



74th CONVENTION

Hot Springs Convention Center
June 18-20, 2008

REGISTRATION

Registration and payment must be received in League office by Monday, June 2, 2008, to qualify for advance registration.

Advance registration for municipal officials	\$150
Registration fee after June 2, 2008 , and on-site registration for municipal officials	\$175
Spouse/guest registration	\$75
Child registration	\$75
Other registrants	\$200

- Registration will be processed **ONLY** with accompanying payment in full. Make checks payable to the Arkansas Municipal League.
- Registration includes meals, activities and copies of **Handbook for Arkansas Municipal Officials, 2007-'08 edition**.
- No daily registration is available.
- Registration must come through the League office. No telephone registrations will be accepted.
- **No refunds after June 2, 2008.**
- Cancellation letters must be postmarked by **June 2, 2008.**

HOTEL RESERVATION

Hotel Room Rates

Embassy Suites Hotel (headquarters hotel)		
Single/ Double	\$129	Check-in 3 p.m.
Austin Hotel		
Single/ Double	\$75	Check-in 3 p.m.
Arlington Hotel		
Single	\$79	Double \$89
		Check-in 3 p.m.

- Cut-off date for hotel reservations is **June 2, 2008.**
- Rooms in Hot Springs are subject to a 13.5 percent tax.
- Rooms will be held until 6 p.m. and then released unless guaranteed by credit card.
- Contact the directly to make changes or cancellations in hotel accommodations.
- Hotel confirmation number will come directly from the hotel.
- Please check on cancellation policy for your hotel.

TWO WAYS TO REGISTER

1 Register online at www.arml.org and pay by credit card.

OR

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Complete the steps and **mail with payment to:**
ARKANSAS MUNICIPAL LEAGUE
Attn: 74th Convention
P.O. Box 38
North Little Rock, AR 72115-0038

Step 1: Delegate Information

Name: _____
 Title: _____ City of: _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Telephone: _____
 Spouse/Guest will attend: Yes No Name: _____
 Children will attend: Yes No Name(s): _____

Step 2: Payment Information

• WHAT IS YOUR TOTAL? (see opposite page for fees)

<input type="checkbox"/> Advance Registration	<input type="checkbox"/> Regular Registration	<input type="checkbox"/> Spouse/Guest	<input type="checkbox"/> Child	<input type="checkbox"/> Other Registrants	Total
\$150	\$175	\$75	\$75	\$200	\$

• HOW ARE YOU PAYING?

Check Mail payment and form to: Arkansas Municipal League
 74th Convention
 P.O. Box 38
 North Little Rock, AR 72115

Credit Card Complete information below and send to address above.

Credit Card: Visa MasterCard

Card Number: _____ Exp. Date: __/__/200__

Card Holder Name (as it appears on card): _____

Billing address (as it appears on statement): _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

E-mail address (required for credit card payment): _____

Step 3: Hotel Reservations

To obtain hotel reservations, registered delegates must directly contact participating hotels listed below:

Arlington Hotel	Reservations _____	800-643-1502 or 501-609-2533
Austin Hotel	Reservations _____	877-623-6697
Embassy Suites Hotel	Reservations _____	501-321-4407 (Dianna) or 501-351-4430 (Elaine) (In-house reservations only)

Step 4: Hotel Payment

Payment Options: Credit Card or Direct Bill Note: only two payment options.

To obtain direct billing as a payment option, registered delegates must directly contact hotel accounting offices listed below:

Arlington Hotel	Accounting _____	800-643-1502 or 501-609-2533
Austin Hotel	Accounting _____	800-844-7275
Embassy Suites Hotel	Accounting _____	501-321-4413 (ask for Jennifer Ragland)

****TENTATIVE****
74th ANNUAL CONVENTION
OF THE
ARKANSAS MUNICIPAL LEAGUE
JUNE 18 - 20, 2008

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 18, 2008

2:00 P.M. to 3:30 P.M.	AR CITY CLERKS, RECORDERS, TREASURERS ASSOCIATION	Rooms 104 & 105
2:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M.	REGISTRATION	Lobby/Grand Hall
2:00 P.M. to 6:45 P.M.	MEET YOUR EXHIBITORS/RENEW ACQUAINTANCES <i>Use this time to meet the exhibitors and see what products and services they have that could benefit your city. Tasty snacks and cool beverages will be served throughout the afternoon. Also, take the time to renew acquaintances with fellow municipal officials while relaxing in the Exhibit Hall.</i>	Halls A-C
3:30 P.M. to 5:00 P.M.	INTERIM JOINT CITY, COUNTY, LOCAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE	Rooms 102 & 103
3:30 P.M. to 5:30 P.M.	RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE <i>Each Municipality has a designated representative who is a member of the Resolutions Committee.</i> Presiding: Mayor JoAnne Bush, Lake Village First Vice President, Arkansas Municipal League	Hall D
7:00 P.M.	OPENING NIGHT BANQUET Speaker: TBA <i>Welcome to the 74th Annual Convention Opening Night Banquet. Enjoy a delicious meal and visit with fellow delegates.</i>	Horner Hall Ballroom
8:30 P.M.	POST BANQUET ENTERTAINMENT- <i>J.R. Rogers and the All Star Band</i>	Horner Hall Ballroom

THURSDAY, JUNE 19, 2008

6:30 A.M. to 7:00 A.M.	PRE-BREAKFAST EXERCISE WALK/JOG <i>Meet in the Lobby of the Embassy Suites Hotel.</i>	Embassy Suites Lobby
7:15 A.M. to 4:30 P.M.	REGISTRATION	Lobby/Grand Hall
7:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M.	EXHIBITS OPEN	Halls A- C
7:30 A.M. to 8:45 A.M.	HOST CITY BREAKFAST BUFFET <i>Country-style breakfast buffet will be served, courtesy of our Host, City of Hot Springs..</i>	Halls A-C
8:30 A.M. to NOON	CITY ATTORNEYS <i>City Attorneys will receive 12 hours of CLE credit for participating in two days of meetings located in Rooms 104 & 105 of the Hot Springs Convention Center.</i>	Rooms 104-105
9:00 A.M. to 10:15 A.M.	OPENING GENERAL SESSION PART I <i>The 74th Annual Convention begins with the posting of the colors and the singing of the National Anthem followed by a Host City Welcome from Mayor Mike Bush of Hot Springs. Don Borut of the National League of Cities will update us on national municipal issues. We will then hear from a variety of speakers on state municipal issues, followed by the Governor's address.</i>	Horner Hall

PRESENTATION OF COLORS

Color Guard by:	Hot Springs Fire Department
Singing the National Anthem:	Ms. Deleen Davidson of The Muses
Host City Welcome Address:	Mayor Mike Bush, Hot Springs
Presiding:	Mayor Mike Gaskill, Paragould President, Arkansas Municipal League
Speakers:	Don Borut, Executive Director, National League of Cities State Senator Bob Johnson, District 18,

President Pro Tempore-Elect
State Representative Robbie Wills, District 46,
Speaker of the House-Elect

10:15 A.M. to 10:30 A.M.	BREAK	Halls A-C
10:30 A.M. to 11:30 A.M.	GENERAL SESSION - PART II Important Legislative and Ballot Topics	Horner Hall
	Presiding: Mayor Mike Gaskill, Paragould President, Arkansas Municipal League	
11:30 A.M. to Noon	GENERAL SESSION - PART III Speaker: Honorable Mike Beebe, Governor (invited) State of Arkansas	
12:00 Noon to 1:15 P.M.	LUNCHEON BUFFET <i>Buffet Extravaganza. Visit one of the four food stations of your choice: Hot Dog/Hamburger, Pizza, Taco Bar and Potato/Salad Bar.</i>	Halls A-C
1:15 P.M. to 5:00 P.M.	CITY ATTORNEYS	Rooms 104-105
1:15 P.M. to 5:30 P.M.	<u>CONCURRENT WORKSHOPS</u> <i>During the next few hours, workshops to help you learn about topics of municipal interest are offered. Attend these workshops, ask questions and gather information to assist you when you return home.</i>	
1:15 P.M. to 2:30 P.M.	1) Important Land Use Issues <i>With the 2010 Census approaching, would annexation be a good idea? Eminent Domain, how to comply with asbestos abatement. as well as other important land use issues will be discussed.</i>	Room 209
	2) Negotiating Your Franchise Agreements and Making the Switch to Digital TV <i>The switch to digital T.V. will affect thousands of Arkansas households that rely on over-the-air television reception. How can city officials prepare for this change? Do you understand how to negotiate with your cable T.V. franchise company? Experts explain.</i>	Room 208
	3) Maintaining Your City Streets	Room 205

Proper drainage techniques are critical for professional street maintenance. What are some of the techniques that will help maintain your streets? Experts explain.

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| 4) | Public Pension Programs: How You Can Benefit
<i>LOPFI and APERS are pension programs available to municipalities. There are also League-sponsored pension management programs that may be beneficial to your municipality.</i> | Room 207 |
| 5) | Preparing for the 2010 Census
<i>It is not too early to begin preparing for the 2010 decennial census. There may be things you can do to improve your population count. Census experts explain.</i> | Rooms 203-204 |
| 6) | Going Green and Sustainability: What Cities Can Do
<i>Conservation, preservation, and saving energy are goals that cities should strive for. A panel of speakers describes what they are doing in their cities.</i> | Rooms 201-202 |

2:30 P.M. to 2:45 P.M.	BREAK Soft drinks and coffee available in Exhibit Hall.	Halls A-C
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| 2:45 P.M.
to
4:00 P.M. | 1) Improving Your Local Economy
<i>In a time where most municipalities are experiencing economic slowdown, are there things you can do to encourage local business retention and expansion? Have you considered becoming a Sister City? Panel members share advice.</i> | Room 208 |
| | 2) Preparing Your Annual Budget, Getting Ready for a Legislative Audit and GASB 45
<i>What are the basics of budgeting, what can I do to prepare for a Legislative audit and do I need to be concerned about a Legislative audit? Speakers explain.</i> | Rooms 201-202 |
| | 3) Land Banks, Programs for the Homeless and EPA Assistance for Brownsfield Sites
<i>Dealing with the homeless in our cities is a growing problem. What about assistance in cleaning up old, hazardous dump sites? Could Land Banks be another tool in improving run-down neighborhoods? A panel of speakers shares their ideas.</i> | Rooms 203-204 |
| | 4) Drug and Alcohol Supervisory Training: CDL and Non-CDL
<i>Regulations require that supervisors, with authority to determine reasonable suspicion, receive at least 60 minutes of training on controlled substance abuse recognition. This workshop will be the first of two and will concentrate on drug testing.</i> | Room 205 |
| | 5) National Flood Plain Insurance and Levee Protection
How important is it?
<i>Recent flooding has caused millions of dollars of damage. What are the advantages of having flood plain insurance. How safe</i> | Room 207 |

are our levees? Several speakers give advice.

	6)	Why Municipalities Get Sued <i>Lawsuits against municipalities are occurring in record numbers. Are their steps to take to avoid getting sued? AML attorneys explain.</i>	Room 209
4:00 P.M. to 4:15 P.M.		BREAK Soft drinks and coffee available in Exhibit Hall.	Halls A-C
4:15 P.M. to 5:30 P.M.	1)	Drug and Alcohol Supervisory Training: CDL and non-CDL <i>Regulations require that supervisors, with authority to determine reasonable suspicion, receive at least 60 minutes of training on controlled substance abuse recognition. This workshop will be the first of two and will concentrate on drug testing.</i>	Room 205
	2)	Timely Human Resource Topics <i>Keeping up with current HR issues are a must if you want to successfully manage your city personnel. A panel discusses some of these issues and shares timely advice.</i>	Rooms 203-204
	3)	Current Trends in Municipal Parks and Recreation Programs <i>More and more municipal parks and recreation departments are adding aquatic playgrounds to their parks systems. Community centers with recreation activities for seniors are also becoming very popular. Parks and Recreation professionals explain.</i>	Room 209
	4)	Grants, Funding Sources and Financial Assistance <i>Grants and financial assistance programs are available and there are those who can help. This is your opportunity to learn how to obtain assistance.</i>	Room 208
	5)	Administering Animal Control Ordinances <i>Establishing and enforcing professional animal control ordinances are common challenge. What steps can you take to establish a professional department?</i>	Room 207
	6)	When Disaster Strikes: Preparation and Recovery <i>Arkansas municipalities have had their share of natural disasters. Are there things you can do to prepare? How do you go about recovery? Several speakers share their experience.</i>	Rooms 201-202
4:30 P.M. to 5:30 P.M.		RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE <i>Each municipality has a designated representative who is a member of the Resolutions Committee.</i>	Hall D
		Presiding: Mayor JoAnne Bush, Lake Village First Vice President, Arkansas Municipal League	
5:30 P.M.		RECEPTIONS WILL BE HELD IN THE LOBBY/GRAND HALL	Lobby/Grand Hall,

to & BALLROOM PREFUNCTION AREAS OF THE CONVENTION CTR. Prefunction Area
 7:00 P.M.
 Hosted by: Crews & Associates (Grand Hall)
 Entergy (Ballroom Prefunction Area)

9:00 P.M. CONFECTIONS and CORDIALS Horner Hall
 EVENING ENTERTAINMENT- *Mr. John Conley*

FRIDAY, JUNE 20, 2008

6:30 A.M. PRE-BREAKFAST EXERCISE WALK/JOG Embassy Suites Lobby
Meet in the Lobby of the Embassy Suites Hotel.

7:15 A.M. REGISTRATION OPENS Lobby/Grand Hall
 to
 2:30 P.M.

7:30 A.M. EXHIBITS OPEN Halls A-C
 to
 9:30 A.M. *(Exhibit Hall will close at 9:30 A.M. for the remainder of the convention.)*

7:30 A.M. BUFFET BREAKFAST Halls A-C
 to
 8:45 A.M.

8:30 A.M. CITY ATTORNEYS Rooms 104-105
 to
 5:00 P.M.

9:00 A.M. ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING Hall D
 to
 10:15 A.M.

10:15 A.M. BREAK Halls A-C
 to
 10:30 A.M.

10:30 A.M. PREPARING FOR IMPORTANT ISSUES Hall D
 to
 11:30 A.M. Moderator: Don Zimmerman, Executive Director
 Arkansas Municipal League

11:30 A.M. AWARDS AND NEW OFFICERS' LUNCHEON Horner Hall Ballroom
 to
 1:30 P.M. Speaker: Congressman Mike Ross, Fourth Congressional District (invited)