

83rd ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE ARKANSAS MUNICIPAL LEAGUE JUNE 14 - 16, 2017

WEDNESDAY - JUNE 14, 2017		
1:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M.	REGISTRATION <i>(Be sure to download the League's meeting App onto your smart device. Search for "AML" in your App Store.)</i>	OSAGE & CADDO ROOMS, SCC
1:00 P.M. to 6:45 P.M.	MEET YOUR EXHIBITORS/RENEW ACQUAINTANCES <i>Use this time to meet the exhibitors and see what products and services they have that could benefit your city. Popcorn and cool beverages will be served throughout the afternoon. Also, take the time to renew acquaintances with fellow municipal officials while relaxing in the Exhibit Hall.</i>	GOVERNOR'S HALLS I - III, SCC
1:30 P.M. to 3:30 P.M.	ARKANSAS CITY CLERKS, RECORDERS, AND TREASURERS ASSOCIATION	ARKANSAS BALLROOM, MH
2:30 P.M. to 5:15 P.M.	DISCOVERING YOUR LEADERSHIP STRENGTHS <i>Every municipal leader can learn how to work together in a more professional manner. Attendees will hear Jim Mathis talk about some of the essential tools for managing, leading and communicating. Discover the strengths of your leadership style. (3 Continuing Education Hours)</i> Presiding: Mayor Harry Brown, Stephens President Arkansas Municipal League Speaker: Jim Mathis, Best-selling Author J&L Mathis Group, Inc. Sponsored by: Raymond James Centennial Bank	GOVERNOR'S HALL IV, SCC
5:15 P.M. to 5:30 P.M.	REPORT FROM THE ARKANSAS TREASURER OF STATE Speaker: Honorable Dennis Milligan, Treasurer State of Arkansas	GOVERNOR'S HALL IV, SCC
3:30 P.M. to 5:00 P.M.	INTERIM JOINT CITY, COUNTY, LOCAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE <i>City officials are welcome to attend this interim legislative committee meeting.</i>	FULTON ROOM, SCC
5:30 P.M. to 6:30 P.M.	RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE <i>Each municipality has a designated representative who is a member of the Resolutions Committee.</i> Presiding: Mayor Doug Sprouse, Springdale First Vice President Arkansas Municipal League	GOVERNOR'S HALL IV, SCC
THURSDAY A.M. - JUNE 15, 2017		
7:00 A.M. to 5:30 P.M.	REGISTRATION <i>(Be sure to download the League's meeting App onto your smart device. Search for "AML" in your App Store.)</i>	OSAGE ROOM, SCC
7:00 A.M. to 5:30 P.M.	EXHIBITS OPEN	GOVERNOR'S HALLS I - III, SCC
7:00 A.M. to 8:30 A.M.	HOST CITY BREAKFAST BUFFET Sponsored by: City of Little Rock	GOVERNOR'S HALLS I - III, SCC
7:15 A.M. to 7:30 A.M.	VOLUNTARY PRAYER SESSION <i>This is a brief time set aside for those who wish to gather to pray for our national, state and local leaders.</i>	ARKANSAS BALLROOM, MH
8:15 A.M.	CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION <i>City attorneys will receive 12 hours of CLE credit for participation in two days of meetings.</i>	LEAGUE HEADQUARTERS

OPENING NIGHT BANQUET
Welcome to the 83rd Annual Convention's Opening Night Banquet. Enjoy a delicious meal and visit with fellow delegates. Speaker Gillam will address the group, and the State and Local Legal Center's Lisa Soronen will update us on U.S. Supreme Court issues. Various legislators and individuals who have made significant contributions to the cities and towns of Arkansas will be recognized.

7:00 P.M.
Presiding: Mayor Harry Brown, Stephens President
Arkansas Municipal League
Invocating: Mayor Doug Sprouse, Springdale
First Vice President
Arkansas Municipal League
Speakers: Honorable Jeremy Gillam
Speaker of the House
State Representative, District 45
Lisa Soronen, Executive Director
State and Local Legal Center

WALLY ALLEN BALLROOM, SCC

POST BANQUET RECEPTION
After the opening night banquet, stroll over and enjoy delicious desserts at the historic Capital Hotel.

Sponsored by: Stephens Inc.

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<p>8:45 A.M. to 10:15 A.M.</p>	<p>OPENING GENERAL SESSION 1</p> <p><i>The 83rd Annual Convention begins with the posting of the colors and the singing of the National Anthem, followed by a Host City Welcome from Mayor Mark Stodola of Little Rock. Motivational speaker Neal Petersen's topic will be "No Barriers-Only Solutions-Working Together."</i></p> <p>Presiding: Mayor Harry Brown, Stephens President Arkansas Municipal League</p> <p>Color Guard by: Little Rock Fire Department Color Guard</p> <p>National Anthem: Officer Allison Walton Little Rock Police Department</p> <p>Host City Welcome Address: Mayor Mark Stodola Little Rock</p> <p>Speakers: Neal Petersen, Best-selling Author and Motivational Speaker Beth Van Duyne, HUD Regional Administrator for Region VI</p> <p>Sponsored by: Arvest Bank Mitchell Williams</p>	<p>GOVERNOR'S HALL IV, SCC</p>
<p>10:15 A.M. to 10:30 A.M.</p>	<p>BREAK</p> <p><i>Soft drinks and coffee available in the Exhibit Hall.</i></p>	<p>GOVERNOR'S HALLS I - III, SCC</p>
<p>10:30 A.M. to 11:15 A.M.</p>	<p>GENERAL SESSION 2 THE IMPACT OF NEW GUN LAWS AND MEDICAL MARIJUANA</p> <p><i>The new gun laws and medical marijuana amendment will be discussed in this session. We will hear from the state's chief law enforcement officer on the new gun laws, followed by information from an expert in the medical marijuana arena.</i></p> <p>Presiding: Mayor Doug Sprouse, Springdale First Vice President Arkansas Municipal League</p> <p>Speakers: Honorable Leslie Rutledge Attorney General State of Arkansas Jeff Sims, President a'TEST Consultants</p>	<p>GOVERNOR'S HALL IV, SCC</p>
<p>11:15 A.M.</p>	<p>GENERAL SESSION 3 REMARKS FROM OUR GOVERNOR AND AN OVERVIEW OF THE 91ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY</p> <p><i>The League's Don Zimmerman will summarize the 91st General Assembly and Governor Hutchinson will address the Convention delegates.</i></p> <p>Presiding: Mayor Harry Brown, Stephens President Arkansas Municipal League</p> <p>Speakers: Don Zimmerman, Executive Director Arkansas Municipal League Honorable Asa Hutchinson, Governor State of Arkansas</p>	<p>GOVERNOR'S HALL IV, SCC</p>

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<p>12:15 P.M.</p>	<p>LUNCHEON BUFFET</p>	<p>GOVERNOR'S HALLS I - III, SCC</p>
<p>CONCURRENT WORKSHOPS</p>		
<p>1:30 P.M. to 2:45 P.M.</p>	<p>1. THE BASICS OF BUDGETING: ARE YOU PREPARED FOR A LEGISLATIVE AUDIT?</p> <p><i>What are the basic building blocks of a municipal budget? Are there things you need to do to prepare for a legislative audit? Were there new acts passed during the last session that might impact the way you budget? The speakers explain.</i></p> <p>Presiding: Mayor Kenneth Jones, Brookland</p> <p>Speakers: Cindy Frizzell, Finance Director Arkansas Municipal League Marti Steel, Deputy Legislative Auditor Arkansas Division of Legislative Audit</p>	<p>WALLY ALLEN BALLROOM A, SCC</p>
<p>1:30 P.M. to 2:45 P.M.</p>	<p>2. THE BENEFITS OF INTERNATIONAL CULTURAL EXCHANGE, SISTER CITIES AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR WORLDWIDE TRADE</p> <p><i>The Sister Cities program provides an opportunity for culture exchange between cities around the world. What about opportunities for developing international trade relations? Attend this session and learn more.</i></p> <p>Presiding: Alderman Doug Matthews, Batesville</p> <p>Speakers: Sherman Banks, Consul General for Ghana Dan Hendrix, President and CEO Arkansas World Trade Center Ghana Delegates</p>	<p>POPE ROOM, SCC</p>
<p>1:30 P.M. to 2:45 P.M.</p>	<p>3. INFORMATION SECURITY AND DATA RECOVERY: WHY IT MATTERS</p> <p><i>In the event of a disaster what disaster recovery plans do you have in place? Is your IT system "hack proof?" Will your plan pass the new Legislative Audit requirements? Security and recovery are critical in today's IT world. Learn what you can do to protect your valuable data.</i></p> <p>Presiding: Mayor Mike Watson, Maumelle</p> <p>Speakers: Chris Hartley, IT Director Arkansas Municipal League Britney Whatley, Manager ACOOOP Dave Mims, Consultant The League's IT in a Box</p>	<p>CARAWAY ROOMS III, SCC</p>

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1:30 P.M. to 2:45 P.M.	<p>4. LEGAL TOOLS TO KEEP YOUR CITY CLEAN</p> <p><i>Weed lots and neglected property can ruin the appearance of your city. What legal steps can you take to prevent your city from becoming an eyesore?</i></p> <p>Presiding: Mayor Larry Bryant, Forrest City Speakers: Legal Staff Arkansas Municipal League</p>	WALLY ALLEN BALLROOM B, SCC
1:30 P.M. to 2:45 P.M.	<p>5. PENSION PROGRAMS: APERS, LOPFI, AND THE ARKANSAS DIAMOND PLAN</p> <p><i>Were there new laws passed that might impact municipalities? Listen to representatives from these organizations explain.</i></p> <p>Presiding: City Manager Catherine Cook, Hope Speakers: Gail Stone, Executive Director, APERS David B. Clark, Executive Director, LOPFI Chris Howlett, Executive Director of Employee Benefits, Department of Finance and Administration, Arkansas Diamond Plan</p>	WALLY ALLEN BALLROOM C, SCC
1:30 P.M. to 2:45 P.M.	<p>6. SUBSTANCE ABUSE IN THE WORKPLACE</p> <p><i>The new marijuana laws, substance abuse in the workplace and drug testing are topics that will be discussed.</i></p> <p>Presiding: Mayor Mark Stodola, Little Rock Speakers: Jeff Sims, President, aTEST Consultants David Schoen, Legal Counsel Arkansas Municipal League Lanny Richmond, Staff Attorney, Arkansas Municipal League</p>	FULTON ROOM, SCC
1:30 P.M. to 2:45 P.M.	<p>7. PREPARING FOR THE 2020 CENSUS</p> <p><i>The 2020 Census is rapidly approaching. Now is the time to take specific steps to be accurately counted. The speakers explain.</i></p> <p>Presiding: Alderman Kenny Elliott, Jacksonville Speakers: A. J. Kelly, Deputy Secretary of State and General Counsel State of Arkansas Deborah (Toni) Pitchford Intergovernmental Affairs Specialist, Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs, U.S. Census Bureau Shelby Johnson, Geographic Information Officer, Arkansas GIS Office</p>	IZARD ROOM, SCC
2:45 P.M. to 3:00 P.M.	<p>BREAK</p> <p><i>Soft drinks and coffee available in the Exhibit Hall.</i></p>	GOVERNOR'S HALLS I - III, SCC

	CONCURRENT WORKSHOPS		
3:00 P.M. to 4:15 P.M.	<p>1. DEALING WITH WORKPLACE VIOLENCE AND CREATING A SAFE WORKPLACE</p> <p><i>What steps can you take to prevent workplace violence? What can you do to create a safe, injury-free workplace? The speakers offer their advice.</i></p> <p>Presiding: Vice Mayor Kevin Settle, Fort Smith Speakers: David Baxter, Health and Safety Coordinator Arkansas Municipal League Neil Foreman, Director of Loss Control and Marketing Arkansas Municipal League</p>		CARAWAY ROOMS III, SCC
3:00 P.M. to 4:15 P.M.	<p>2. PLANNING AND PREPARING FOR LARGE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS</p> <p><i>Planning for large capital improvement projects can be confusing. Are there various funding sources to consider? What guidelines should you follow to ensure that you avoid the many traps that exist in preparing for capital improvement projects?</i></p> <p>Presiding: Finance Director Karen Scott North Little Rock Speakers: Daniel Allen, Vice President Raymond James Michele Allgood, Attorney Mitchell, Williams, Selig, Gates & Woodyard, PLLC Jill Drewyor, Attorney Mitchell, Williams, Selig, Gates & Woodyard, PLLC</p>		WALLY ALLEN BALLROOM A, SCC
3:00 P.M. to 4:15 P.M.	<p>3. THE CHALLENGES OF MUNICIPAL HUMAN RESOURCES</p> <p><i>There are numerous human resource challenges. This session will consist of a basic review of several important HR issues, including the ADA and FMLA. How should you go about creating a diverse work place? The speakers explain.</i></p> <p>Presiding: Clerk/Treasurer Barbara Blackard Clarksville Speakers: Legal Staff Arkansas Municipal League Minnie Lenox, Human Resources Director Hot Springs Charles Angel, American Fidelity Assurance Company</p>		POPE ROOM, SCC
3:00 P.M. to 4:15 P.M.	<p>4. AVOIDING LAWSUITS: IS IT POSSIBLE?</p> <p><i>Lawsuits continue to increase against cities. Are there actions that cities can take to prevent lawsuits? What are some of the new Acts that deal with guns, marijuana and the FOIA, and how do they affect cities?</i></p> <p>Presiding: Mayor Frank Hash, El Dorado Speakers: Legal Staff Arkansas Municipal League</p>		WALLY ALLEN BALLROOM B, SCC

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<p>3:00 P.M. to 4:15 P.M.</p>	<p>5. LAND USE: TRENDS, CONCERNS AND BEST PRACTICES</p> <p><i>What were some of the new laws passed this session that might impact your ability to plan? Are there traps to avoid when considering annexation? Are there trends occurring in municipal planning to be concerned about? These and many other topics will be discussed.</i></p> <p>Presiding: City Director Becca Clark, Hot Springs Speakers: Jim vonTungeln, AICP, Planning & Zoning Consultant Arkansas Municipal League Jeff Hawkins, Executive Director NW Arkansas Regional Planning Commission</p>	<p>WALLY ALLEN BALLROOM C, SCC</p>
<p>3:00 P.M. to 4:15 P.M.</p>	<p>6. MANAGING INFORMATION WHEN A CRISIS STRIKES</p> <p><i>When crisis strikes, events can quickly spin out of control. It is vital that municipal leaders be prepared to respond to media and citizen demands for information. This workshop is designed to assist you to communicate clearly and credibly during crises such as natural disasters, incidents of violence, and accidents involving hazardous materials. You will learn what steps your city can take to prepare for and respond to a crisis.</i></p> <p>Presiding: Mayor Kary Story, Pocahontas Speakers: Richard McKeown, Crisis Communication and Reputation Management Counselor</p>	<p>FULTON ROOM, SCC</p>
<p>3:00 P.M. to 4:15 P.M.</p>	<p>7. MANAGING YOUR PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT</p> <p><i>Drainage control, pavement preservation, and traffic safety seem to be some of the biggest challenges of today's municipal public works departments. Today's speakers offer some ideas and suggestions.</i></p> <p>Presiding: Mayor Darrell Kirby, Bay Speakers: Sarah Tamayo, Engineer IV AHTD T² John Mathis, Asst. State Maintenance Engineer, AHTD T² Mark Earl, Staff Hydraulic Engineer AHTD T²</p>	<p>IZARD ROOM, SCC</p>
<p>4:15 P.M. to 4:30 P.M.</p>	<p>BREAK</p> <p><i>Soft drinks and coffee available in the Exhibit Hall.</i></p>	<p>GOVERNOR'S HALLS I - III, SCC</p>
<p>4:30 P.M. to 5:30 P.M.</p>	<p>RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE</p> <p><i>Each municipality has a designated representative who is a member of the Resolutions Committee.</i></p> <p>Presiding: Mayor Doug Sprouse, Springdale First Vice President Arkansas Municipal League</p>	<p>GOVERNOR'S HALLS IV, SCC</p>

	<p>CONCURRENT WORKSHOPS</p>	
<p>4:30 P.M. to 5:30 P.M.</p>	<p>1. MUNICIPAL PARKS AND PLAYGROUNDS: ARE THEY SAFE AND IN COMPLIANCE WITH FEDERAL LAW?</p> <p><i>When was the last time you conducted a parks and playground safety audit? This workshop covers the latest recommendations concerning playground safety.</i></p> <p>Presiding: Alderman Reedie Ray, Jacksonville Speaker: Clint Pitzer, President ACS Playground Adventures</p>	<p>IZARD ROOM, SCC</p>
<p>4:30 P.M. to 5:30 P.M.</p>	<p>2. GRANTS AND FUNDING SOURCES</p> <p><i>What is the latest information on State Aid Street funding? Are grants still available? If so how do you go about finding them?</i></p> <p>Presiding: Alderman Steven Mays, Pine Bluff Speakers: Steve Napper, Attorney State Aid Street Committee Chad Gallagher, President Legacy Consulting Kevin Smith, Chairman and CEO The Grant Book Company</p>	<p>FULTON ROOM, SCC</p>
<p>4:30 P.M. to 5:30 P.M.</p>	<p>3. SOCIAL MEDIA SUCCESS: HOW YOUR CITY CAN BENEFIT?</p> <p>Social media is everywhere. Cities and towns can successfully engage citizens using various social media platforms with great success. Join us today and hear about the successes of cities and towns using social media. Also, pick up a few tips and tricks to better enhance your city's social media strategy.</p> <p>Presiding: Mayor Bill Edwards, Centerton Speakers: Matt Burks, Media Specialist Benton Police Department Recorder/Treasurer Nanette Barnes, Avoca Ben Cline, Communications Director Rogers Whitnee Bullerwell, Director of Communications Arkansas Municipal League</p>	<p>POPE ROOM, SCC</p>
<p>4:30 P.M. to 5:30 P.M.</p>	<p>4. ANIMAL CONTROL</p> <p><i>Establishing, maintaining and managing an animal control department is an ongoing challenge for municipalities. What can you do to adopt some best practices for your animal control department?</i></p> <p>Presiding: Alderman Dorothy Henderson, Warren Speaker: Edwin Creekmore, President Arkansas State Animal Control Association</p>	<p>CARAWAY ROOMS III, SCC</p>
<p>5:30 P.M.</p>	<p>The Exhibit Hall will close for the day.</p>	

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6:15 P.M. to 7:45 P.M.	DINNER AT THE GOVERNOR'S MANSION <i>League members with reservations can board a bus to the Governor's Mansion starting at 5:45 p.m. at the Marriott.</i> Transportation provided by Garver	ARKANSAS GOVERNOR'S MANSION	10:15 A.M. to NOON	GENERAL SESSION ECONOMIC AND BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT <i>This session will feature invited speakers with special knowledge on Amendment 97. What was the legislative intent? How do you go about preparing for a project? What traps should you avoid? Speakers explain.</i> Presiding: Mayor Doug Sprouse, Springdale First Vice President Arkansas Municipal League Speakers: Honorable Jim Hendren, State Senator District 2 J. Shepherd Russell, III, Attorney Friday, Eldredge & Clark Mark Hayes, Director of Legal Services, Arkansas Municipal League	GRAND BALLROOM SALON C, MH	
6:15 P.M. to 8:00 P.M.	DINNER ON YOUR OWN <i>Visit some of central Arkansas's finest restaurants before returning for desserts and entertainment.</i>			NOON to 1:30 P.M.	AWARDS AND NEW OFFICERS' LUNCHEON <i>Municipalities and individuals are honored for their many successes and contributions during the past year. The new League president and officers will be introduced to the Convention delegates.</i> Presiding: Mayor Harry Brown, Stephens President Arkansas Municipal League Sponsored by: American Fidelity Assurance Company	GRAND BALLROOM SALONS A & B, MH
8:00 P.M. to 10:00 P.M.	DESSERTS AND ENTERTAINMENT <i>Drop by and enjoy a fantastic reception that includes desserts and entertainment. Music by Kemistri featuring Nicky Parrish will be a thrill for Convention attendees.</i> Sponsored by: American Fidelity Assurance Company Crews & Associates Simmons Bank Post Winery, Veronica and Paul Post Little Rock Convention and Visitors Bureau	WALLY ALLEN BALLROOM, SCC			FRIDAY - JUNE 16, 2017	
7:00 A.M. to NOON	REGISTRATION <i>(Be sure to download the League's meeting App onto your smart device. Search for "AML" in your App Store.)</i>	OSAGE ROOM, SCC	CLE OFFERED DURING LEAGUE'S 83RD CONVENTION <i>Twelve (12) hours of continuing legal education (CLE) will be available for city attorneys who attend the 83rd Arkansas Municipal League Convention, June 14-16 at the Statehouse Convention Center in Little Rock. The Arkansas City Attorney's Association (ACAA) sponsors the CLE.</i> <i>Van Buren City Attorney and the current ACAA President Candice Settle urges members to register for the convention as soon as possible.</i> <i>The 12 hours will be offered June 15 and 16, and the tentative CLE agenda includes topics such as solicitation/panhandling ordinances, the role of the city attorney in civil rights lawsuits, medical marijuana, gun legislation, and a Supreme Court case update among other topics. Additionally, the program will include one hour of ethics.</i> <i>Held in conjunction with the League's 83rd Convention, all CLE classes will be located at the League's headquarters in North Little Rock. CLE will begin at 8:15 a.m. Thursday, June 15. If you have not pre-registered, you may do so at the Statehouse Convention Center starting at 1 p.m. Wednesday, June 14. Registered city attorneys attending Thursday and Friday classes can pick up registration materials at League headquarters.</i> <i>To attend the CLE program, registration is required. You may register online at http://tinyurl.com/AML83rd. For registration information, call Whitnee Bullerwell at (501) 374-3484, Ext. 206. For CLE information, call Mark Hayes (501) 978-6102 or Jamie Adams at (501) 978-6124.</i>			
7:00 A.M. to 10:30 A.M.	EXHIBITS OPEN <i>(Exhibit Hall will close at 10:30 a.m. for the remainder of the Convention.)</i>	GOVERNOR'S HALLS I - III, SCC				
7:00 A.M. to 8:45 A.M.	BUFFET BREAKFAST	GOVERNOR'S HALLS I - III, SCC				
8:15 A.M.	CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION <i>City attorneys will receive 12 hours of CLE credit for participation in two days of meetings.</i>	LEAGUE HEADQUARTERS				
8:45 A.M. to 10:00 A.M.	ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING <i>At this session Executive Director Don Zimmerman will give his annual report followed by the Annual Business Meeting. During the business meeting, the League's Policies and Goals are presented and voted on. The nominating committee presents their recommended slate of new officers for the upcoming year, which will be followed by annual business meetings for the Municipal League Workers' Compensation Trust, Municipal Health Benefit Fund, Municipal Vehicle Program, and Municipal Property Program.</i> <i>(Be sure to download the League's meeting App onto your smart device. Search for "AML" in your App Store.)</i> Presiding: Mayor Harry Brown, Stephens President Arkansas Municipal League	GOVERNOR'S HALL IV, SCC				
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