OPENING GENERAL SESSION Governor's Hall IV, SCC

The Winter Conference officially begins with the Presentation of Colors and the singing of the National Anthem.

Presiding: Mayor Harry Brown, Stephens
President, Arkansas Municipal League

Speaker: TBA

10:00 A.M. – 10:30 A.M.

BREAK Governor's Hall I-II, SCC

10:30 A.M. – 11:30 A.M.

GENERAL SESSION II: THE 91ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY-
WHAT WE CAN EXPECT Governor's Hall IV, SCC

A panel of media representatives has been invited to share their thoughts and ideas about the 91st General Assembly.

Presiding: Mayor Doug Sprouse, Springdale
First Vice President, Arkansas Municipal League

Moderator: Roby Brock, Executive Producer and Host
Talk Business & Politics

Speakers: Andrew DeMillo, Capitol Correspondent
The Associated Press
Bill Vickery, Managing Partner (invited)
Capitol Advisors Group

11:30 A.M. – NOON

GENERAL SESSION III: PREPARING FOR THE LEGISLATIVE SESSION —
AML POLICIES AND GOALS Governor's Hall IV, SCC

Presiding: Mayor Doug Sprouse, Springdale
First Vice President, Arkansas Municipal League

Speakers: Don Zimmerman, Executive Director
Arkansas Municipal League
Jack Critcher, Legislative Liaison
Arkansas Municipal League

THURSDAY PM - JANUARY 12

NOON

VOLUNTEER COMMUNITY OF THE YEAR AWARDS LUNCHEON..... Wally Allen Ballroom

The 2016 Community of the Year Award winners will be recognized. The Honorable Asa Hutchinson, Governor of Arkansas, has been invited to speak and then present the awards.

Presiding: Mayor Harry Brown, Stephens President, Arkansas Municipal League

2:00 P.M. - 3:15 P.M.

GENERAL SESSION IV: THE NEW AMENDMENTS — THEIR IMPACT ON ARKANSAS CITIESGovernor’s Hall IV, SCC

This past election the voters passed two significant constitutional amendments that will have an impact on Arkansas cities. The significance of these amendments is yet to be determined. This afternoon’s speakers will inform city officials on what to expect when these amendments are fully implemented.

Presiding: Mayor Doug Sprouse, Springdale First Vice President, Arkansas Municipal League

AMENDMENT 98 (ISSUE 6)

Speaker: Bud Roberts, Director Alcohol Beverage Control Division

AMENDMENT 97 (ISSUE 3)

Speakers: Mike Preston, Executive Director (invited) Arkansas Economic Development Commission Terra Aquia, Research Associate Arkansas Center for Research in Economics Mark Hayes, Director of Legal Services Arkansas Municipal League

3:15 P.M. - 3:30 P.M.

BREAK.....Governor’s Hall I-II, SCC

3:30 P.M. - 5:00 P.M.

SESSION 1: THE CONCLUSION OF CITY GOVERNMENT 101 Governor’s Hall III, SCC

(This session is a core class in which you will receive 1.5 hours of certification credit. This will conclude the 5 core hours needed for those who have not had City Gov. 101 certification.)

Presiding: Mayor Doug Sprouse, Springdale First Vice President, Arkansas Municipal League

3:30 P.M. - 5:15 P.M.

SESSION 2: ISSUES OF INTEREST.....Governor’s Hall IV, SCC

Tourism and Highways are issues of interest to city officials. During this session we will learn from various speakers on how these issues could impact your city.

- TOURISM IN ARKANSAS: WHY IT MATTERS
• THE FUTURE OF ARKANSAS HIGHWAYS

(City officials who don’t need City Government 101 core hours will attend this session.)

Presiding: Mayor Harry Brown, Stephens President, Arkansas Municipal League

DINNER ON YOUR OWN

7:45 P.M. - 10:00 P.M.

CONFECTIONS, CORDIALS AND ENTERTAINMENT.....Robinson Center Ballroom

Stroll over to the recently refurbished Robinson Center Ballroom and enjoy delicious deserts and beverages. You are in for a special entertainment treat as Sonny Burgess and the Legendary Pacers perform. Formed in 1955 at Newport, Arkansas, they are one of the pioneers of Rock 'n Roll and have traveled with Johnny Cash, Roy Orbison, Elvis Presley, Jerry Lee Lewis and Patsy Cline.

FRIDAY - JANUARY 13

7:00 A.M. - NOON

REGISTRATION..... Osage, SCC

7:00 A.M.

BREAKFAST..... Gov. Hall I-II, SCC

8:30 A.M. - 4:30 P.M.

CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION..... League Headquarters (City Attorneys will meet for 6 CLE hours.)

8:45 A.M. - 10:15 A.M.

GENERAL SESSION I: LEADING YOUR ORGANIZATION FROM GREAT TO AMAZINGMarriott Grand Ballrooms B&C

Jim Hunt is an author, speaker and consultant who has a passion for cities. He will speak on the need for cities to “reinvent” themselves in order to capitalize on opportunities and to meet challenges. Jim will inspire us to new heights of leadership in a manner that is inclusive of all citizens. (This session will count toward 1.5 hours of continuing education credit.)

Speaker: Jim Hunt, Founder of Amazing Cities and Past President of the National League of Cities

10:15 A.M. - 10:30 A.M.

BREAK.....Atrium of the Marriott Hotel

10:30 A.M. - 11:45 A.M.

GENERAL SESSION II: STEPS TO BUILDING AN INCLUSIVE COMMUNITYMarriott Grand Ballrooms B&C

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CONCLUDING REMARKS.....Marriott Grand Ballrooms B&C

Presiding: Mayor Harry Brown, Stephens President, Arkansas Municipal League

NOON

LUNCH BUFFET..... Marriott Grand Ballroom A

Before you head home, join us for a buffet in the Marriott Grand Ballroom A.

1:00 P.M. - 3:00 P.M.

MHBF SEMINAR ON 2017 PLAN CHANGESMarriott Grand Ballrooms B&C

Attend this seminar and learn of the anticipated plan changes for 2017. This seminar will be the same information presented at the League on October 28th, 2016.

1:00 P.M. - 3:00 P.M.

ACCRTA TRAINING..... Marriott Riverview Room

City Clerk, Recorder, Treasurer 101: 20 things to know pertaining to agendas, packets, ordinances and minutes. This training session is especially helpful for individuals who are newly elected.