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WELCOME TO 2021 LEAGUE ANNUAL CONFERENCE!

As President of the League of Arizona Cities and Towns, it is my honor to welcome you to the 2021 League Annual Conference at the newly renovated and iconic Arizona Biltmore. League staff has worked closely with the Biltmore to ensure proper health and safety protocols are in place.

This past legislative session amplified the critical need for cities and towns to speak in unity to protect shared revenues and local control. The League of Arizona Cities and Towns successfully represented our common interests with unshakable dedication, while enhancing our reputation for solution-based collaboration.

These unprecedented times have not weakened our prospects of a bright future. This conference will provide engaging sessions, innovative solutions, and best practices to add to the quality of life in our respective communities.

It is an honor to serve as League President, working side by side with fellow Mayors and Councilmembers. I look forward to joining you as we engage and connect in a meaningful way.

Thank you to League staff for all of your efforts in bringing this conference together.

Sincerely,



Cathy Carlát
President, League of Arizona Cities and Towns
Mayor, City of Peoria



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CONFERENCE BADGES

You must wear your official conference badge to obtain entrance to all functions, including meals and social events.

The dress at the conference is business casual. This includes the receptions and dinners.

REGISTRATION DESK LOCATION AND HOURS

Online registration is now closed. To register at the conference please go to the League Registration Desk at the Frank Lloyd Wright Ballroom.

10:00 am to 7:00 pm on Tuesday, August 31

7:00 am to 7:00 pm on Wednesday, September 1

7:00 am to 7:00 pm on Thursday, September 2

7:00 am to 10:00 am on Friday, September 3

CLE CREDITS

Sessions with an * next to them may be eligible for continuing legal education (CLE) credit.

CONFERENCE MOBILE APPLICATION

This year's League Conference is available for download through Attendify. To find the conference app, visit your mobile app store, search for and download "Attendify." Once downloaded, open the Attendify App and search for "League Annual Conference." Select the "Join" icon to become part of the event.

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TUESDAY AGENDA

TUESDAY, AUGUST 31

Golf Tournament

8:00 a.m. – Arizona Biltmore Golf Club

Pre-Conference Session | The Arizona We Want: An Action Agenda for Arizona's Future

9:00 a.m. Frank Lloyd Wright Ballroom G-J

Arizonans across the vast expanse of our state, in our cities, towns and rural communities overwhelmingly agree on what matters most, creating a shared vision of success for The Arizona We Want.

Although we may differ in backgrounds and experiences, the Center for the Future of Arizona (CFA) has learned through its 2020 Gallup Arizona Survey that a majority of Arizonans – at least 70% or more – agree on seven shared public values and 42 action items to drive the state forward.

Join CFA for an informative and interactive program where these findings and more from its recent report The Arizona We Want: The Decade Ahead will be shared. You will:

- Hear about how Arizonans feel about life today, what they believe is important for the future, and what they are willing to do to help drive Arizona forward.
- Discover how Arizona leaders and communities are successfully using survey data to inform policy, practice and investments to ensure action that supports what Arizonans want.
- Learn how to use the Arizona Progress Meters to inform ongoing data-driven action to support your community's goals.

The report has given voice to Arizonans and the basis for an agenda for the future. Together we can continue to build The Arizona We Want.

Event Cost: Free

Resolutions Committee Meeting

1:30 p.m. McArthur Ballroom 4-7

Mayor Douglas Nicholls, Vice President of the League and Mayor of Yuma will serve as Chairman of this year's Resolutions Committee.

Pre-Conference Session | What Drives You as a Person, an Elected Official, a Manager and Employee? Are you ready to find out?

1:30 p.m. McArthur Ballroom 1

We do not mean money, fortune, or fame, but how you like to do business, how you are as an employee and as leader. According to a recent study from Cornell University, "Having a high level of self-awareness was the strongest predictor of overall success in leadership."

Join Lindsay Perez, Ph.D. of the HumanLytics Team, in this fun and interactive session that utilizes Predictive Index to maximize self-awareness, which increases your communication, coaching, conflict resolution and influencing skills. You'll be amazed at the insights you'll receive after taking a brief, no questions asked, 6-minute survey.

The Predictive Index is a behavioral assessment tool utilized by more than 8,000 employees worldwide to measure the motivating needs of managers, employees, and prospective employees. The tool, consisting of 2 simple questions, is a fun and valuable employee and team development tool.

Regardless if you are an elected official, city or town employee or manager, you won't want to miss this fun and interactive session!



Lindsay Perez, Ph.D. of the HumanLytics Team

Event Cost: \$40

Please Note: Registration for this event is separate from the main conference. If you did not register for this session but would like to attend, please talk with the league registration staff.

Arizona Municipal Risk Retention Pool (AMRRP) Annual Meeting

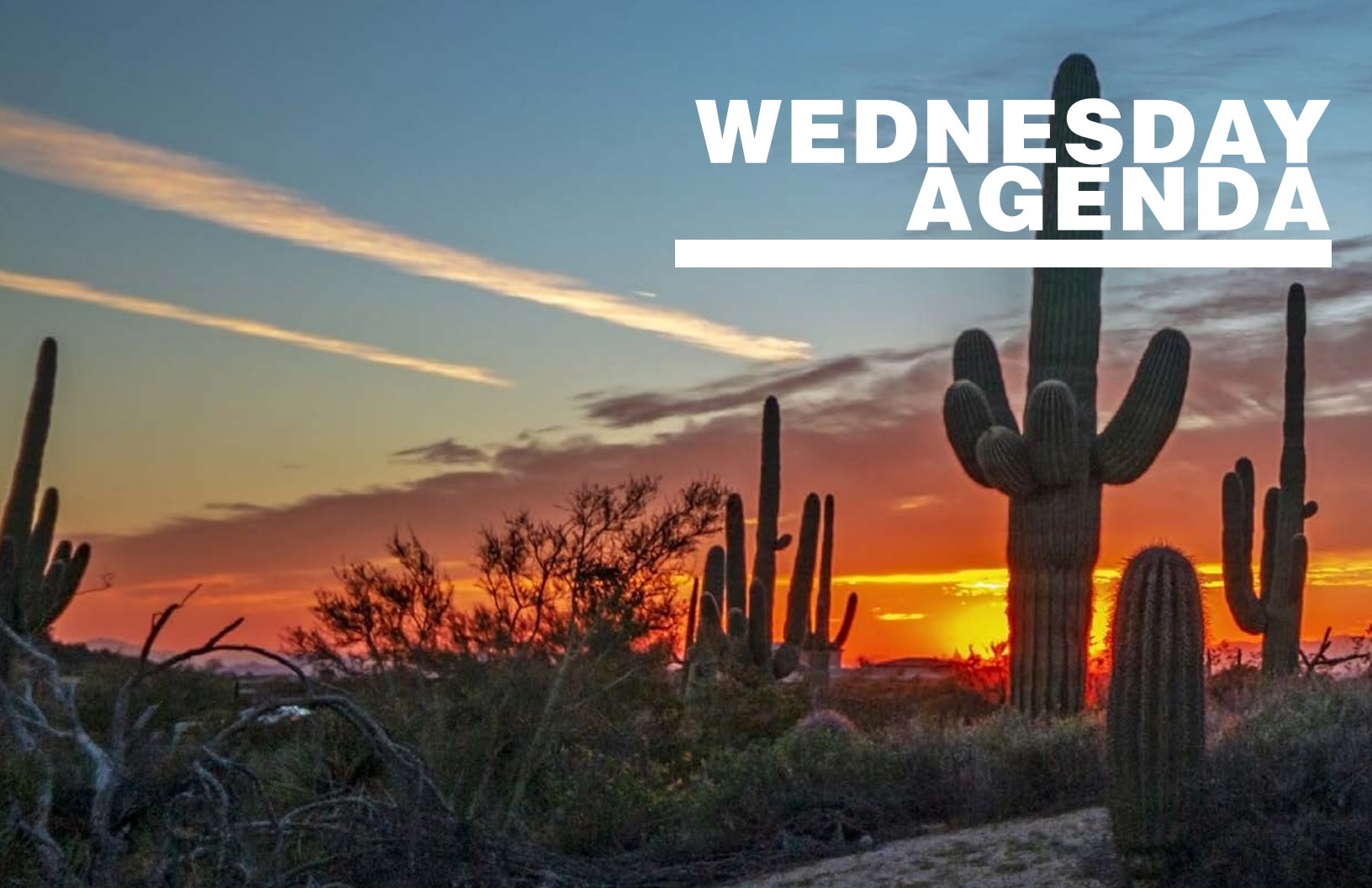
4:00 p.m. Grand Canyon

Welcome Reception

5:30 p.m. Frank Lloyd Wright Ballroom

The League welcomes all conference delegates and guests to the opening reception.

WEDNESDAY AGENDA



WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

Parade of Flags Practice

7:30 a.m. – Frank Lloyd Wright Ballroom

Designated representatives who will walk with their flag will meet in the Frank Lloyd Wright Ballroom for parade practice. We strongly encourage all flag bearers to attend practice.

Youth Program (see page 19)

7:30 a.m. – Casa Grande

Opening General Session

9:00 a.m. – Frank Lloyd Wright Ballroom

- **Invocation**
- **Presentation of the colors**
- **Parade of Flags/Celebration of Cities and Towns** - Tom Belshe, Executive Director, League of Arizona Cities and Towns
- **Update from the National League of Cities** - Kathy Maness, Councilmember, Lexington, South Carolina, President, National League of Cities
- **Sponsor Recognition**
- **Keynote Speaker:** Dr. Rick Rigsby

The Responsibility of Leaders in Times of Uncertainty

There are certain moments in history that compel those in leadership to rise to another level. In our present landscape... a global pandemic, racial unrest and political division combine to create such a moment. And, if you're a leader... it's an opportunity of a lifetime!

It's been said that great people do things others don't. And great leaders look for moments such as these... to do what others won't. Dr. Rick Rigsby argues that



nothing—absolutely nothing—prepares one for leadership like a season of instability that produces an environment of uncertainty.

In a captivating and uplifting message, the acclaimed motivational speaker and best-selling author offers a clear assessment of current affairs and a common-sense approach to meet the challenges of a critical season. Join Dr. Rigsby and be inspired to become the leader you've always desired to be!

Lunch on Your Own

12:00 p.m.

Affiliate Group Meetings

Arizona MPO COG Directors

1:30 p.m. – Sedona

Concurrent Session – 1:30 p.m.

Trends in Housing & Real Estate – Ensuring Arizona Has Vibrant Communities

1:30 p.m. – Frank Lloyd Wright A/B

This session will explore how cities and towns can maintain and enhance your community's essence while managing Arizona's booming housing market, navigating housing trends, balancing the needs for affordable housing, and preparing your community for the future.

Cybersecurity for Cities and Towns

1:30 p.m. – Frank Lloyd Wright C/D

It is easy to take security for granted until a breach occurs, or data is held for ransom in your city or town. Learn what the state is doing on cyber security as well as how you can engage with this issue and prevent cyber-attacks in your community, especially if your community does not have a dedicated team and a large amount of resources to tackle this issue.

1:30 p.m. – CONCURRENT SESSIONS

WEDNESDAY AGENDA

1:30 p.m. – CONCURRENT SESSIONS

* Development Incentives Post-Schires

1:30 p.m. – McArthur Ballroom 1

In February 2021, the Arizona Supreme Court issued a decision in *Schires v. Carlat* that makes it more difficult for Arizona cities and towns to compete against municipalities in other states for economic development. This panel will discuss the Schires decision, lessons learned regarding the Gift Clause, and the future of municipal incentives and development agreements in Arizona.

* Energy & Storage – The Opportunities Ahead

1:30 p.m. – McArthur Ballroom 4

Demands in energy, diversification of energy sources, and new technologies are opening up opportunity and challenging cities and towns to keep ahead of the industry. Learn about new ACC rules, what is ahead and, how to position your community to maximize resources.

Arizona - The Future of the Semiconductor Industry

1:30 p.m. – McArthur Ballroom 5

Arizona's semiconductor industry continues to grow exponentially with international companies choosing to locate and expand in the state. Learn what's happening at the federal and state level to support this growth, how local communities can partner on these efforts, and how it's transforming Arizona's technology landscape.

AMRRP: A Valuable Partner to Arizona's Cities and Towns

1:30 p.m. – Mesa

Over the years AMRRP has expanded services for AMRRP members. There are now 5 complimentary legal programs, 6 complimentary subscription services, 7 preferred pricing programs and 3 worker's compensation programs. These programs have had a positive impact for AMRRP as well as individual members. To learn more about the programs please join us as AMRRP members talk about each program, how they utilize them and how they have impacted their municipality.

2:45 p.m. – CONCURRENT SESSIONS

Concurrent Sessions - 2:45 p.m.

Capital Pipeline, A New Tool to Understand and Utilize Capital Projects for Arizona's Cities and Towns

2:45 p.m. – Frank Lloyd Wright A/B

Capital budgets are a blueprint for the future of a community. With the availability of Federal infrastructure funding, the future can come even sooner for those "shovel ready" projects. The League's new data partner, Capital Pipeline, will provide insight into just how Arizona cities and towns are preparing for the future and introduce a new and unique research tool for municipal leaders, contractors, and other capital improvement stakeholders to better prepare for the opportunities ahead.

Pathways to Trade – Is there a "Silk Road" in Arizona?

2:45 p.m. – Frank Lloyd Wright C/D

This discussion will explore how regionalization of supply chains, a boom in manufacturing, new investments in border infrastructure, and enhancing our collaborations with Mexico can make your community stronger.

Tourism Recovery in a Post-COVID World

2:45 p.m. – McArthur Ballroom 1

Tourism is a huge economic driver in Arizona, with our spectacular cities and towns as top tourism destinations nationally and internationally. Learn how the industry is working to come back stronger than ever post-pandemic, and how the state and local communities can support those efforts.

The Economic Impact of Housing Diversity

2:45 p.m. – McArthur Ballroom 4

City and town leaders are often put in a position to interpret, without evidence, the long-term impacts of all types of housing, new development and redevelopment. Come learn how data and the realities of Arizona's housing market are impacting Arizona's economic future.

4:00 p.m. – CONCURRENT SESSIONS

Concurrent Sessions – 4:00 p.m.

* League Legislative Update and Look Ahead

4:00 p.m. – Frank Lloyd Wright A/B

During August, League staff traveled throughout the state to meet with our members and provide an overview of the major issues from the 2021 legislative session. For those of you that missed us on the road, this session is the final installment of that tour. Staff will provide attendees a recap of the 2021 session and discuss what is on the horizon for the 2022 legislative session.

Arizona's Future: Electric Vehicles

4:00 p.m. – Frank Lloyd Wright C/D

Arizona continues to lead the way when it comes to the development and deployment of new technologies that enable innovation in the electric vehicle space. Learn from industry leaders on how cities and towns in every part of Arizona can be best prepared to support electric vehicles and future technologies.

Colorado River Shortage - What it Means to Arizona

4:00 p.m. – McArthur Ballroom 1

Arizona depends on the Colorado River for more than 35% of its water supply. As the drought in the Colorado River Basin extends beyond its 20th year, we anticipate the first-ever shortage declaration on the Colorado River beginning in 2022. The shortage will result in a substantial cut to Arizona's share of the river. Attend this panel discussion to learn who will be cut and what a shortage means to Arizona's economy and quality of life.

Supporting Emerging Women Leaders

4:00 p.m. – McArthur Ballroom 4

Arizona has always been known as a state with strong women leaders navigating tough issues. These women all have stories we can learn from.

Following the session please join us at **Wrights Bar** for continued networking.

4:00 p.m.

Navigating an Ever-Changing Media Landscape

4:00 p.m. – McArthur Ballroom 5

Newspaper, radio, television and even social media can be useful means to reach residents, but competition for attention and lack of trust in the media present a challenging landscape. Hear from industry insiders to learn what trends drive newsrooms today and how to help your messages stand out.

Dinner, President's Update and Entertainment

6:30 p.m. – Frank Lloyd Wright Ballroom

Speaker: *Cathy Carlat, Mayor, Peoria, President, League of Arizona Cities and Towns*

Entertainment Provided by The Killer Dueling Pianos



THURSDAY AGENDA

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

Spouse/Guest Mobile Tour

Tour of Musical Instrument Museum – See Page 17

8:00 a.m. – Grand Canyon

Concurrent Sessions – 8:00 a.m.

Recycling and Sustainable Practices: Current Challenges and Solutions

8:00 a.m. – Frank Lloyd Wright C/D

Recycling has emerged as a top issue cities and towns across the state are grappling with. This session will explore the challenges as well as what's on the horizon, what the opportunities are, and the innovative ways municipal leaders are approaching the issue.

Rural Blight: A Critical Issue in Our Communities

8:00 a.m. – Casa Grande

Blight continues to be a critical issue across rural Arizona. Come learn from leaders navigating this issue, as well as the partnerships in place to make inroads on this challenge.

* Who Does the City or Town Attorney Represent and How Do I Utilize My Attorney?

8:00 a.m. – Flagstaff

The panel will discuss the role of a municipal attorney and explore questions related to the attorney-client relationship, such as:

1. Who does the attorney represent?
2. What does the attorney actually do?
3. How does attorney-client privilege work?
4. What are the some of the biggest challenges faced by municipal attorneys?
5. How can we maintain a positive and effective relationship with our attorney?

9:15 a.m. – CONCURRENT SESSIONS

8:00 a.m.

Overcoming the Challenges of Development

8:00 a.m. – Mesa

Clarify and enhance your own community's vision around development and work with partners to overcome the challenges confronting growth.

9:15 a.m. – SESSIONS

Concurrent Sessions – 9:15 a.m.

Keeping the Lights On – Energy & Grid Health

9:15 a.m. – Frank Lloyd Wright A/B

Our 21st century lives require 24/7 power. Given the recent reliability challenges in Texas, learn how Arizona is ensuring reliable energy delivery and why this should be top of mind for municipal leaders.

More Solutions than Money – Maximizing the Transportation Dollar

9:15 a.m. – Frank Lloyd Wright C/D

The demands on dollars dedicated to transportation are many; safety, economic development, data collection, efficiency, and much more. How can we stretch our dollars to deliver top quality service and reliability while keeping up with demand?

The Local Challenge – Homelessness and a Holistic Approach

9:15 a.m. – Casa Grande

This session will explore innovative approaches to homelessness to help individuals, families, and community groups come together to navigate this complex issue.

What's the Next Pandemic? Lessons Learned From 2020 and Improving Processes for the Future

9:15 a.m. – Flagstaff

If 2020 taught us anything, we know that as local leaders, we all need to be prepared for whatever comes our way. Join us as we talk about takeaways from the response to the pandemic, and opportunities for greater emergency response collaboration at the municipal, county, and state level.

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9:15 a.m.

Tech Can Make It Better – Finding Smart City Solutions

9:15 a.m. – Mesa

Learn how to find and implement smart city solutions that can streamline processes, enhance services, and engage your citizens no matter the size of your budget.

10:30 a.m. – CONCURRENT SESSIONS

Concurrent Sessions – 10:30 a.m.

Tapping into the Benefits of a Council-Manager Form of Government

This session sponsored by the Arizona City/County Management Association

10:30 a.m. – Frank Lloyd Wright A/B

The council-manager form of government provides a solid foundation for well-run communities in Arizona. This session will explore the importance of the unique relationship between a mayor, councilmembers and their city manager. The discussion will include concrete examples of how elected officials best utilize and work with the manager's office to accomplish their goals while creating meaningful public policy to support their community's needs.

Cybersecurity Case Study

10:30 a.m. – Frank Lloyd Wright C/D

This session will be a deep dive follow-up from Wednesday's *Cybersecurity for Cities and Towns* session. Industry experts will present real-life case studies and lead a more interactive exploration of cybersecurity risks to help cities better understand their needs and what they can do to be more prepared.

Reading the Tea Leaves: Political Pundits Discuss Issues Impacting Arizona

10:30 a.m. – Mesa

This session will be a lively discussion from pundits on both sides of the political aisle. The conversation will focus on the current hot issues at the capitol, topics in the news and what issues are on the horizon that will impact cities and towns.

10:30 a.m. – SESSIONS

Update on PSPRS and Tools to Help Cities Manage their plans

10:30 a.m. – Casa Grande

PSPRS will first provide an update on the overall status of PSPRS from an operational and financial standpoint, followed by a presentation from PARS on how a section 115 trust can help local governments manage their pension costs, concluding with a presentation from Stifel on how local governments are leveraging current market conditions to make significant positive impacts on their unfunded liability.

Workforce Development - The Pipeline

10:30 a.m. – Flagstaff

Our growing communities need a diverse talent pipeline to support our current industries as well as the skills of tomorrow. Learn what leaders are doing to help ensure our workforce can meet the needs of a booming economy.

Award Luncheon

12:00 p.m. – Frank Lloyd Wright Ballroom

President: *Douglas Nicholls, Mayor, Yuma, Vice President, League of Arizona Cities and Towns*

- Legislative Awards and Recognition
- League Service Awards

2:30 p.m. – SESSIONS

Concurrent Sessions – 2:30 p.m.

Short Term Rentals Discussion

2:30 p.m. – Frank Lloyd Wright A/B

Arizona is unique in its preemption of local government's ability to protect communities against the adverse impacts of Short-Term Rentals (STRs). While some neighborhoods across the state have lost their sense of community, other face affordable housing challenges exasperated by the uninterrupted proliferation of STRs. Unrelenting noise and disorderly parties contribute to significant public safety issues. In this session, learn what cities in other states are doing to minimize these impacts including what works and doesn't work for municipalities and short-term rental platforms.

Resilient Cities & Towns: Reducing Risks and Seizing Opportunities

2:30 p.m. – Frank Lloyd Wright C/D

Cities and towns across Arizona are facing increasing challenges from aging infrastructure, drought, extreme heat, and more. In response, they are actively engaging with businesses, nonprofits, residents, and universities to craft forward-thinking solutions to reduce risks, improve efficiencies, bolster local economies, and build long-term community and regional resilience.

Join councilmembers and staff from Mesa, Sedona, and Tempe as they share varying approaches to leveraging opportunities and reducing risks, particularly in the areas of:

- Improving efficiency and cost savings;
- Creating jobs through clean energy investments and transitions; and
- Engaging all sectors in climate action planning to improve resilience and reduce human, physical, and financial risk/losses.

The Backbone of Arizona's Economy – Supporting Small Businesses

2:30 p.m. – Casa Grande

Our local businesses have been hit hard by the pandemic and the uncertainty of a tumultuous year. Learn how government can help (or hurt) our small businesses pivot, re-tool, and reinvent themselves for success tomorrow.

The Programs That Give Back

2:30 p.m. – Flagstaff

Exploring ways to connect the people in need with the people and groups who can help.

5G in Your Community

2:30 p.m. – Mesa

Join us for a candid conversation around how to empower local leaders navigating 5G on important topics like health and safety, aesthetics, and notification.

Affiliate Group Meetings

Arizona City Attorneys Association

2:30 p.m. - Aztec

Greater Arizona Mayors Association (GAMA)

2:30 p.m. – Sedona

Annual Business Meeting

4:00 p.m. – Grand Ballroom

The Annual Business Meeting is held each year at the conference to elect members to the Executive Committee and to ratify the resolutions passed at the Resolutions Committee Meeting

President: *Cathy Carlat, Mayor, Peoria, President, League of Arizona Cities and Towns*

Speakers: *Douglas Nicholls, Mayor, Yuma, Vice President, League of Arizona Cities and Towns and Chairman, League Resolutions Committee*
Christian Price, Mayor, Maricopa, Chairman, League Nominating Committee

Showcase of Cities and Towns

6:00 p.m. – McArthur Ballroom



FRIDAY AGENDA

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FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

Speed Networking Breakfast for Municipal Officials

8:00 a.m. – Frank Lloyd Wright C/D

Join your fellow city and town elected officials and staff in a speed networking breakfast. Each participant will get one minute to share an issue that she/he is facing in their own community or on their council. Your issue can be big or small. Once you have shared your issue, everyone at the table will get one minute to share their initial impressions/reaction. Then the facilitator will announce a table change. Everyone will move to a different table based on a number sequence that avoids redundancy in the small groups. Participants can choose to use the same challenge/issue because your audience will have changed, or you may pose a new challenge to the group.

This session is designed to give you multiple ideas on to deal with an issue in your community as well as introduce you to new colleagues throughout the state.

Closing General Session

9:30 a.m. – Frank Lloyd Wright E

Tech Tornado! How to Stay Grounded while Big Tech and Digital Media Upend Trust and Fellowship in Our Communities.

At first it was mean, nasty, and mostly uninformed comments from anonymous posters at the bottom of online articles. Then it was never-ending vitriol on social media between friends, acquaintances, strangers, and—sadly—family.

Now all that supercharged negativity and overheated rhetoric has made its way to the council and commission meeting. Throw a pandemic in there where we are spending more time online than ever locked in a booming echo chamber, and now we have a real mess on our hands.

What's an oath-abiding, community-loving public servant to do? Start by taking care of yourself. Then adapt and retool to tackle this quagmire with renewed energy and a deeper understanding of what you're up against.



Georgia Dow, MA - Georgia hosts several podcasts dealing with technology and psychology. She also has over 20 years of experience in teaching and counseling. With degrees in Psychology and Education, a teaching degree, a Master's degree with Distinction in Art Therapy as well as two-time Canadian Jujitsu Champion.

She specializes in treating anxiety and stress management for both children and adults. Georgia also hosts Apple Talk and her own YouTube site on dealing with Anxiety and social media.

Conference Adjourned

SPOUSE/GUEST TOUR

Thursday - September 2, 2021

Tour of Musical Instrument Museum

8:00 a.m. – Grand Canyon

As one of Phoenix's top-rated attractions, the Musical Instrument Museum (MIM) is truly a unique destination. Not only is it the world's only global musical instrument museum, but Phoenix was specifically selected as the city in which MIM was built. The architecture and landscape blends into the desert environment, while guests can visit the world in MIM's Geographic Galleries. Exhibits focus on musical heritage, cultures, and instruments from 200 countries. See videos and hear music in different genres from iconic performers including country, jazz, pop, classical, and more. The guided tour will provide an overview of the world's instruments and music, including well-known musicians. You will have time to explore the galleries after the tour. End the journey in the Experience Gallery where you make some music of your own on instruments from around the world.

Schedule of Events:

8:00 a.m. Breakfast at Biltmore in the Grand Canyon Room

8:30 a.m. Bus departs for MIM

11:00 a.m. Return to Biltmore

Please Note: Registration for this event is separate from the main conference and is open to those with a full spouse/guest badge and those have pre-registered. If you did not register for this session and do not have a full spouse/guest badge but would like to attend, please talk with the League registration staff.

A vibrant desert landscape at sunset. The sky is filled with streaks of orange, red, and blue. In the foreground, a large saguaro cactus stands prominently on the right. The middle ground shows a desert plain with various cacti and shrubs. In the background, there are rugged mountains under the colorful sky.

YOUTH PROGRAM

Wednesday – September 1, 2021

Registration Open

7:00 a.m. – League Registration Desk, Frank Lloyd Wright Foyer

Please register all youth attendees and chaperones at the League registration desk located in the Frank Lloyd Wright Foyer. Attendees are invited to set up their poster board at this time following registration.

Parade of Flags and Opening General Session

9:00 – 10:00 a.m. | Frank Lloyd Wright Ballroom

Youth Program Welcome and Icebreaker

10:00 – 10:30 a.m. | Casa Grande

Mental Health Wellness

10:30 – 11:45 a.m. | Casa Grande

This has been a challenging year for everyone with the pandemic, remote learning, loss of celebrating milestones, and feeling isolated from friends and family. This workshop will highlight how to understand mental health challenges, recognize the signs and symptoms, and learn to practice self-care & how to access resources. Learn how to support yourself and your friends with the help of Katey McPherson and Michael Klinkner!

Lunch Break

11:45 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. | Flagstaff

Public Speaking Workshop

12:30 – 1:20 p.m. | Casa Grande

Cultivate your public speaking style through exercises that will enhance your presence! In this workshop, Mary Zatezalo will share how to advance your public speaking skills, message construction, and delivery. You'll receive practical lessons and participate in interactive activities to make you a stronger, more confident public speaker!

Networking 101

1:30 – 2:10 p.m. | Casa Grande

Today, building a solid network and leadership skills in an academic, professional, and personal environment is an essential skill. This workshop targets leaders who want to gain a better understanding of how to best flex their personal leadership style and networking skills. Join in, have fun and leave with a fresh perspective on how to boost your network and transform your leadership style.

Speed Networking Event

2:10 – 2:30 p.m. | Casa Grande

Poster Board Networking

2:40 – 3:20 p.m. | Arizona Biltmore Ballroom Foyer

Youth Program Wrap-Up

3:30 p.m. | Casa Grande

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36 Year Award Recipients

Adolfo Gamez, Councilmember, Tolleson

28 Year Award Recipients

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24 Year Award Recipients

Anna Cline, Councilmember, Bisbee
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Robin Boyd, Councilmember, Winslow

20 Year Award Recipients

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Richard Ortega, Vice Mayor, Safford
Linda Laborin, Councilmember, Tolleson

16 Year Award Recipients

Ernie Bunch, Mayor, Cave Creek
Georgia Lord, Mayor, Goodyear
Jane Moore, Councilmember, Jerome
Rudy Flores, Councilmember, Kearny
Frank Savino, Councilmember, Parker
Cathy Carlat, Mayor, Peoria
Miguel Villalpando, Councilmember, Somerton
Margaret Chittenden, Councilmember, Youngtown
Jacob "Jack" Duran, Former Councilmember, Youngtown

12 Year Award Recipients

Mark R. Clark, Former Councilmember, Bullhead City
Robin Whatley, Councilmember, Camp Verde
Steve Erhart, Vice Mayor, Eagar
Fernando Fernandez, Councilmember, Gila Bend
Christopher Riggs, Mayor, Gila Bend
Ian Hugh, Councilmember, Glendale
Joe Pizzillo, Councilmember, Goodyear
Gloria Cota, Councilmember, Guadalupe
Joe Sanchez, Councilmember, Guadalupe
Stephanie Irwin, Mayor, Pinetop-Lakeside
Robin Benning, Councilmember, Queen Creek
Kara Egbert, Vice Mayor, Sahuarita
Michael Allsop, Councilmember, Show Low
Lynn Johnson, Mayor, Snowflake
Gerardo Anaya, Mayor, Somerton
Clorinda Erives, Vice Mayor, Tolleson
Cecilia McCollough, Mayor, Welton
Leslie McClendon, Deputy Mayor, Yuma

8 Year Award Recipients

Gail Evans, Councilmember, Apache Junction
Christa Rizzi, Vice Mayor, Apache Junction
Patrick Boyle, Councilmember, Benson
Jessie Jones-Murdock, Councilmember, Camp Verde
Anne Thurman, Mayor, Duncan
Jared Taylor, Former Councilmember, Gilbert
Jerry Weiers, Mayor, Glendale
Bobby Smith, Vice Mayor, Hayden
Jennee Miles, Mayor, Kingman
David Luna, Councilmember, Mesa
Tom Murphy, Mayor, Sahuarita
Carlos Gonzalez, Councilmember, Somerton
Tony Raykovitz, Vice Mayor, St. Johns
Michael Alonzo, Vice Mayor, Superior
Mila Beschik, Mayor, Superior
Stephen Estatico, Councilmember, Superior
Roland Winters, Councilmember, Surprise
David Smith, Mayor, Taylor
Jason Brubaker, Vice Mayor, Taylor
June Miller, Councilmember, Youngtown
Gary Knight, Councilmember, Yuma
Douglas J. Nicholls, Mayor, Yuma



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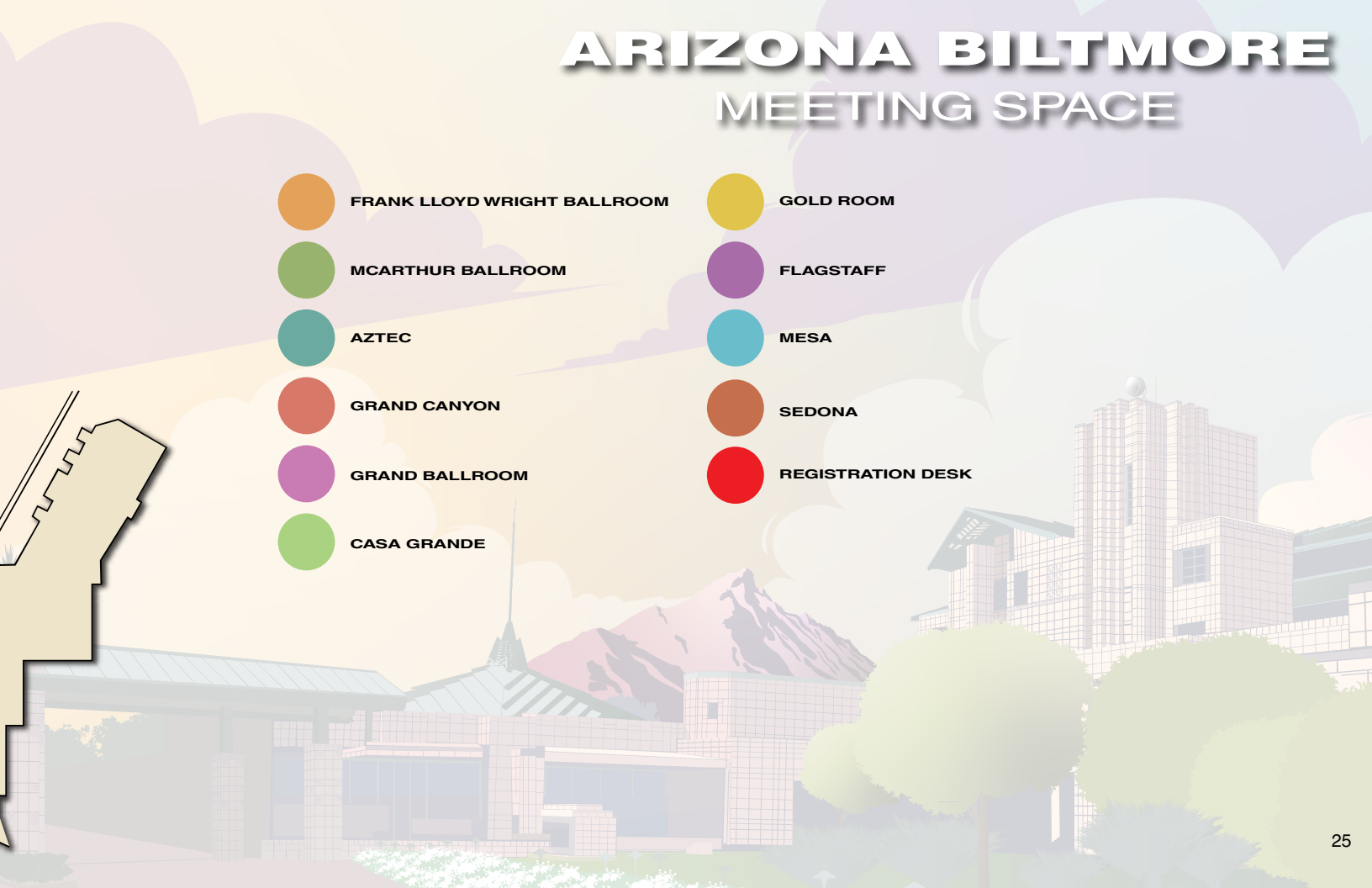
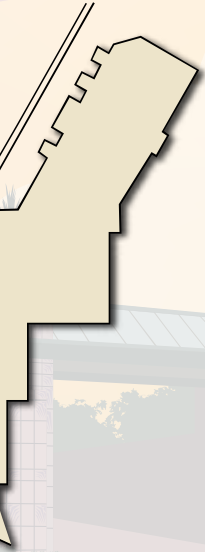
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