



Michigan Local Government Management Association Affiliated with the Michigan Municipal League

To Our Management Colleagues:

Our annual opportunity for personal and professional renewal is coming soon. The Winter Institute, February 3-6, will provide numerous ways for each of you to interact with your friends and colleagues, to learn something new that may benefit you and your community, to be challenged in your thinking, to laugh a bit, relax and refresh. The Winter Institute Planning Committee, listed below, has worked hard to assemble a program that provides you those opportunities.

Please review the enclosed agenda and you will find a variety of topics covering many of the issues current for public management. Timely is the pre-conference session on emergency preparedness. There will also be a breakout session on Wednesday on the same general topic.

Wednesday morning expect to be awakened by John Bacon, an author, speaker and college professor with unique and humorous insights into the personality and management style of Bo Schembechler. Also on Wednesday, Jim Keene, city manager and former CEO of the Alliance for Innovation will focus on issues of sustainability. In the afternoon, you will also find sessions on using the web, consolidating services, and alternative energy.

On Thursday we'll explore what the future holds, what the State Legislature is doing to make our lives easier, how ethics plays in our business, what we're bargaining for with the unions, how to keep the sewers flowing and how to keep students interested in the profession. Whew! After all that, we get to clear our minds as we listen to the vendors ply their wares.

With your breakfast on Friday morning, our wonderful MML capital staff will provide their annual update on Capital happenings. Then, you will be left with something relatively new to think about, the use of coaching and mentoring as a management tool.

The venue is great and the conference attendees are always entertaining. Come join us in February. We look forward to seeing you!

Sincerely,
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