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League of Nebraska Municipalities

# 2010 Midwinter Conference

*Moving Forward – The League’s Next Century  
of Service to Nebraska’s Cities and Villages*



**Feb. 22-23, 2010**

**Cornhusker Marriott Hotel**

**Lincoln, Nebraska**

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## Conference Program

### Monday, February 22, 2010

- 7:15–8 am**      **Registration:** Visit Display Area (coffee and rolls available)  
Atrium
- 8–8:15 am**      **Welcome**  
Ballroom DEF      *League President Annie Thomas, Council President, Auburn*  
*Host City Welcome – Chris Beutler, Mayor, Lincoln*
- 8:15–10:15 am**      **Von Maur Shootings Case Study:** Lessons learned to help other municipalities mitigate critical incidents  
Ballroom DEF      whether that be in a school, department store or city hall.  
*Captain Timothy Carmody, Omaha Police Department*
- 10:15–10:30 am**      **Break:** Visit Display Area  
Atrium
- 10:30–11:30 am**      **League Legislative Update**  
Ballroom DEF      *L. Lynn Rex, Executive Director, LNM*
- 11:30–11:45 am**      **Break:** Visit Display Area  
Atrium
- 11:45 am–1 pm**      **Luncheon with Brief Remarks from:**  
Lancaster      *Monty Fredrickson, Director, Nebraska Department of Roads*  
*Dr. John Nalbandian, Professor, Dept. of Public Administration, University of Kansas*  
*Bill Harding, Attorney, Harding & Shultz, P.C., L.L.O.*
- 1–1:15 pm**      **Break:** Visit Display Area  
Atrium
- 1:15–2:30 pm**      **What is the Future of the Information Age and the Role of Public Libraries?** Are books and literacy as  
Ballroom DEF      we know them ending?  
*William Crossman, Futurist and Author of “VIVO [Voice-In-Voice-Out]: The Coming Age of Talking Computers”*  
*Rivkah Sass, Director, Sacramento Public Library*
- 2:30–2:45 pm**      **Break:** Visit Display Area  
Atrium
- 2:45–3:45 pm**      **Concurrent Sessions:**  
Arbor 1,2
- A. Preventing Underage Drinking:** A Community Approach  
*Tom Nesbitt, President/CEO, Nesbitt and Associates Inc.*
- B. Council/Manager Relations:** The Best in Public Management  
(Session repeated at 4 pm)  
*Dr. John Nalbandian, Professor, Department of Public Administration, University of Kansas*
- C. Social Networking Implications for Municipalities:** New Technologies, Facebook, Twitter, Etc.  
(Session repeated at 4 pm)  
*Moderator: Mick Mines, Mines & Associates*  
*Kent Kubie, IBM Client Executive*  
*Nate Lowry, UNL 5<sup>th</sup> Year Senior*  
*Matt Rosno, UNL 5<sup>th</sup> Year Senior*
- D. Legal Procedures for Local Ballot Questions:** Local Option Sales Tax, LB 840 Economic Development Programs, Fluoride, Lid/Levy Overrides, Etc.  
(Session repeated at 4 pm)  
*Gary Krumland, Assistant Director/Legal Counsel, LNM*
- 3:45–4 pm**      **Break:** Visit Display Area  
Atrium

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## Monday, February 22, 2010 (con't.)

**4–5 pm**

Arbor 1,2

**Concurrent Sessions:**

**A. Positive Steps to the Future:** Mitigating and Preventing Losses to Save Taxpayer Dollars  
*Heather Thompson, Property & Liability Claims Specialist, League Association of Risk Management (LARM)*

Ballroom DEF

**B. Council/Manager Relations:** The Best in Public Management  
*(Repeat of 2:45 pm session)*

*Dr. John Nalbandian, Professor, Department of Public Administration, University of Kansas*

Ballroom ABC

**C. Social Networking Implications for Municipalities:** New Technologies, Facebook, Twitter, Etc.  
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Hawthorne

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*(Repeat of 2:45 pm session)*

*Gary Krumland, Assistant Director/Legal Counsel, LNM*

**5–5:15 pm**

Atrium

**Break:** Visit Display Area

**5:15–6:15 pm**

Arbor 1

**Section Meetings:**

City Managers/Administrators

Ballroom ABC

Clerks

Ballroom DEF

Larger Cities

Arbor 2

Smaller Cities and Villages

Lincoln

Utilities Section

*(From lobby, go to 2nd floor)*

## Tuesday, February 23, 2010

**7:45 am**

Atrium

**Registration:** Visit Display Area (coffee and rolls available)

**8–9 am**

Lancaster 1,2,3

**Concurrent Sessions:**

**A. Renewable Energy and Net Metering Primer for Municipalities**

*Lash Chaffin, Utilities Section Director, LNM*

Lancaster 4,5,6

**B. Citizen Service Centers and Citizen Response Management:** Learn about this new tracking system for non-emergency calls to reduce costs and expenditures while reserving 911 for true emergencies.

*(Session repeated at 10:45 am)*

*Tom Nesbitt, President/CEO, Nesbitt and Associates Inc.*

*Scott Henry, Associate, Nesbitt and Associates Inc.*

Ballroom ABC

**C. Tax Increment Financing (TIF) in a Nutshell**

*(Session repeated at 9:15 am)*

*Marc Abbott, Gilmore & Bell, P.C.*

*Gary Krumland, Assistant Director/Legal Counsel, LNM*

Arbor 1,2

**D. Media Relations:** Strategies for managing your message when the media is in your face.

*(Session repeated at 9:15 am)*

*Michael Nolan, Executive Director, LARM*

**9–9:15 am**

Atrium

**Break:** Visit Display Area

**9:15–10:15 am**

Lancaster 1,2,3

**Concurrent Sessions:**

**A. Sexual Harassment and Strict Liability:** Learn what the law requires from supervisors, managers and elected officials.

*(Session repeated at 10:45 am)*

*Bill Harding, Attorney, Harding & Shultz, P.C., L.L.O.*

*Bob Perry, Safety Manager, LNM/LARM*

Lancaster 4,5,6

**B. Saving Taxpayer Dollars:** Making the business case for safety.

*(Session repeated at 10:45 am)*

*Dan Sulzner, Midwest Employers Casualty Company*

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### 9:15–10:15 am Concurrent Sessions: (con't.)

Ballroom ABC **C. Tax Increment Financing (TIF) in a Nutshell**  
(Repeat of 8 am session)

*Marc Abbott, Gilmore & Bell, P.C.*

*Gary Krumland, Assistant Director/Legal Counsel, LNM*

Arbor 1,2 **D. Media Relations:** Strategies for managing your message when the media is in your face.  
(Repeat of 8 am session)

*Michael Nolan, Executive Director, LARM*

**10:15–10:45 am Break:** Visit Display Area and Time for Hotel Checkout!

Atrium

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Lancaster 4,5,6 **B. Saving Taxpayer Dollars:** Making the business case for safety.

(Repeat of 9:15 am session)

*Dan Sulzner, Midwest Employers Casualty Company*

Ballroom ABC **C. Purchasing Options Under State Contracts to Save Taxpayer Dollars; New Provisions Regarding the Passage of Local Ballot Questions (LB 626 in 2009)**

*Trent Fellers, Chief of Staff, State Treasurer's Office*

*Doug Evans, Senior Partner, Research Associates*

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*Scott Henry, Associate, Nesbitt and Associates Inc.*

**11:45 am–Noon Designated Delegates with White Ribbons on Their Name Badges**

Atrium

*Prepare to Greet your State Senator*

**Noon–1:10 pm Senator Appreciation Luncheon**

Ballroom DEF

**1:10 pm Adjournment – Thank you for coming! Please drive safely!**



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### **Upcoming Conferences and Workshops**

**2010**

**NLC Congressional City Conference**, March 13-17, Washington, D.C.

**Nebraska Municipal Clerk Institute & Academy**, March 15-19, Sandhills Convention Center, North Platte

**IIMC Annual Conference**, May 23-27, Reno, Nevada

**Municipal Accounting and Finance Conference**, June 16-18, Holiday Inn, Kearney

**League Annual Conference**, Sept. 22-24, Holiday Inn, Kearney

**ICMA Annual Conference**, Oct. 17-20, San Jose, California

**NLC Congress of Cities and Exposition**, Nov. 30-Dec. 4, Denver, Colorado