



Pennsylvania Municipal  
**League**

2021

# State of The League



## Executive Director's Message

I am pleased to present our 2021 State of The League report. Below is a partial list of major events during 2021.

- Passage of the American Rescue Plan Act at the federal level which provided significant funding to assist our members with their pandemic recovery
- Passage of Act 50 Small Wireless Facilities Deployment, widely recognized as municipal friendly legislation
- The first-ever, in-person annual Municipal Leadership Summit with our partners at the Pennsylvania State Association of Township Commissioners
- Kickoff of our Envision 2032 initiative
- Maintenance of our various programs and services through the pandemic in a manner our members valued

As you may know, I am retiring at the end of 2021. I have been bestowed with a profound honor with the renaming of the Center for Municipal Development to the Richard J. Schuettler Center for Municipal Development. I am humbled and forever grateful to the Board of Directors for this honor.

I am supremely confident new Executive Director John Brenner and his team will take this organization to new pinnacles of performance.

My best to the staff, board of directors and each and every member of The League. Together, I know you will provide the cities, boroughs and townships and their collective citizens of Pennsylvania with programs and services that will have a positive impact on their everyday lives.

Thank you for the honor and privilege of serving you.

## Advocacy

### By the Numbers

Tracked **911** bills in the first half of the 2021/2022 legislative session

Helped secure federal dollars for Pennsylvania:

- **\$14 Billion** directly to Pennsylvania local governments through the American Rescue Plan Act
- **\$18 Billion** over 5 years through the Infrastructure and Investment Act

Adopted **5** Policy Resolutions during the 2021 Municipal Leadership Summit

Posed **12** Take Action suggestions for grassroots advocacy in the monthly Legislative Locator

### Legislative Highlights

- Helped negotiate Act 50 of 2021, the most municipal friendly small cell wireless bill in the country
- Formed the Consumer Fireworks Coalition to address the unenforceable, unfunded local mandate caused by legalizing consumer fireworks
- Restructured The League's Legislative Committee adding three policy sub-committees to increase member engagement:
  - Community Development and Infrastructure
  - Public Safety
  - Municipal Finance
- Partnered with NLC in lobbying Congress for flexible, direct federal funding for all local governments
- Hosted a virtual Capitol Conference
- Advocated for our members on a variety of topics including:
  - Local use of radar
  - Right-to-Know Law
  - Advertising modernization
  - Local preemption
  - Uniform Construction Code
  - Municipalities Planning Code
  - Blight
  - Local taxation
  - Act 47
  - Home Rule powers
  - Local firearms regulation
  - Wireless Infrastructure
  - Impacts of COVID on municipal operations
  - Impact of implementing OSHA for local government

# Strength Through Engagement. We Are 120 Members Strong.

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1st Class City	2nd Class City	2nd Class A City	3rd Class Cities
<b>1</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>4</b>
Town	Boroughs	Townships	Municipalities

## Leadership

Elected for 2021-22



**League President**

**Mayor Danene Sorace**  
City of Lancaster



**League 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President**

**Mayor Michael Lombardo**  
City of Pittston



**League 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President**

**Mayor Douglas Baker**  
City of Franklin

## Signature Programs

### Sustainable Pennsylvania Certified Communities

120 Certified Communities  
44 are League Members



8 Platinum  
51 Gold  
48 Silver

11 Bronze  
2 Associate

[sustainablepacommunitycertification.org](http://sustainablepacommunitycertification.org)

### Public Employer Labor Relations Advisory Service

PELRAS – our labor and employment law advisory service provides training, a labor newsletter and expert legal help at discounted rates. PELRAS membership currently stands at 319 members.

### Your Key to PA Local Government

This free eBook, available at PML.org, is designed to help Pennsylvanians understand how their government is organized and how they can participate as a citizen to support their municipality and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

### GrantFinder

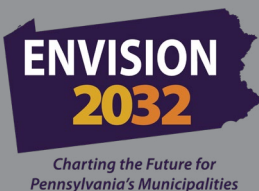
The League is pleased to provide members with a no-cost, value-added benefit called GrantFinder – a real-time, online searchable database of nearly 8,000 eligible grants for which local governments may apply. This searchable database tracks federal, state, foundation and corporate grants available to municipalities and local non-profits.

### Municipal Utility Alliance

The MUA has successfully enabled local governments to take every opportunity to benefit from the energy markets through competitive pricing. The MUA provides nearly 270 municipalities and authorities with over 1.7 billion kilowatt hours of energy for their facilities and street lights.

### Pennsylvania Local Government Investment Trust

PLGIT is a financial management trust designed exclusively for local governments, offering a wide array of investment options and cash management services. 70 members belong to the Trust and 23 utilize the P-Card (debit/credit card).



As we announced during our Municipal Leadership Summit, The League is engaging municipalities from throughout Pennsylvania in an exciting 10-year visioning initiative.

We requested input from municipalities on their current priorities as well as the most important priorities to address in the next ten years. Thank you for the 115 responses!

We will use this information to plan ENVISION 2032 forums in the Spring of 2022.

Following these forums, the initiative will culminate in the Fall of 2022 with the release of a publication that will contain valuable insights and reference points that can be applied to future planning and decision-making by municipal leaders and elected and appointed officials at all levels of Pennsylvania's government.



# Professional Development

## League Training (Participants)

PELRAS Conference (Virtual) – 235  
 District Trainings (Virtual) – 120  
 Municipal Leadership Summit – 277  
 Sustainable Conferences (Virtual) –  
 Spring - 35 | Fall - 49

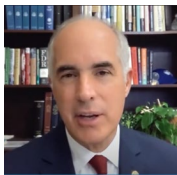
## APMM Training (Participants)

Annual Conference (Virtual) – 154  
 Fall Webinar – 48

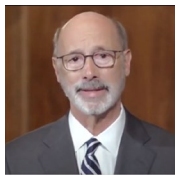
## Municipal Leadership Summit

The first in-person Summit of the Pennsylvania Municipal League and Pennsylvania State Association of Township Commissioners was held October 7-9 in the City of Lancaster.

Featured speakers and guests at the summit included:



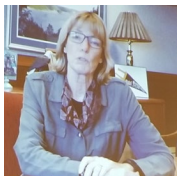
U.S. Senator  
Bob Casey



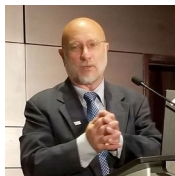
Governor Tom Wolf



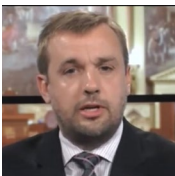
Auditor General  
Tim DeFoor



DCNR Secretary  
Cindy Adams Dunn



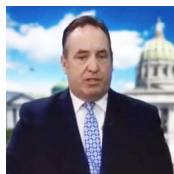
Deputy Secretary for  
Community Affairs &  
Development, DCED  
Rick Vilello



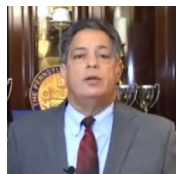
House Speaker  
Bryan Cutler



Majority Leader of  
the PA House of  
Representatives  
Kerry Benninghoff



Senator Jake  
Corman



Senator Jay Costa



NLC Executive  
Director Clarence  
Anthony

Together with KABOOM!, the City of Lancaster, the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR), The GIANT Company, Highmark, PennState Health and the Lancaster County Community Foundation, we built a playground at Milburn Park!



# Insurance Trusts

## PennPRIME Insurance Trusts

Our Property & Liability and Workers' Compensation Trusts are not-for-profit risk pools, owned and operated by our members, and developed specifically for cities, townships, boroughs, authorities and tax collection committees.

PennPRIME Trust offers coverages that address Property, General Liability, Auto Liability, Auto Physical Damage, Public Officials Liability, Employment Law Liability, Police Professional Liability, Crime, Cyber, Volunteer Accident and Public Law 477 (Heart & Lung). Our value-added services, afforded to each member, include property appraisals, contract reviews, boiler and elevator inspections, and access to legal counsel to address employment issues proactively before they develop into untenable lawsuits.

PennPRIME Workers' Compensation Trust provides Pennsylvania-required coverage, including Employer's Liability. In addition, we custom tailor our services to each of our members to assist them in preventing and reducing workplace injuries. These include multi-faceted resources and training opportunities delivered on-site, virtually, and on-demand through our website.

Members of both Trusts receive personalized support from attorneys, claims adjusters, loss prevention representatives, underwriters, and other professionals experienced in municipal operations. Both Trusts include a Loss Control Funding program, designed to financially assist our members with safety and risk management initiatives they choose to prioritize. We also develop comprehensive claims reviews and work with our member to facilitate optimal claims management every step of the way. With the depth and array of coverages and services PennPRIME offers, we are truly a one-source provider.

## U-COMP is a group unemployment

**Trust** that assists its members in lowering their unemployment liability and also educates its members on the latest unemployment legislation. The Trust covers 8,744 employees and has 126 member groups comprised of municipalities and authorities.

**Corporate Partnerships:** 20 Business Leaders Network Members  
35 Associate Members



AT&T for this well-deserved achievement. David Kerr accepted the award on behalf of AT&T.

During the Municipal Leadership Summit Awards Breakfast on October 8, AT&T was presented with the 2021 Community Partnership Award. Congratulations to





## Online Presence

### PML.org

#### Daily Newsfeed

3,400 articles posted | 37 League mentions

#### Monthly Executive Director Video Reports

#### Member Dashboard

#### COVID-19 Resources for Local Leaders

#### Community Response During Coronavirus

#### Municipal Job Junction+ - FREE to Members

180 classifieds posted | 72 League member ads

## Exclusive Publications

### Legislative Locator

### League Link

### Weekly COVID-19 Update

### PELRAS UPDATE

Public Employees Labor Relations Authority Service

### PELRAS SCOOP

Public Employees Labor Relations Authority Service

### Municipal Reporter

#### Edition Themes

- » Spring: Sustainability/Resiliency
- » Summer/Fall: Infrastructure
- » Winter: Risk Management

### Membership Directory



## Social Media

 Twitter @PaMunicipalLeag  
3,335 followers

 Facebook.com/PaMunicipalLeague  
448 followers

 YouTube.com/PaMunicipalLeagueOrg  
6,258 views | 189.4 hours of watch time

## Secretariat Services



The Association for Pennsylvania Municipal Management is a nonprofit, nonpartisan association of professional municipal managers and administrators working in Pennsylvania local government.

APMM is dedicated to the promotion of professional and effective local government management in Pennsylvania. There are currently 213 full-time municipal managers and 39 assistant municipal managers and administrators among its membership.



The Pennsylvania State Association of Township Commissioners represents Pennsylvania's first class townships and their elected governing officials before the Pennsylvania General Assembly and the Commonwealth's various agencies. PSATC is comprised of 61 member townships.

## National Affiliate



### 13 Direct League Member Municipalities

Allentown	Harrisburg	Pittsburgh
Altoona	Lancaster	State College
Carlisle	New Castle	Wilkes-Barre
Easton	Norristown	
Farrell	Philadelphia	

5 Pennsylvania representatives served on the NLC Board of Directors

- » Philadelphia Councilmember Brian O'Neill - Past President
- » Norristown Councilmember Valerie Scott Cooper - At-Large Director
- » Philadelphia Councilmember Derek Green - At-Large Director
- » Easton Mayor Salvatore J. Panto, Jr. - At-Large Director
- » League Executive Director Rick Schuettler - State League Steering Committee Region 2 Representative (DE, KY, MD, NJ, PA, VA, WV)

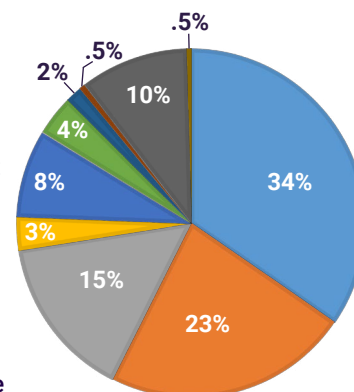
## Finance

The League continues to utilize funds received by members to grow programs and services that will enhance the value of membership.

Trust and program fees, training contract reimbursements and dues represent the major revenue contributors. In 2021, The League was able to hold several of its events in a hybrid format causing revenues to increase slightly over 2020. Expenditures remain less than anticipated because of the continued inability to hold events in a fully in-person environment. The League has again also managed to maintain expenditures even with increases in health care, pensions, etc.

Over the last several years, the net assets of The League have continued to grow and have increased approximately 14% since 2014.

## 2021 Projected Revenues



**Fees 34%**  
(1,605,854)

**Training Contracts 23%**  
(1,061,585)

**Dues 15%**  
(700,000)

**Subscriptions 3%**  
(143,500)

**Reimbursements 8%**  
(377,089)

**Summit/BLN 4%**  
(174,000)

**Registrations 2%**  
(70,670)

**Advertisements .5%**  
(26,000)

**Paycheck Protection Program 10%**  
(464,041)

**Other .5%**  
(20,100)