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**League of Nebraska Municipalities**

**2015 ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

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**Sept. 23-25, 2015**  
**Cornhusker Marriott Hotel**  
**Lincoln, Nebraska**

**Marlene Johnson**  
**League President**  
**Mayor, West Point**





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### **Conference Information**

- All conference sessions will be held at the Cornhusker Marriott Hotel, 333 South 13th Street, Lincoln.
- The deadline for reserving a room is **Sept. 8**. When calling to reserve a room, please state that you are attending the League's conference to obtain the special room rate. To make room reservations at the **Cornhusker Marriott Hotel**, call 1-866-706-7706 or 402-474-7474.
- The room rate at the Cornhusker Marriott Hotel with a Government ID card is \$109 for a single/double room. If you need an ID card, contact the League office.
- Check in time is approximately 3 p.m.; check out time is 11 a.m.
- Preregistration deadline for delegates is **Sept. 8**. Registrations received after this date will incur higher registration costs and are not guaranteed handbooks.
- Advance registrations not cancelled by **Sept. 8**, or "no shows" will be billed for reserved display tables, handbooks and any meal tickets reserved.
- If you need special accommodations or equipment at this conference, contact the League office by **Sept. 8**.
- Additional conference handbooks: \$55 each (If registration is not cancelled by **Sept. 8**, delegate may be charged for a handbook.)
- To meet printing schedules for the conference materials, sponsor fund or display table information must be returned by **Sept. 2**.
- For your comfort, we recommend that you wear layered clothing or bring a jacket because heating and cooling conditions may vary.



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### **Tentative Conference Program (Subject to Change)**

#### **Wednesday, Sept. 23, 2015**

- 9-11:30 am** **Smaller and Larger Cities Legislative Committee Meetings** (HELD CONCURRENTLY, BUT SEPARATELY)  
Smaller Cities  
Larger Cities
- 11 am** **Registration** (for Preconference Seminar)
- 11:30 am** **Golf: Highlands Golf Course, 5501 NW 12th Street.** Beginning Sept. 16, make your reservations directly at Highlands Golf Course at 402-441-6081. Golf is on a first come, first-served basis. Remember that your municipality cannot pay for golf fees.
- 11:30 am-12:30 pm** **Delegate Luncheon**
- 1-5 pm** **Preconference Seminar: Labor Relations Update**  
Update and review of the new requirements under LB 397 in a wage setting case in the Commission of Industrial Relations (CIR); "how to" prepare for negotiations with your employees on salary and benefits with or without a labor contract; and what to "do and not do" during a union organizing campaign.  
*Moderator: William Harding, Attorney; Former Labor & Employment Law Counsel for LNM*  
*Jerry Pigsley, Attorney, Woods & Aitken; Labor & Employment Law Counsel for LNM*  
*Pamela Bourne, Attorney, Woods & Aitken*  
*Kelly Ekeler, Attorney, Woods & Aitken*

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#### **Thursday, Sept. 24, 2015**

- 7:30 am** **Registration**  
Visit Display Area (Coffee and Rolls Available)
- 8-8:15 am** **Welcome**  
*League President Marlene Johnson, Mayor, West Point*  
*Host City Welcome*
- 8:15-9:15 am** **Rural Futures Institute Pilot Project:** Learn how information compiled by the University when working with municipal officials can be of tremendous assistance in advancing the future of your city or village.  
*Dr. Robert Blair, Program Chair, Master of Science in Urban Studies; Associate Professor, School of Public Administration, College of Public Affairs and Community Service (CPACS), UNO*  
*Jerry Deichert, Director, Center for Public Affairs Research, UNO*  
*Joe Mangiamelli, City Administrator, Columbus*  
*Rick Kuckkahn, City Manager, Scottsbluff*  
*Dale Shotkoski, City Administrator, Fremont*  
*Joe Patterson, City Administrator, Hastings*
- 9 am-4 pm** **Fire Chiefs Section Meeting**
- 9:15-9:30 am** **Break** (Visit Display Area)
- 9:30-10:30 am** **Take Advantage of State and Federal Grants and Loans, Including the Civic and Community Center Financing Fund:** Learn how other cities and villages are financing important projects with a combination of state, federal and local funds.  
*Representatives of DED and the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture Rural Development*

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## Thursday, Sept. 24, 2015 (con't.)

- 10:30-10:45 am**      **Break** (Visit Display Area)
- 10:45-11:45 am**      **League Legislative Report**  
*L. Lynn Rex, Executive Director, LNM*
- 11:45 am-Noon**      **Break** (Visit Display Area)
- Noon-1:30 pm**      **Delegate Luncheon Honoring League Past Presidents, Sen. Jim Smith, Sen. Curt Friesen and Bill Harding**  
*Remarks by League President Marlene Johnson, Mayor, West Point*  
**Special Keynote Speaker:** *Sen. Jim Smith, Chair of the Legislature's Transportation and Telecommunications Committee*
- 1:30-1:45 pm**      **Break** (Visit Display Area)
- 1:45-2:45 pm**      **Concurrent Sessions:**  
**A. Succession Planning:** Learn how the City of Bellevue developed and is implementing its Succession Plan.  
*(Repeated at 4:15 pm)*  
**B. Fair and Impartial Policing:** Learn about best practices to limit your liability!  
*(Repeated at 3 pm)*  
**C. Update on Recent State and Federal Court Decisions Affecting Cities and Villages**  
*(Repeated at 3 pm)*  
**D. Emerald Ash Borer Update:** Is your municipality getting ready?
- 2:45-3 pm**      **Break** (Visit Display Area)
- 3-4 pm**      **Concurrent Sessions:**  
**A. Solar Power for Municipalities:** Learn how solar power can benefit your city or village as "green" economic development.  
*(Repeat of 1:45 pm)*  
**B. Fair and Impartial Policing:** Learn about best practices to limit your liability!  
*(Repeat of 1:45 pm)*  
**C. Update on Recent State and Federal Court Decisions Affecting Cities and Villages**  
*(Repeat of 1:45 pm)*  
**D. CORE TOPIC: Review of the Open Meetings Act**  
*(Repeated at 4:15 pm)*
- 4-4:15 pm**      **Break** (Visit Display Area)
- 4:15-5:15 pm**      **Concurrent Sessions:**  
**A. Community Toolbox (Free for League Members):** NCMA and the League encourage municipal officials to use the Community Toolbox for assessing community needs, developing a strategic plan, building leadership, advocating for change, evaluating community efforts, and sustaining the work.  
*(Repeated Fri. at 8 am)*  
**B. Succession Planning:** Learn how the City of Bellevue developed and is implementing its Succession Plan.  
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**C. Nebraska Expressways for Economic Development (NEED) Meeting:** Be informed about the hearings and other efforts to protect and increase critical infrastructure funding for expressways.  
**D. CORE TOPIC: Review of the Open Meetings Act**  
*(Repeat of 3 pm)*
- 5:15-5:30 pm**      **Break** (Visit Display Area)
- 5:30-6:30 pm**      **Section Meetings**  
City Managers/Administrators  
Clerks  
Larger Cities  
Smaller Cities  
Utilities

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## Friday, Sept. 25, 2015

- 6:30-8 am** Meeting of Mayors and Village Board Chairs
- 7:45 am** Registration  
Visit Display Area (Coffee and Rolls Available)
- 8-9 am** **Concurrent Sessions:**
- A. Tax Credits Available for Improvements to Qualifying Historically Significant Real Property:** Learn about the Nebraska Job Creation and Mainstreet Revitalization Act and how your local redevelopment projects can benefit.  
(Repeated at 11:30 am)
  - B. Community Toolbox (Free for League Members):** NCMA and the League encourage municipal officials to use the Community Toolbox for assessing community needs, developing a strategic plan, building leadership, advocating for change, evaluating community efforts, and sustaining the work.  
(Repeat of Thurs. 4:15 pm)
  - C. Nebraska Dept. of Roads Board of Classification and Revised Minimum Standards Update**  
(Repeated at 9:15 am)
  - D. CORE TOPIC: Review and Update on Land Use Regulations, Zoning and Annexation**  
(Repeated at 11:30 am)
- 9-9:15 am** Break (Visit Display Area)
- 9:15-10:15 am** **Concurrent Sessions:**
- A. Public Safety Collaborations with Significant Cost Savings:** Learn what other municipalities are doing to save money while providing excellent service.
  - B. Loss Control and Personal Safety:** How municipal officials can effectively protect themselves in the workplace and at home.  
(Repeated at 11:30 am)
  - C. Nebraska Dept. of Roads Board of Classification and Revised Minimum Standards Update**  
(Repeat of 8 am)
  - D. CORE TOPIC: Forms of Municipal Government, Dillon's Rule, Rules of Procedure, Court Claims**  
(Repeated at 11:30 am)
- 10:15-10:30 am** Break (Visit Display Area)
- 10:30-10:45 am** Annual Business Meeting
- 10:45-11:15 am** **Special Keynote Speaker: Brenda Hicks-Sorensen, New Director, Nebraska Dept. of Economic Development**
- 11:15-11:30 am** Break (Visit Display Area)
- 11:30 am-12:30 pm** **Concurrent Sessions:**
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- 12:30 pm** **Adjournment.** Have a safe trip home! Please remember to buckle up!



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## Delegate Registration

Municipality: \_\_\_\_\_

Name (as you want it to appear on name tag): \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse (if attending): \_\_\_\_\_

First League Conference? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Check # \_\_\_\_\_ enclosed for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (Advanced payment encouraged)

Billing address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

	Through Sept. 8	After Sept. 8
<b>Wednesday Preconference Seminar attendance:</b> (Includes preconference handbook)	_____ \$95	_____ \$120
<b>Thursday &amp; Friday Conference attendance:</b> (Includes handbook; meals are extra) Per city/village official, League member	_____ \$325	_____ \$355
<b>Partial conference attendance:</b>		
Thursday morning only	_____ \$140	_____ \$180
Thursday afternoon only	_____ \$140	_____ \$180
Friday morning only	_____ \$140	_____ \$180

**Conference Total:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Meals:** (not included in registration fee; indicate number needed by Sept. 8)

Wednesday Luncheon \_\_\_\_\_ \$24  
 Thursday Luncheon \_\_\_\_\_ \$25

**Meal Total:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Grand Total:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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**Mail registration and payment to:** League of Nebraska Municipalities, 1335 L Street, Lincoln, NE 68508, or fax 402-476-7052