September 4, 2019

2019 League Conference Resolutions

Dear Mayor and Governing Body Members:

One of the most important functions of the Annual League Conference is the adoption of resolutions from our member municipalities. These resolutions play a major part in setting the League’s legislative priorities for the upcoming year. We encourage you to consider the resolutions process as an opportunity to help craft good legislation to improve the institution of municipal government.

In the past, a conference resolution was the first step to fixing a problem at the local level. For example, Conference Resolution No. 2012-19 “Expand the Use of the Snow Removal Trust Funds to Respond to Natural Disasters” became P.L. 2013, c. 271 or Conference Resolution No. 2012-08 “Resolution Urging the State Legislature to Extend the 2% Cap on Police and Fire Arbitration Contract Awards” became P.L. 2014, c. 11.

Is there an issue you wish the legislature would address? This is your opportunity to start that process.

Member municipalities wishing to submit resolutions for consideration by the League Resolutions Committee at the Annual Conference must send a summary of the resolution to the League office by the first Friday in October (October 4) the full text of the resolution is due to the League office by October 18.

Please see a copy of the Resolutions Policy and Procedures at the League’s website.
The League Executive Board encourages your involvement in this very important process. If you have any questions on this, please do not hesitate to contact League Assistant Executive Director Michael Cerra at mcerra@njlm.org, 609-695-3481, x120, or me at 609-695-3481, x116.

Sincerely,

Michael J. Darcy, CAE
Executive Director

LEAGUE POLICY AND PROCEDURES ON CONFERENCE RESOLUTIONS

1. The Committee will consider resolutions only from officials who are currently in municipal office. Resolutions must be general in nature and of demonstrable relation to municipal government interests.

2. A summary of the proposed resolution is to be sent to the League for review via fax, email, or regular mail by the first Friday in October (October 4, 2019).

3. The full text of all resolutions submitted by member officials must be received in the League office by the third Friday in October (October 18, 2019). Every resolution must have a sponsor and co-sponsor. The sponsor or co-sponsor of the resolution must attend the meeting of the Resolutions Committee on Tuesday afternoon of the Conference week to speak on his or her proposal and to answer any questions of the committee members. The name and address of the sponsor and/or co-sponsor must appear on all resolutions.

If a resolution is recommended as part of the Resolutions Committee Report at the Annual Business Meeting,* the sponsor or co-sponsor must also be present to answer questions raised by the delegates.

4. The Resolutions Committee does not draft resolutions; but they can amend resolutions presented to them.

5. Delegates may request copies of all the resolutions as received in the League office for the Resolutions Committee. These are available at the League Information Booth located across from the registration desk on the second level of the New Atlantic City Convention Center during the entire Conference week.

6. Any resolution which contains reference to the Revised Statutes or to any other material, must have attached to it a copy of the material referred to.

7. The only resolutions to be considered at the Annual Business Meeting will be those which have been considered, endorsed and presented by the Resolutions Committee to delegates.

*Note: The Business Meeting begins at 3:30 p.m., Thursday, November 21st in the Pearl Ballroom, 2nd Level of the Sheraton Convention Center Hotel. Shuttle service will be in operation until 6:00 p.m.