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# 2023 MIDWINTER CONFERENCE

LEAGUE OF NEBRASKA MUNICIPALITIES

Cornhusker Marriott Hotel, Lincoln

February 27-28, 2023



**MUNICIPAL TREASURERS AND MUNICIPAL ATTORNEYS:** The League will let you know as soon as the State Auditor's Office and the Mandatory Continuing Legal Education Commission informs us of the number of hours each will receive.

## Tentative Conference Program (subject to change)

### Monday, February 27, 2023

- 7:30–8 am**      **Registration:** Visit Display Areas (coffee and rolls available)
- 8–8:10 am**      **Welcome**  
*League President Deb VanMatre, Mayor of Gibbon*
- 8:10–9:15 am**      **Nebraska Accountability and Disclosure Laws:** Protect yourself by being informed about conflict of interest laws when doing business with your municipality.  
*Frank Daley, Executive Director, Nebraska Accountability and Disclosure Commission*
- 9 am–4 pm**      **Fire Chiefs Section Meeting**
- 9:15–9:30 am**      **Break:** Visit Display Areas
- 9:30–10:30 am**      **Limit Your Liability by Better Understanding Your Fiduciary Duties and the Preventative Internal Controls Necessary to Safeguard Municipal Assets**  
*Craig Kubicek, CPA, CFE, Deputy Auditor, Nebraska Auditor of Public Accounts*
- 10:30–10:45 am**      **Break:** Visit Display Area
- 10:45–11:45 am**      **League Legislative Update**  
*L. Lynn Rex, Executive Director, LNM*
- 11:45 am–12 pm**      **Break:** Visit Display Areas
- 12–1:30 pm**      **Luncheon**  
**Special Keynote Address**  
**Presentation of “League Distinguished Service Awards” to Kevin Spencer, Chief of Police and City Manager, Scottsbluff; and Neil Miller, Sheriff, Buffalo County**
- 1:30–1:45 pm**      **Break:** Visit Display Areas
- 1:45–2:45 pm**      **Concurrent Sessions:**
- A. Broadband Update on Key Issues**
  - B. (Newly Elected/Appointed Officials) LEGAL OVERVIEW**  
**Public Records Law and Transparency in Government:** Learn how to limit your liability.
  - C. Legal Update on Human Resources/Personnel Management Issues**  
*(Session repeated at 3 pm)*
  - D. League Insurance Government Health Team (LIGHT):** Update on proposed enhancements to this important health insurance plan for municipal employees. Please take advantage of this opportunity to learn more about LIGHT and the partnership with Blue Cross Blue Shield of Nebraska and Mutual of Omaha.  
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### Monday, February 27, 2023 (con't.)

2:45–3 pm

**Break:** Visit Display Areas

3–4 pm

**Concurrent Sessions:**

**A. Fostering Civility by Setting the Ground Rules for Engagement at Public Meetings**

**B. (Newly Elected/Appointed Officials) LEGAL OVERVIEW**

**Budgeting:** Better understanding the law and the process.

**C. Legal Update on Human Resources/Personnel Management Issues**

*(Repeat of 1:45 pm session)*

**D. League Insurance Government Health Team (LIGHT):** Update on proposed enhancements to this important health insurance plan for municipal employees. Please take advantage of this opportunity to learn more about LIGHT and the partnership with Blue Cross Blue Shield of Nebraska and Mutual of Omaha.

*(Repeat of 1:45 pm session)*

4–4:15 pm

**Break:** Visit Display Areas

4:15–5:30 pm

**Section Meetings:**

Mayors and Village Board Chairs  
Smaller Cities and Villages  
Larger Cities  
Clerks  
City Managers/Administrators  
Utilities Section

### Tuesday, February 28, 2023

8 am

**Registration:** Visit Display Area (coffee and rolls available)

8:15–9:15 am

**Concurrent Sessions:**

**A. Learn More About Grants and Funds Available to Transform Your Municipality:** U.S. Dept. of Agriculture (USDA) Grants; Community Development Block Grants (CDBG); and Civic and Community Center Financing Fund (CCCCFF) Grants.

*(Session repeated at 9:30 am)*

**B. (Newly Elected/Appointed Officials) LEGAL OVERVIEW**

**1) Tort Claims Liability**

**2) Recreational Liability**

**3) Bidding and Purchasing**

**C. Cybersecurity:** Best practices to thwart cyber threats and recommendations for employer policies, password management, safe web browsing, secure file sharing, options for implementation of multi-factor authentication (MFA) and ongoing training for employees.

*(Session repeated at 10:45 am)*

**D. League Insurance Government Health Team (LIGHT) Board of Directors Meeting:** Everyone is welcome to attend this meeting. Please take advantage of this opportunity to learn more about LIGHT and the partnership with Blue Cross Blue Shield of Nebraska and Mutual of Omaha. (This meeting may last more than one hour.)

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## Tuesday, February 28, 2023 (con't.)

9:15–9:30 am **Break:** Visit Display Areas

9:30–10:30 am **Concurrent Sessions:**

**A. Learn More About Grants and Funds Available to Transform Your Municipality:** U.S. Dept. of Agriculture (USDA) Grants; Community Development Block Grants (CDBG); and Civic and Community Center Financing Fund (CCCCF) Grants.  
*(Repeat of 8:15 am session)*

**B. (Newly Elected/Appointed Officials) LEGAL OVERVIEW**

- 1) **Public Works/Utilities**
- 2) **Environmental Requirements**
- 3) **Code Enforcement**

**C. Public Involvement Strategies for Successful Projects**

*(Session repeated at 10:45 am)*

**D. Limit Municipal Liability:** Better understand your role to reduce workers' comp and liability claims with effective loss control measures.

*This session is sponsored by the League Association of Risk Management (LARM).*

*(Session repeated at 10:45 am)*

10:30–10:45 am **Break:** Visit Display Areas

10:45–11:45 am **Concurrent Sessions:**

**A. Cybersecurity:** Best practices to thwart cyber threats and recommendations for employer policies, password management, safe web browsing, secure file sharing, options for implementation of multi-factor authentication (MFA) and ongoing training for employees.  
*(Repeat of 8:15 am session)*

**B. (Newly Elected/Appointed Officials) LEGAL OVERVIEW  
Open Meetings Act**

**C. Public Involvement Strategies for Successful Projects**

*(Repeat of 9:30 am session)*

**D. Limit Municipal Liability:** Better understand your role to reduce workers' comp and liability claims with effective loss control measures.

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11:45 am–12 pm **Break:** Visit Display Areas

12 pm **Designated Delegates with White Ribbons on Their Name Badges:** Greet your State Senator.

12–1:10 pm **Senator Appreciation Luncheon**

1:10 pm **Adjournment – Thank you for coming! Please drive safely!**

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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: \_\_\_\_\_

| Conference:                                     | Through Feb. 10 | After Feb. 10 |
|---|-----------------|---------------|
| (Includes electronic handbook; meals are extra) |                 |               |
| Per city/village official, League member        | _____ \$395     | _____ \$425   |

| Partial conference attendance:                  | Through Feb. 10 | After Feb. 10 |
|---|-----------------|---------------|
| (Includes electronic handbook; meals are extra) |                 |               |
| Monday sessions                                 | _____ \$300     | _____ \$330   |
| Tuesday morning only                            | _____ \$150     | _____ \$170   |

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

Meals: (not included in registration fee; indicate number needed by Feb. 10)

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| Monday Luncheon                       | _____ \$26 |
| Tuesday Senator Appreciation Luncheon | _____ \$26 |

Meals Total: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### Conference Information

- Preregistration deadline is **Feb. 10**. Registrations received after this date will incur higher registration costs.
- Advance registrations not cancelled by this date or "no shows" will be billed since the sessions will be recorded and sent to registered delegates.
- If you need special accommodations or equipment at this conference, contact the League office by **Feb. 10**.

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

[Click here](#) to register online with a credit card. \*\*\*PLEASE NOTE -- There is a credit card processing fee included for each item.\*\*\*

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### Conference Information

Designed for elected or appointed officials, the focus of the **2023 Midwinter Conference** will be current and proposed legislation and how it affects local governments. A highlight of the two-day conference will be the Senator Appreciation Luncheon, which offers municipal officials an opportunity to meet and visit with their State Senators.

#### Hotel Reservations

- ❑ All conference sessions will be held at the Cornhusker Marriott Hotel, 333 South 13<sup>th</sup> Street, Lincoln, NE 68508.
- ❑ To make room reservations at the Cornhusker, call 1-866-706-7706 or 402-474-7474 or [book online](#). When calling to reserve a room, please state that you are attending the League's conference to obtain the special room rate. The deadline for reserving a room is **Feb. 5**.
- ❑ The room rate is \$110 for a single or double room with Government ID card. If you need an ID card, contact the League office. Individual guest accounts are payable at check out by cash or credit card.
- ❑ Check in time is approximately 4 p.m.; check out time is 11 a.m.
- ❑ The preregistration deadline is **Feb. 10**. Registrations received after this date will incur higher registration costs. Advance registrations not cancelled by this date or "no shows" will be billed since the sessions will be recorded and sent to registered delegates.
- ❑ If you need special accommodations or equipment at this conference, contact the League office by **Feb. 10**.
- ❑ To meet printing schedules for the conference materials, sponsor fund or display table information must be returned by **Feb. 10**.
- ❑ For your comfort, we recommend that you wear layered clothing or bring a jacket because heating and cooling conditions may vary.