

February 2017

IMPORTANT UPCOMING EVENTS

Please consult the League [Web Calendar](#)

[Feb 8-
25th Annual Mayors Legislative Day-Statehouse Annex,
Trenton](#)

Feb 12-Lincoln's Birthday

Feb 20- Presidents' Day

Feb 22-Washington's Birthday

[Feb 22-
OPRA In Depth: OPRA and Common Law-Doubletree Hotel,
Tinton Falls](#)

[Feb 24-
A Quick Review of Budget and Audit Updates Webinar-Your
Computer](#)

[Mar 1-
Budget, Ethics, and DLGS Updates on Best Practices and
Procurement-Conference Center at Mercer, West Windsor](#)

[Mar 4-
Budgeting for Elected Officials-Conference Center at Mercer,
West Windsor](#)

[Mar 14-
Licensed Professionals: The Impact of Employee Handbooks,
the NJLAD and Other Municipal Actions \(Shared Services\) On
Tenure and Employment- Double Tree Hotel, Tinton Falls](#)

- ✓ Elected Officials Hall of Fame Inductees
- ✓ Louis Bay Scholarship Competition
- ✓ Mayoral Conference Suggestions
- ✓ 2017 Municipal Directory
- ✓ Mayors Legislative Day
- ✓ Budgeting For Elected Officials

FROM THE PRESIDENT

By Mayor Albert B. Kelly, President

As mayors, we have a serious responsibility to lead our communities and indeed our state during difficult times. Our constituents, citizens, and neighbors look to us as the headlines trumpet fear of foreclosure, and the need for major restructuring of our public finances. And as mayors, we can count on the League to help us respond to these major public policy questions.

The League has many resources available with valuable information that is needed. Visit our [website](#) where you can find links to our Mayors Corner, Important Issue Alerts, a full listing of League Committees, and Grant application information. You can also order various publications on several different topics such as Police and Fire Salary Survey and a Newly Elected Officials Handbook.

The League is also hosting the 25th Annual Mayors Legislative Day on February 8th. This event will feature speakers from the Governor's Cabinet as well as a Legislative panel with members of the Legislature. To find out more about this event visit the link:

<http://www.njslom.org/seminar-documents/2017-feb08-legislative-day.html>

All this information and effort is only a start. Your voice and action will make the difference on these issues. So please review the information available and resolve to make your voice heard by your legislators, and by the League. Send your input and concerns so your staff in Trenton can keep them front and center in these discussions as we all lead our state through these difficult times.

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ELECTED OFFICIALS INDUCTED IN LEAGUE HALL OF FAME

-Contact Michael Darcy ext. 116 or mdarcy@njslom.org

The League will induct new members into the Elected Officials Hall of Fame during the 25th Annual Mayors Legislative Day February 8, 2017 at the State House Annex in Trenton. This honor is reserved for those governing body members, active and retired, who have served 20 years in elected municipal office. There are over 400 inductees in the Elected Officials Hall of Fame to date. Congratulations to our most recent members! See the list below and the 2017 Hall of Fame page for more information at http://www.njslom.org/hallelec_cover.html

The 2017 Elected Officials Hall of Fame inductees are as follows:

Councilwoman Lynn Delfing, Andover Borough
Councilwoman Rosalie M. Baker, Buena Borough
Mayor Sal Bonaccorso, Clark Township
Councilman Michael Di Benedetto, Freehold Borough
Mayor Richard S. Goldberg, Hawthorne Borough
Committeeman M John Roonz, Hope Township
Council President David Lyons, Irvington Township
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Suzanne Walters, Former Mayor, Stone Harbor Borough
Committeeman Shaun Van Doren, Tewksbury Township
Deputy Mayor Carolann Garafola, Warren Township

LOUIS BAY 2ND FUTURE MUNICIPAL LEADERS SCHOLARSHIP COMPETITION

-Contact Ciara Bradley at ext. 128 or cbradley@njslom.org

In January, the League mailed information to all mayors concerning the Annual Louis Bay II Future Municipal Leaders Scholarship Competition. League Past President and Mayor Chuck Chiarello of Buena Vista Township chairs the Scholarship Competition and Mayor James Anzaldi, Mayor of Clifton and League Past President also serves as a judge. This popular competition is open to all high school juniors and seniors throughout the state. The top three winners each receive \$1,000 scholarships from the League.

Mayors play an integral role in the success of this program because your office publicizes its availability, judges the local entries, and distributes the checks and certificates supplied by the League. You should publicize the scholarship to your local schools and establish your judging committee. Your local winning entry must be submitted to the League office by April 1, so we can announce the three statewide winners by May 5.

SEEKING MAYORAL CONFERENCE SUGGESTIONS

-Contact Michael Darcy ext. 116 mdarcy@njslom.com or fax 609-695-0151

Your League staff will shortly begin preparing the schedule of educational sessions for the 102nd Annual League Conference. To make sure this schedule accurately reflects your needs, we need your input.

Please fax or e-mail your suggested topics and speakers so we may coordinate your ideas into an informative and thought provoking conference. Most conference sessions are based on the input and responses from mayors and elected officials.

2017 MUNICIPAL DIRECTORY

-Contact Dee Kotch ext. 115 or dkotch@njslom.org

The annual Municipal Directory will be mailed to all mayors the first week of March. There is no cost for this first copy. Additional print copies are \$30 each and PDF copies are \$49. Use it to keep in touch with your colleagues around the state.

ATTEND THE 25th ANNUAL MAYORS LEGISLATIVE DAY

-Contact Danielle Holland-Htut ext. 118 or dholland@njslom.org

Be sure to register for the 25th Annual Mayors Legislative Day to be held February 8, 2017 at the State House Annex in Trenton. This is a great way to kick off your administration by hearing about the State's legislative agenda from the Governor, Administration officials, and key members of the Senate and Assembly. For more information please click on the following link: <http://www.njslom.org/seminar-documents/2017-feb08-legislative-day.html>

DON'T MISS OUT ON THE "BUDGETING FOR THE ELECTED OFFICIAL: EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW TO CREATE, BALANCE, AND APPROVE YOUR MUNICIPALITY'S BUDGET" SEMINAR

--Contact Danielle Holland-Htut ext. 118 or dholland@njslom.org

Creating and approving a feasible budget is one of the most important tasks of an Elected Official. It is also one of the most complex and time consuming tasks. To aid in this endeavor, the League has created a special half day program geared towards Elected Officials to help them in the Municipal Budgeting Process. The program will take place on Saturday, March 4, 2017, at the Conference Center at Mercer. Additional program details and registration fees are available at: <http://www.njslom.org/seminar-documents/2017-budget.html>