
League of Arizona Cities and Towns Executive Committee Meeting

Wednesday, August 29, 2012 at 11:45 a.m.
(Lunch will be served at the meeting.)
Sonoran A & B Room
Hyatt Regency Scottsdale at Gainey Ranch

Agenda

1. Review and Adoption of Minutes
2. TPT Work Group Report
3. Report on Legislative Tour / League Outreach / Legislative Issues
4. HB 2826 (Consolidated Elections) Report
5. Report of League Communications Subcommittee
6. Life Member Nominations (Scruggs, Walkup)
7. Executive Session: Executive Director Evaluation
(The Committee may vote to discuss this agenda item in executive session pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(1).)

Additional Informational Materials Not Part of the Agenda

Agenda Item #1

Review and Adoption of Minutes

Summary:

The minutes of the previous Executive Committee meetings are enclosed for your review and approval.

Responsible Person:

Doug Von Gausig, League President

Attachments:

May 11, 2012 Meeting Minutes
July 6, 2012 Special Meeting Minutes

Action Requested:

Approval

Agenda Item #2 **TPT Work Group Report**

Summary: The first meeting of the Governor’s TPT Simplification Task Force was held on July 23rd. A workgroup meeting on the Model City Tax Code was held at the League building on August 7th.

Responsible Person: Ken Strobeck, Executive Director

Discussion: The twelve-member task force appointed by Governor Brewer is charged with examining the state’s TPT tax and recommending ways to make it easier to administer, more convenient for businesses to comply and eventually pave the way for implementation of state and local sales taxes for online purchases. Deputy Director Tom Belshe represents the League on the task force.

Attachments: Meeting agendas, draft minutes and membership

Action Requested: Discussion / Information

Agenda Item #3

**Report on Legislative Tour / League Outreach /
Legislative Issues**

Summary:

Report on interim activities of the League; discussion of potential legislative issues

Responsible Person:

Ken Strobeck, Executive Director
Legislative staff members

Discussion:

League staff traveled across the state to make reports on the activities and value of the League to our members and to report on bills from the 2012 legislative session that directly affected cities and towns as well as a look forward to next session. Presentations were made at 11 different cities and another presentation of the program is scheduled for the conference. The host communities were very appreciative and the programs were well-attended.

Staff also referenced additional materials available on our website for League members use such as the 2012 New Laws Report, Budget Report, Elections Manual and implementation guidelines for various bills.

Executive Committee members may wish to discuss upcoming issues on the November ballot or other matters that may be the subject of legislation in the 2013 session.

Attachments:

Legislative Tour / League Outreach Locations 2012
Information on Prop 118 from State Treasurer Doug Ducey
League Publicity Pamphlet statements on Props 119 and 204

Action Requested:

Discussion / Information / Possible Action

Agenda Item #4

HB 2826 (Consolidated Elections) Report

Summary:

HB 2826 mandates that all cities and towns move their candidate elections to the fall of even-numbered years.

Responsible Person:

Ken Strobeck, Executive Director

Discussion:

This bill was opposed by the League and narrowly passed the House and Senate before being signed by Governor Brewer. The League considered it a preemption of a decision that should be made locally about whether to hold municipal elections in the spring or fall.

The law has cleared its first legal hurdle: the US Department of Justice has ruled the legislation does not violate its “preclearance” standards, i.e. it does not violate any minority voting rights.

Charter cities in the state, led by Tucson, are likely to file a challenge in court, asserting that local charters preempt state legislation in matters of purely local concern, such as elections. If the law does go into effect for non-charter cities and towns, cleanup legislation is required to clarify issues such as length of terms and Home Rule elections.

Attachments:

HB 2826 work group notes
General Counsel Opinion regarding General Law
Cities and Towns
General Counsel Opinion on Length of Terms

Action Requested:

Discussion / Information / Possible Action

Agenda Item #5

Report of League Communications Subcommittee

Summary:

The Communications Subcommittee, chaired by Mayor John Salem of Kingman, reviewed the 17 responses to the League RFQ for a new city “image” campaign. They also discussed the League’s ongoing media relations efforts.

Responsible Person:

Ken Strobeck, Executive Director

Discussion:

The Subcommittee is moving forward on two fronts: an update to the PR campaign based on the “Strong Cities” theme from several years ago, and a re-definition of our ongoing media relations efforts throughout the legislative session and the interim.

Attachments:

Notes from July 11, 2012 meeting

Action Requested:

Discussion / Possible Action

Agenda Item #6

Life Member Nominations

Summary:

By tradition, past presidents of the League are granted Life Membership by the Executive Committee. The nominations for Elaine Scruggs and Robert Walkup are enclosed for action by the Executive Committee.

Responsible Person:

Doug Von Gausig, President

Attachments:

Life Member Resolutions

Action Requested:

Discussion / Action

Agenda Item #7

Executive Session: Evaluation of League Executive Director

Summary:

Pursuant to A.R.S. 38-431.03(A) 1, the Executive Committee will meet in Executive Session to discuss the recent 360-degree performance evaluation of League Executive Director Ken Strobeck. Following the executive session, the Executive Committee will reconvene its meeting to consider the remaining agenda items.

Responsible Person:

Doug Von Gausig, President

Attachments:

Executive session materials can be found in a sealed envelope in the back pocket of this binder.

Additional Informational Materials

Not Part of the Agenda