

New Jersey State League of Municipalities (NJLM) is a voluntary nonpartisan statewide association created to help communities do a better job of self-government through pooling information resources and brainpower. Authorized by state statute since 1915, it has been serving local officials throughout the Garden State. All 565 mayors and 13,000 elected and appointed officials of member municipalities are entitled to all of the services and privileges of the League.

Local Government Leadership Program Information

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in New Jersey Since 1915*



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www.njslom.org/lglp

Local Governing Body



Leadership Program

All participants will receive a Certification of Completion.

The League is proud to offer a voluntary recognition program that recognizes **Elected Governing Body Members who complete additional training and advocacy.**

The program has three levels: Municipal Leader, Municipal Innovator, Municipal Pioneer. Each level has an assigned number of points. Once an Elected Governing Body Member has earned the required points, they are awarded one of these levels. The award will be a certificate of completion mailed to them, as well as recognition at the Orientation Session at the Annual Conference in Atlantic City.

Participation in this program is completely voluntary. Participants can start earning points starting in January 2019.

Leadership Levels

Municipal Leader (25 points)

Certificate is awarded

Municipal Innovator (50 points)

Certificate is awarded

Municipal Pioneer (75 points)

Certificate and Pin are awarded

How to Achieve Leadership Levels

Elected Governing Body Members can achieve each level by attending trainings and seminars, writing articles for the magazine, and advocating for municipal interests. Once an Elected Governing Body Member has acquired the necessary amount of points, they will send in the online application form, along with copies of their proofs of completion to be awarded their certificate. They will be recognized at the Annual League Conference in November during the Orientation Session on Tuesday of the Annual Conference (Officials who submit application forms **after September 1** will be recognized at the next year's Conference).

Participants are required to keep track of the points earned and their certificates.

Leadership Level Required Activities

Required Classes

The two training classes below are required. See njslom.org/seminars for current seminar listing.

- **Orientation for Municipal Officials who are Newly Elected, Re-elected, or Experienced** – 5 points
- **Budgeting for Newly Elected Officials** – 5 points

Elective Classes

Participants may choose from the list below.

- **Core Issue Class** – 5 points each
Selected topics will be offered at the Annual Conference and rotate from year to year. Additional topics may be added.
 - **Ethics for Elected Officials**
 - **OPRA and OPMA for Elected Officials**
 - **Forms of Government**
 - **Review of Administrative Code**
 - **Labor Primer for Elected Officials**
 - **Purchasing and Procurement Law**
 - **Planning and Zoning Primer**
 - **Administration and Management**
- **Elective Activities** – 3 points each
 - **Engage in Advocacy Efforts**
(League Legislative Committee, Resolutions)
Contact Mike Cerra at 609-695-3481, Ext.120 for more information
 - **Attend TWO League Professional Development Webinar or Seminar** (retain certificate of attendance)
 - **Submit an article for *NJ Municipalities Magazine***
Contact Amy Spiezio at 609-695-3481, Ext.123 or aspiezio@njslom.org for editorial schedule and article submission guidelines.