

Thursday, September 19, 2019

Affiliate groups will meet throughout the day

- 10 am – 4 pm** **Elected Officials Training**
- 5-8 pm** **Welcome Reception and Social**

Friday, September 20, 2019

- 8:45 am** Registration opens
- 9 am – 6 pm** Exhibitor Showcase
- 9–10 am** Exhibits and Eats – Continental Breakfast

10:15–11:30 am

CONCURRENT SESSIONS

- **The Conflict Experience** – Whether we like it or not, interpersonal conflicts occur every day in our workplaces. Many people are uncomfortable with conflict and avoid problem areas with the hope that the issues will just go away. As you know, these problems do not disappear. This session will cover the conflict experience and how we can manage it, so we can lessen its effect and be happier in the workplace and beyond.
- **Smart Cities** - This session will provide information on the concept of Smart Cities & the American Planning Association's Smart Cities & Sustainability Initiative. It will cover the trends that led to the growth of Smart Cities and specific examples of Smart City technologies in action.
- **How Safe is Your Workplace?** - Does your city have procedures in place in the event of an active threat at your facility? Do you have a building safety plan and do you review it with your employees? This presentation will share ways to see the warning signs and understand the reality of potential threats at your workplace. And they will provide options for responding to these situations and tips for making your workplace safe.

11:45 am – 1:35 pm

Lunch, Scholarship Awards & Opening Speaker Keynote: Vern Dosch, Leveraging Technology to Better Serve the Citizens

1:45-2:35 pm

CONCURRENT SESSIONS

- **NDIRF: A Policy Against Discrimination** - This session will explain the interplay between workplace policies and discrimination lawsuits.

- **Managing old Water Infrastructure** - Most all cities are dealing with the problems created by aging water infrastructure and trying to determine if water rates are appropriate for repair or replacement. Find out how to determine the amount of leakage in your system, if your rates are adequate and how to address some of those repair or replacement issues with new technology.
- **Housing Programs Can Work in Your Community** - State and federal programs are available to construct or rehabilitate single and multi-family housing. North Dakota Housing Finance Agency administers these programs with the intent to support community development and ensure safe and decent affordable housing. This session will introduce you to numerous programs and provide examples of urban and rural communities putting those resources to work.
- **Lower Your Annual Audit Expense** - The State Auditor's office can perform audits of local governments as a service to you and your stakeholders, and it does so at the lowest possible cost to you while upholding the auditing profession's rigorous standards. This interactive session will cover the basics of a local government audits, discuss some of your responsibilities, highlight a few common findings from local government audits, and give an overview on how to engage the Auditor's Office on your next audit.

2:45-3:35 pm

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- **Public Employees Retirement System Legislative Update and Changes Affecting Cities** - This presentation will include a wrap-up of the changes made by the 66th Legislative Assembly and address questions about the program. Although the NDPERS Board will not yet have considered its legislative agenda for the next session, Scott will also take a look into his crystal ball to see what proposals might arise for the next legislative session.
- **Bank of North Dakota Programs for Cities** - BND staff will provide an update on legislative program changes made to infrastructure funding, an overview of the "OneStop Application" for infrastructure financing and the bank's economic development programs.
- **Basics of Bonding for City and Park District Projects** - The information city and park district officials need to know when considering using bonding to finance a project.

3:45-4:15 pm

Exhibits and Eats

4:15-5:00 pm

Small Cities Big Ideas - This session is an opportunity for elected and appointed small city representatives to discuss issues common to smaller cities. Come prepared to share your city's issues, offer ideas and suggestions and share your success stories. The conversation will be led by conference participants and League staff will be available to answer questions and provide legal background.

5:00-6:15 pm

Exhibits and Eats

Saturday, September 21, 2019 – City Shirt Day

6:30-7:30 am

Sunrise Fitness –
Walk, Run or Self-Defense Class

7:30-8:30 am

Breakfast Buffet

8:30-9:30 am

NDLC Annual Business Session

9:40-10:30 am

CONCURRENT SESSIONS

- **Information Technology: Services for Your City** - Advances in technology are transforming how state and local governments deliver services. Demand for intelligent, fast and “available everywhere” access to services is growing at exponential rates. Meeting this demand, while ensuring its protection requires a modern design and equally modern cyber defenses. Please join us as we discuss the changes taking place at the infrastructure level, including SIRN, as well as advancements in cybersecurity and associated services available to state and local government, k12 and higher ed.

- **ND Department of Environmental Quality**
- **Economic Development Diversification and Opportunities for Communities of all Size** - Unmanned systems provide a unique opportunity for growth throughout the state. The ED&F Director will provide an update on economic diversification and transformation efforts across the state.

10:30-10:50 am

Networking Break

11:00-11:50 am

CONCURRENT SESSIONS

- **Home Rule** - The what, the why and the how along with uses besides enacting a sales tax.
- **Main Street Initiative: What's New?** - This presentation will explore the Main Street Initiative specifics of what it means to be a MSI community – what you get, how the state partners with you, why you might be interested. We will share what we have learned, best practices and use specific examples of how MSI may benefit your community. We will also provide a sneak peek at “MSI version 2.0 – From Awareness to Action”
- **Cybersecurity for You and Your Family** - We are always hearing about cybersecurity at work, but what about at home? Tony will provide information and tips on what you can do to protect yourself and your family from the bad actors that are lurking on the internet.
- **ND Department of Transportation**

12:00-2:00 pm

Awards Luncheon

Saturday is City Shirt Day! Wear your favorite shirt with your city's logo or a graphic of an event or landmark in your city.



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