

****TENTATIVE****

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

WEDNESDAY - JUNE 14, 2017			THURSDAY A.M. - JUNE 15, 2017		
1:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M.	REGISTRATION	OSAGE & CADDO ROOMS, SCC	7:00 A.M. to 5:30 P.M.	REGISTRATION	OSAGE ROOM, SCC
1:00 P.M. to 6:45 P.M.	MEET YOUR EXHIBITORS/RENEW ACQUAINTANCES	GOVERNOR'S HALLS I - III, SCC	7:00 A.M. to 5:30 P.M.	EXHIBITS OPEN	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	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
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.	GOVERNOR'S HALL IV, 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
5:15 P.M. to 5:30 P.M.	DISCUSSION WITH ARKANSAS TREASURER OF STATE Speaker: Honorable Dennis Milligan, Treasurer State of Arkansas (Invited)	GOVERNOR'S HALL IV, SCC	8:45 A.M. to 10:15 A.M.	OPENING GENERAL SESSION 1 <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> Presiding: Mayor Harry Brown, Stephens President Arkansas Municipal League Color Guard by: Little Rock Fire Department Color Guard National Anthem: Officer Allison Walton Little Rock Police Department Host City Welcome Address: Mayor Mark Stodola Little Rock Speaker: Neal Petersen, Best-selling Author and Motivational Speaker	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 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			
7:00 P.M.	OPENING NIGHT BANQUET <i>Welcome to the 83rd Annual Convention's Opening Night Banquet. Enjoy a delicious meal and visit with fellow delegates. At the conclusion of the banquet we will hear from Gov. Hutchinson and then recognize various municipalities and individuals who have made significant contributions to the League this past year.</i> Presiding: Mayor Harry Brown, Stephens President Arkansas Municipal League Speaker: Honorable Asa Hutchinson, Governor State of Arkansas	WALLY ALLEN BALLROOM, SCC	10:15 A.M. to 10:30 A.M.	BREAK <i>Soft drinks and coffee available in the Exhibit Hall.</i>	GOVERNOR'S HALLS I - III, SCC
			10:30 A.M. to 11:15 A.M.	OPENING GENERAL SESSION 2 91ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY <i>An overview of the various Acts impacting Municipalities that were passed this last session will be reviewed. State and Local Legal Center's Lisa Soronen will update us on the Market Place Fairness Act.</i> Presiding: Mayor Doug Sprouse, Springdale First Vice President Arkansas Municipal League Speakers: Don Zimmerman Executive Director Arkansas Municipal League Honorable Jeremy Gillam Speaker of the House State Representative, District 45 Lisa Soronen, Executive Director State and Local Legal Center	GOVERNOR'S HALL IV, SCC
8:30 P.M.	POST BANQUET RECEPTION <i>After the opening night banquet, stroll over and enjoy delicious desserts at the historic Capital Hotel.</i> Sponsored by: Stephens Inc.	CAPITAL HOTEL			

<p>11:15 A.M.</p>	<p>OPENING GENERAL SESSION 3 THE IMPACT OF NEW GUN LAWS AND MEDICAL MARIJUANA</p> <p><i>Understanding the new gun laws and Medical Marijuana amendment will be discussed in this session.</i></p> <p>Presiding: Mayor Harry Brown, Stephens 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>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 most valuable data.</i></p> <p>Presiding: Mayor Mike Watson, Maumelle</p> <p>Speakers: Chris Hartley, IT Director Arkansas Municipal League Britney Whatley, Manager ACCOOP Dave Mims, President of Sophicity IT in a Box</p>	<p>CARAWAY ROOMS III, SCC</p>
<p>THURSDAY P.M. - JUNE 15, 2017</p>					
<p>12:15 P.M.</p>	<p>LUNCHEON BUFFET</p>	<p>GOVERNOR'S HALLS I - III, SCC</p>	<p>1:30 P.M. to 2:45 P.M.</p>	<p>4. LEGAL TOOLS TO KEEP YOUR CITY CLEAN.</p> <p><i>Grown up 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</p> <p>Speakers: AML Legal Staff</p>	<p>WALLY ALLEN BALLROOM B, 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 Tim Jones, Audit Manager, Arkansas Division of Legislative Audit (Invited)</p>	<p>WALLY ALLEN BALLROOM A, SCC</p>	<p>1:30 P.M. to 2:45 P.M.</p>	<p>5. PENSION PROGRAMS: APERS, LOPFI, AND THE ARKANSAS DIAMOND PLAN.</p> <p><i>Were there new laws passed that might impact these plans? Listen to representatives from these organizations explain.</i></p> <p>Presiding: City Manager Catherine Cook, Hope</p> <p>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>	<p>WALLY ALLEN BALLROOM C, 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 World Trade Center Ghana Delegates</p>	<p>POPE ROOM, SCC</p>	<p>1:30 P.M. to 2:45 P.M.</p>	<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</p> <p>Speakers: Jeff Sims, President, a'TEST Consultants David Schoen, Legal Counsel Arkansas Municipal League Lanny Richmond, Staff Attorney, Arkansas Municipal League</p>	<p>FULTON ROOM, SCC</p>
<p>1:30 P.M. to 2:45 P.M.</p>	<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</p> <p>Speakers: Deborah (Toni) Pitchford, Intergovernmental Affairs Specialist Shelby Johnson, Geographic Information Officer, Arkansas GIS Office</p>	<p>IZARD ROOM, SCC</p>	<p>1:30 P.M. to 2:45 P.M.</p>	<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</p> <p>Speakers: Deborah (Toni) Pitchford, Intergovernmental Affairs Specialist Shelby Johnson, Geographic Information Officer, Arkansas GIS Office</p>	<p>IZARD ROOM, SCC</p>
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*SCC = STATEHOUSE CONVENTION CENTER

*TBA = TO BE ANNOUNCED

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>Violence in the workplace seems to be on the increase. Are there steps to you can take to prepare for such an occurrence? 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>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>	WALLY ALLEN BALLROOM C, 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>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>	FULTON ROOM, 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: AML Legal Staff Minnie Lenox, Human Resources Director Hot Springs</p>	POPE ROOM, SCC	3:00 P.M. to 4:15 P.M.	<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>	IZARD ROOM, SCC
			4:15 P.M. to 4:30 P.M.	<p>BREAK</p> <p><i>Soft drinks and coffee available in the Exhibit Hall.</i></p>	GOVERNOR'S HALLS I - III, 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: AML Legal Staff</p>	WALLY ALLEN BALLROOM B, SCC	4:30 P.M. to 5:30 P.M.	<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>	GOVERNOR'S HALLS IV, SCC

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4:30 P.M. to 5:30 P.M.	1. MUNICIPAL PARKS AND PLAYGROUNDS: ARE THEY SAFE AND IN COMPLIANCE WITH FEDERAL LAW? <i>When was the last time you conducted a Parks and Playground Safety Audit? This workshop is about informing you on the latest recommendations concerning playground safety.</i> Presiding: Alderman Reedie Ray, Jacksonville Speaker: Clint Pitzer, President ACS Playground Adventures	IZARD ROOM, SCC	8:00 P.M. to 10:00 P.M.	DESSERTS AND ENTERTAINMENT Sponsored by: Crews & Associates & Little Rock Convention and Visitors Bureau	WALLY ALLEN BALLROOM, SCC
			FRIDAY - JUNE 16, 2017		
4:30 P.M. to 5:30 P.M.	2. GRANTS AND FUNDING SOURCES. <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> 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	FULTON ROOM, SCC	7:00 A.M. to NOON	REGISTRATION OPENS	OSAGE ROOM, SCC
			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
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4:30 P.M. to 5:30 P.M.	3. SOCIAL MEDIA SUCCESS: HOW YOUR CITY CAN BENEFIT? 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. Presiding: Mayor Bill Edwards, Centerton Speakers: Matt Burks, Media Specialist Benton Police Department Recorder/Treasurer Nanette Barnes, Avoca Ben Cline, Communications Director Rogers Town of Wilson Representative (invited) Whitnee Bullerwell, Director of Communications Arkansas Municipal League	POPE ROOM, SCC	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 the annual business meetings for the Municipal League Workers' Compensation Trust, Municipal Health Benefit Fund, Municipal Vehicle Program, and Municipal Property Program.</i> Presiding: Mayor Harry Brown, Stephens President Arkansas Municipal League	GOVERNOR'S HALL IV, SCC
			10:00 A.M. to 10:15 A.M.	BREAK	GOVERNOR'S HALLS I - III, SCC
4:30 P.M. to 5:30 P.M.	4. ANIMAL CONTROL. <i>Establishing, Maintaining and Managing an Animal Control Department is an on-going challenge for municipalities. What can you do to adopt some best practices policies for your animal control department?</i> Presiding: Alderman Dorothy Henderson, Warren Speaker: Edwin Creekmore, President Arkansas State Animal Control Association	CARAWAY ROOMS III, SCC	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 to avoid. Speakers explain.</i> Presiding: Mayor Doug Sprouse, Springdale First Vice President Arkansas Municipal League Speakers: Honorable Jim Hendren, State Senator District 2 Mark Hayes, Director of Legal Services, Arkansas Municipal League J. Shepherd Russell, III, Attorney Friday, Eldredge & Clark	GRAND BALLROOM SALON C, MH
5:30 P.M.	The exhibit hall will close for the day.				
6:15 P.M. to 7:45 P.M.	DINNER AT THE GOVERNOR'S MANSION <i>League Members with reservations can catch 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	NOON to 1:30 P.M.	AWARDS AND NEW OFFICERS' LUNCHEON	GRAND BALLROOM SALONS A & B, MH

CLE OFFERED DURING LEAGUE'S 83RD CONVENTION

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.

Van Buren City Attorney and the current ACAA President Candice Settle urges members to register for the convention as soon as possible.

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.

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.

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.

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