

Keynote: The Future of Local Government
 Dr. Grantham's presentation, based on his research, will focus on three key issues facing local government leadership in North Dakota.



What does the future hold for us? He will weave together a story which combines threads of expected decreases in revenue, formation of local government 'networks' and the rise of localized centers of innovation.

Why is this happening? What are the larger forces driving these changes as we shift from the "Old Story" of industrialization to the "New Story" of an innovation economy? He will examine demographic swings and a rise of machine power over manpower.

How local governments can not only survive, but indeed thrive? A look at why it is imperative to invest in development of leaders, at all levels. This coupled with a rising need to work on developing 'place brand' to attract and retain talent will conclude with an explanation of how to use 'weak signals' to steer the ship of state.

In sum, the overall theme will be to not simply be a victim of overpowering forces but to take charge and create the future you want.

The 2017 Annual Conference will address topics such as:

- Consolidated tax statement
- Social Services changes
- Renaissance Zones
- Parliamentary procedure
- Leave time
- Municipal hiring practices
- Budget deadline changes
- 2020 Census
- Main Street Initiative
- Social media best practices
- Medical marijuana law
- Conducting city meetings

Preliminary Agenda

Thursday, September 28

Affiliate groups will meet throughout the day
 5 p.m. – 8 p.m. Welcome Reception and Social

Friday, September 29

9 a.m. – 6 p.m. **Exhibitor Showcase**
 9:00 – 10:00 a.m. Exhibits and Eats – Continental Breakfast
 10:15 – 11:30 a.m. Concurrent Sessions
 11:45 – 1:45 p.m. **Lunch, Scholarship Awards & Opening Speaker:** Charlie Grantham
 1:45 – 2:35 p.m. **Concurrent Sessions**
 2:45 – 3:20 p.m. Exhibits and Eats
 3:30 – 4:30 p.m. **General Session**
 4:30 – 6:00 p.m. Exhibits and Eats

Saturday, September 30

6:30 – 7:15 a.m. Sunrise Fitness
 7:30 – 8:15 a.m. Eggs and Issues: Mayors and Large City Finance Officers Breakfast
 7:30 – 8:15 a.m. Breakfast Buffet
 7:45 – 8:15 a.m. Past President's Breakfast
 8:15 – 8:45 a.m. Annual Meeting
 8:45 – 9:20 a.m. **General Session**
 9:30 – 10:20 a.m. **Concurrent Sessions**
 10:30 – 10:50 a.m. Networking Break
 11:00 – 11:50 a.m. **Concurrent Sessions**
 Noon – 1:30 p.m. Municipal Attorneys Association Luncheon and Annual Meeting
 Noon – 2:15 p.m. **Awards Luncheon**



Register online at www.ndlc.com/ac.

The conference registration fee is \$225 through September 13. After September 13, the fee is \$275.

The spouse/guest registration fee is \$120 through September 13. After September 13, the fee is \$135.

All cancellations must be sent to Carissa at carissa@ndlc.org. No phone calls for cancellations will be accepted. The cancellation deadline is Tuesday, September 19. No refund will be given and outstanding invoices must be paid for cancellations after September 19.

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 [Host Hotel Currently Booked]

Expressway Suites

4303 17th Ave S • (701) 239-4303
 Double Queen Suite or Single King Suite is \$81.90. Room block released Sept 1

Hilton Garden Inn

4351 17th Ave S • (701) 499-6000
 Double Queen or Single King is \$81.10
 Room block released on Sept 7

Home2 Suites by Hilton

1652 44th ST S
 (701) 492-4502, ask for the MOD block
 1 King bed and Full Sofa Sleeper is \$91
 Room block released on Aug 28