Office of the Mayor & Town Council

Trip Report

Purpose:
2015 League of Arizona Cities and Towns Annual Conference

Date:
August 18 – August 21, 2015

Location:
JW Marriott Starr Pass Resort
Tucson, AZ

Attendees:
Mayor Satish Hiremath
Councilmember Bill Garner
Councilmember Mary Snider
Councilmember Mike Zinkin
Town Manager Greg Caton

Summary:

The 2015 League of Arizona Cities and Towns Annual Conference was hosted by the City of Tucson, Arizona.

The conference was attended by over 1200 elected officials and guests from cities and towns across Arizona. Highlights of the conference included: 2015 Gabe Zimmerman Public Service Awards; and over 25 sessions dealing with issues of importance to local, regional and statewide officials. The conference "schedule at a glance" is attached.

Report submitted to the Town Clerk on August 26, 2015.

Dr. Satish I. Hiremath
Mayor

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TUCSON ☆ AUGUST 18-21

TUESDAY, AUGUST 18

8:00 a.m. – Golf Tournament – Starr Pass Golf Club

1:30 p.m. – Pre Conference Session – Arizona 12

1:30 p.m. – Resolutions Committee – Arizona 6 and 7

4:00 p.m. – Arizona Municipal Risk Retention Pool (AMRRP) Annual Meeting – San Xavier

4:00 p.m. – Affiliate Group Meeting – Arizona 5

- GAMA

5:30 p.m. – Welcome Reception – Arizona Foyer

6:30 p.m. – APS Dinner at the League Annual Conference – Tucson Ballroom

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19

8:30 a.m. – Youth Program – Arizona 5

9:00 a.m. – Opening General Session – Arizona 6 and 7

12:00 p.m. – Lunch On Your Own

1:30 p.m. – Concurrent Sessions

- Forest Health and Its Impact on Cities and Towns - Tucson J
- PSPRS Task Force Update and Recommendations - Tucson E
- Arizona Council on Transportation Innovation Exchange - Tucson F
- Fundamentals of Local Government: Ethics - Tucson A and B
- Legislative Update & How You Can Make an Impact at the Capitol - Tucson C and D

3:15 p.m. – Concurrent Sessions

- Zoning/Code Enforcement and Blight Control Issues - Tucson J
- Schools and Cities/Towns: Innovative Ideas and Strategies for Success - Tucson F
- Social Media and Cities: The Pros and Cons - Tucson E
- Basics of Budgeting for Small Communities - Tucson A and B
- TPT Reform: What to Expect in 2016 - Tucson C and D
- Helping Arizona's Veteran Population - Arizona 8

6:30 p.m. – Service Award Dinner and Entertainment – Arizona Ballroom

THURSDAY, AUGUST 20

8:00 a.m. – Spouse/Guest Mobile Tour – San Ignacio

Tour Downtown Tucson on Board the Sun Link Streetcar

8:15 a.m. – Concurrent Sessions

- Lifesavers in the Pool: AMRRP Services - Tucson A and B
- Can Small Towns Be Cool? - San Luis
- Marijuana Legalization: the Colorado Experience - Tucson C and D
- Emergency Preparedness - Arizona 12
- Arizona's Open Meeting Law - Arizona 8
- Media Relations for Elected Officials: Avoiding Common Pitfalls - San Pedro

10:00 a.m. – Concurrent Sessions

- Effective Mayor, Council and Manager Relationships - Tucson A and B
- Water Issues: The Crisis in California and its Impact on Arizona - San Pedro
- Business Beyond Borders - Arizona 8
- Downtown Success Strategies From Around the Country - San Luis
- Reading the Tea Leaves: Pundits Discuss the Current Politics - Tucson C and D
- Great Ideas That Work: Current Innovative Programs and Solutions - Arizona 12

12:00 p.m. – General Luncheon – Arizona Ballroom

2:30 p.m. – Concurrent Sessions

- Community-Based Entrepreneurship - San Luis
- Railroads: Their History in AZ - San Pedro
- League of Arizona Cities and Towns – How Can We Better Serve You? - Arizona 12

2:30 p.m. – Affiliate Groups Meetings

- Arizona COG Directors - Arizona 8
- Arizona City Attorneys Association - San Xavier

2:30 p.m. – Mobile Tour: McKale Memorial Center Arena – League Registration Desk

4:00 p.m. – Annual Business Meeting – Arizona 5

6:00 p.m. – Showcase of Cities and Towns – Tucson Ballroom

FRIDAY, AUGUST 21

8:00 a.m. – Speed Networking Breakfast – Arizona 12

9:30 a.m. – Closing Session – Arizona 7

9:30 a.m. – Affiliate Group Meeting

- Arizona Rural Transportation Advocacy Council - Arizona 6

12:00 p.m. - Conference Adjourns

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