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The mission of the Allegheny League of Municipalities (ALOM) is to foster local government in Allegheny County and Southwestern Pennsylvania by educating elected officials, delivering essential resources and advocating for sound policy and legislation.

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EDUCATING ELECTED OFFICIALS



The Spring Educational Conference experienced its largest attendance in 10 years in 2018. Nearly 400 municipal stakeholders attended and nearly 1,000 people total participated.



Nearly 20 **educational sessions** were offered over the course of the week-end with topics that included:

- The Future of Health Care
- Trends and Tips in Zoning Enforcement
- Pension and Bond Market information and strategies
- Understanding Contract Documents
- MS4 Compliance and Municipal Stormwater Workshops

AND MUCH MORE



The traditional **Q&A with State and Federal Legislators** also took place. Moderated by Jon Delano, the legislators greeted a room full of constituents to discuss relevant legislation and other issues facing municipal stakeholders.



The **Exhibit Hall** SOLD OUT at this year's Spring Educational Conference and featured 73 companies and firms offering municipal stakeholders information on various services and programs offered.

The Annual Vendor Reception was also well attended and special thanks goes out to perennial sponsor Gateway Engineers.



100% of survey respondents indicated that they are **Extremely or Very Likely to attend the Spring Conference in the future.**



New to this year's event was the Inaugural **Women in Leadership Networking Event**. Guests were greeted by a message from Sally Wiggin and enjoyed a morning of speakers and networking. Almost 100 guests of the Spring Educational Conference participated and provided contact information with the goal to form an ongoing network of fellow women in local government that can share information and resources with each other.



RETIREMENT SOLUTIONS

By offering a 401(a) or 457 deferred compensation plan, you can help government employees prepare for a secure future.

ALOM has sponsored these plans for over 30 years and they are immediately available to your municipality as a free benefit of membership.

More information can be found in the graphic below.

If you would like additional information please contact Jason Davidek at 412-261-2521 or jason@alleghenyleague.org

Do your Employee Benefits Need a Check- Up?

ALOM- through a partnership with Municipal Benefits Services and Rhoades Law - works to assist our members with the complexities of providing employee retirement and health benefit programs. A cornerstone of this endeavor is a free annual seminar offered to local government stakeholders to provide information concerning the administration of these programs, including legislative changes and the associated legal impacts and mandates concerning implementation.



Last year, topics included:

- New Pension Designs and How Local Government Can Use Them
- Pension Legal Cases and What They Mean to Local Government
- The Latest Health Care Strategies
- Auditor General's Office: Report on Municipal Pensions

This free event is open to all ALOM stakeholders and is scheduled for Friday, October 19 at the Pine Township Community Center.



DELIVERING ESSENTIAL RESOURCES

A key element to the ALOM mission is the promotion of good government by providing resources to our members that can serve as tools for long term success within their communities. In recent years, ALOM has been working to explore new and creative ways to provide essential resources to supplement the traditional services that have been offered, including but not limited to those highlighted below:

Online Registration and Credit Card Payments

Since its start in 2017, nearly 85% of ALOM users have transitioned to using online registration and credit card payment systems to register for meetings, events and conferences. By incorporating these online options, ALOM strives to allow its constituents fast and easy access with as few “clicks” as necessary to help respect their limited and valuable time.

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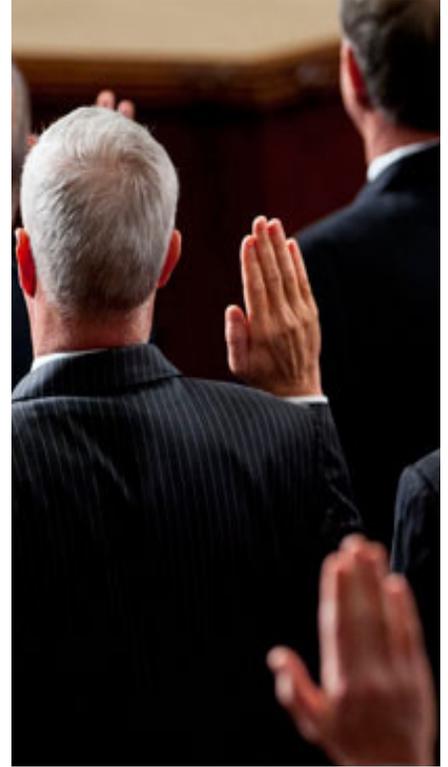
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ALOM Member Marketplace

This platform is intended for use by members of ALOM and ALOM’s affiliate associations – ACBA, ACATO and AC&WPATC – in order to provide a hub of information for all municipal stakeholders to find classified information such as job postings, bids/RFPs, meeting announcements and vendor information.

Compensation & Benefits Survey and Report

The Compensation & Benefits (wage & salary) survey and report has been a valuable resource for planning and budgeting, and as of late has been re-crafted to include new data-collection methods thanks to online submission systems and more robust data storage and integrity practices. With the end user always in mind, ALOM continues to find ways to collect, synthesize and disseminate data in ways that are easy to understand and helpful to our constituents.



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The ALOM Board of Directors remains dedicated to the mission of the association and supportive of the day-to-day operations while concurrently encouraging innovation and strategic improvements designed to meet the needs of our constituents.

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ADVOCATING FOR SOUND POLICY AND LEGISLATION

At a legislative panel discussion held in conjunction with the Spring Educational Conference, delegates were privy to a robust debate surrounding several important topics such as stormwater management, the opioid epidemic and municipal policing. Specifically, it was noted during the discussion that Pennsylvania remains the only state in the nation that still precludes municipal police from utilizing radar technology.



The Pennsylvania Senate has already passed a measure to address this, and members of the House of Representatives indicated the potential for some movement on similar legislation in the months ahead. Accordingly, at the conclusion of the event, ALOM Chairman Pete Poninsky penned a letter to the House Transportation Committee in an effort to encourage the movement of this long-awaited legislation.

While the Pennsylvania Legislature is currently in recess, ALOM is making preparations to continue advocating for critical municipal legislation in the months ahead. To aid in that effort, ALOM staff will be partnering with the University of Pittsburgh to secure an intern to assist with legislative tracking and analysis on behalf of our member stakeholders.

Additionally, mark your calendars for the Biannual ALOM Legislative Reception, scheduled for Thursday, January 17, 2019. This event

provides an opportunity to welcome the new legislative delegation for 2019 and share information about local government priorities in the ensuing year.



ON THE HORIZON

Calendar of Events



- September 7, 2018 - ALOM Sporting Clays Event
- September 27-30, 2018 - AC&WPATC Fall Conference
- October 19, 2018 - ALOM FREE Benefits Seminar
- December 6, 2018 - ACBA Membership Meeting
- January 17, 2019 - ALOM Bi-Annual Legislative Reception
- February 2, 2019 - ACBA Annual Banquet
- April 4-7, 2019 - ALOM Spring Educational Conference

Welcome New Members



- ALOM would like to welcome the following new Members to the association:
- White Oak Borough - Direct Membership through ACBA
 - Steel Rivers COG – Affiliate Member
 - Fox Chapel Water Authority – Affiliate Member
 - Citizens Bank – Associate Member
 - Cohen Law Group – Associate Member
 - AndCo Consulting - Associate Member
 - Strategic Solutions - Associate Member

AFFILIATE ASSOCIATIONS

The Allegheny County Boroughs Association (ACBA) and the Allegheny County Association of Township Officials (ACATO) passed a series of companion resolutions this spring to address a host of legislative priorities impacting our communities. They included the following matters of interest to local government:



- *Opposing legislation to amend the Urban Redevelopment Law to require a county of the second class to create a land bank program where an existing multi-municipal land bank already exists under the Pennsylvania Land Bank Act (Act 153 of 2012)*
- *Seeking legislation to clarify that banks and lending institutions holding mortgages have a vested right in any property for which they hold a mortgage and therefore can be held responsible for the maintenance and condition of the property and for any violations regarding the same when a property becomes the responsibility of a bank or lending institution.*
- *Opposing any legislation that would strip municipalities of their legal authority to regulate wireless facilities both within and outside the public rights-of-way, limit a municipality's ability to negotiate and collect reasonable fees for collocation on municipal infrastructure, or mandate municipal cooperation.*

- *Opposing any legislation that would require municipalities to permit full-time police officers to purchase pension credit for prior part-time or full-time police service that the officers provided to another police department.*
- *Opposing HR 291 and associated efforts to eliminate the local earned income tax collection districts authorized under Act 32 of 2008 and replace with a statewide collection mechanism.*

Each of these resolutions was submitted to state legislative delegations as well as presented to both the Pennsylvania State Association of Township Supervisors and the Pennsylvania State Association of Boroughs; and approved at their annual conferences held respectively in April and June. They now become part of the advocacy platform and allows ALOM to strengthen lobbying efforts through joint advocacy.



Fortunately, there has already been some success with regard to several of these measures, in particular regarding the issue of blight. In May, the House Urban Affairs committee approved an amendment that addresses the first resolution by creating an exemption for Allegheny County. Additionally, last month the Governor signed HB 653 into law which is a measure to help expedite the foreclosure process. While there

is much more to be done in these areas, these successes will help form a bedrock to enhance advocacy moving forward.

Also active on the legislative front are the stakeholders comprising the Allegheny County and Western Pennsylvania Association of Township Commissioners (AC&WPATC) who represent townships of the first class. In addition to their advocacy efforts, they also host a number of events throughout the year. In May, the Association held its annual convention at the Rivers Casino, where Commissioner Dave Zarnick of Butler Township was elected President, succeeding Tony Taliani of East Deer Township. Elected alongside Dave were officers Sam Juliano of North Versailles Township as First Vice President, Matt Doebler of Aleppo Township as Second Vice President, Bill Heasley of Harrison Township as Third Vice President, Jim Boyle of Shaler as Treasurer and Rick Stoneburner of East Deer Township as Secretary.



Officers and Directors have now turned their attention to the planning and preparation of the upcoming Fall Conference of Boroughs, Townships and Authorities, scheduled for September 27 -30, 2018 at Seven Springs Mountain Resort. The Board engaged in a robust discussion regarding the conference, with a particular emphasis on creating a dynamic educational program to further enhance the experience of attendees.

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