



Celebrating Strengthening Communities

2025

# STATE OF THE LEAGUE

## EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE



League  
Executive Director  
John Brenner

The State of the League in 2025 is one of advancement and achievement. Key accomplishments include:

- Celebrated The League's 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Pennsylvania State Association of Township Commissioners.
- Increased League membership to 150 municipal members.
- 29 Business Leaders Network members, 2 new Business Leaders joined.

- Created Strategic Partnership and Program Manager position to focus on Business Leaders and sponsorships.
- Advocated for introduction of legislation authorizing an increase in the Local Services Tax and advocated for public notice modernization.
- Educated and informed federal officials regarding potential cuts to CDBG and other federally funded programs.
- Completed 2nd year of 2024-2026 Strategic Plan.
- Launched the League Learning Academy and the Pennsylvania Fire Credentialing Program.
- Municipal Leadership Summit featured increased attendance, outstanding keynote addresses, informative sessions and raised over \$10,000 for the Schuettler Center for Municipal Development. The Erie Summit included The League, the PA State Association of Township Commissioners and the PA Career Fire Chiefs Association.

## LEADERSHIP

Elected for 2025-26



League  
President  
**J. William Reynolds**  
Mayor  
City of Bethlehem



League 1<sup>st</sup>  
Vice President  
**Doug Tusing**  
Council President  
Ebensburg Borough

Strength Through Engagement.

We Are **157** Members Strong.

**1**

1<sup>st</sup> Class City

**1**

2<sup>nd</sup> Class City

**1**

2<sup>nd</sup> Class A City

**43**

3<sup>rd</sup> Class Cities

**58**

Boroughs

**20**

1<sup>st</sup> Class Townships

**30**

2<sup>nd</sup> Class Townships

**3**

Municipalities

*Representing Over 4.3 million residents*

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## ADVOCACY

### 2025 By the Numbers

715

bills tracked through 2025

7

Policy Resolutions adopted  
during the 2025 Municipal  
Leadership Summit

200+

attendees joined six Capitol  
Conference webinars  
throughout 2025

### 2025 Legislative Highlights

- Provided verbal testimony on local government public notice relief and speed camera technology
- Cooperated with the Governor's Office and state agencies to provide suggestions, member feedback, and examples for the state's Housing Action Plan
- Hosted a legislative reception for new House and Senate Members
- Provided timely legislative summaries monthly through the *Legislative Locator* and *Municipal Reporter*

- Advocated for our members on a variety of topics including:
  - Data Centers
  - Local Tax Modernization
  - Housing Affordability
  - Stormwater Management
  - Advertising Modernization
  - Retention of Fire and EMS Personnel
- Local Government Preemption
- Unfunded Mandates
- Right to Know Law
- Blight Remediation
- Local Use of Radar

## SIGNATURE PROGRAMS

### Sustainable Pennsylvania Community Certification



The PA Sustainable Communities Certification Program continues to expand, with:

#### 138 Certified Sustainable PA Communities

#### 59 are League Members

10 Platinum    54 Gold    54 Silver    20 Bronze

As part of the transition to the new Sustainable PA Certification process, the following progress has been made over the past year:

- 55 municipalities are currently in progress, including 29 League members
- 2 certifications are under review
- 2 of which are League members
- 22 municipalities have been newly certified under the updated system:
  - » 6 Gold
  - » 7 Silver
  - » 9 Bronze

In 2025, under the new criteria, League members Camp Hill Borough and Upper Chichester achieved Bronze status, Bradford Wood earned Silver, and the City of Easton and Ferguson Township attained Gold.

### 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 332 members.

### GrantFinder

The League is pleased to provide members with a no-cost, value-added benefit called GrantFinder. GrantFinder, powered by Lexipol, is a real-time, online searchable database of more than 16,000 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.

### 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.

## INFORMATION & TECHNOLOGY UPGRADES

This year, our work centered on strengthening The League's technology foundation and improving operational efficiency across the organization. Significant progress was made in expanding the use of Microsoft Teams, Planner, SharePoint, and the Protech CRM, resulting in better collaboration and more streamlined workflows. We completed major Protech milestones—including the integration of Penn Prime, enhancements to Membership workflows, the addition of HubSpot for sales management, and the launch of the League Learning Academy. We also advanced several internal process improvements that have helped staff work more efficiently and ensured that our core systems better support day-to-day operations.

In addition, we modernized our communication systems by selecting and fully implementing RingCentral as our new phone platform, improving reliability, call quality, and user experience. Cybersecurity remained a top priority, with all staff completing ongoing training and phishing simulations to strengthen awareness and system protection. Looking ahead, we are preparing key infrastructure upgrades—including network and wireless improvements—and exploring new technologies identified through major industry events such as the ASAE Annual Meeting. These efforts reflect our continued commitment to building a secure, efficient, and member-focused technology environment that meets the evolving needs of The League.

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## TRAINING & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

### League Training (Participants)

PELRAS Conference (598)  
Municipal Leadership Summit (466)  
Fall Sustainable/PELRAS Workshops (84)  
District Meetings (257)  
Southwest #1 (27)      Southcentral (41)  
Southwest #2 (27)      Northwest (26)  
Southeast #1 (23)      Northeast (39)  
Southeast #2 (32)      Northcentral (42)

### APMM Training (Participants)

Annual Conference (340)  
Executive Development Conference (64)

### Contract Training (Courses / Participants)

PCCA (37 / 437)  
PATH (discontinued in June of 2025) (28 / 643)

### An Emerging Leader in Municipal Training: The League Learning Academy



#### League Learning Academy

When thinking of The Leagues' mission and core values, we knew that the League Learning Academy had to present itself as another trustworthy resource for our members, community neighbors, and partner organizations. The League Learning Academy has been designed to empower local leaders with the tools, knowledge, and confidence they need to serve their communities more effectively. Through

high-quality, practical instruction, learners will both gain valuable skills and enhance their current knowledge base that can be immediately applied to real-world challenges. We strive to serve every municipal position through quality education. Whether you are a secretary, supervisor, manager, codes official, mayor, or anything in between, the League Learning Academy can help you meet your professional development needs. This program aims to foster strong, informed leadership that drives positive, lasting change.

Completed Courses: 5

Completed Webinars: 2

Total Registered Learners: 77

### Pennsylvania Fire Credentialing Program



The Pennsylvania Municipal League and the Pennsylvania Career Fire Chiefs Association are proud to announce the launch of a brand-new, program for firefighters across the state. The PA Fire Credentialing Program offers a new credentialing program open to all firefighters in Pennsylvania, including volunteer firefighters. This program allows for a universally accepted set of skills and standards that can transfer from city to city in Pennsylvania. This program is the first of its kind in Pennsylvania and registration is NOW OPEN! The program creates a standardized credential for participants that they can carry with them and transfer from department to department. It provides a standardized, objective benchmark that can help fire departments make informed hiring decisions to ensure that candidates meet the essential qualifications. View all credentialed members [here](#).

Total Submissions: 44

Current Approved Members: 37

### Municipal Leadership Summit

**Municipal Leadership Summit** Elected and appointed officials from across the Commonwealth converged on the City of Erie from October 1–3 to celebrate The League's 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary and PSATC's 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Once again, the Career Fire Chiefs joined us for their annual meeting and training and also announced their new certification program – the first of its kind in Pennsylvania. Keynote speaker Michael Hingson captivated attendees with his message, "Is This the Choice That Will Change Your Life?", drawing on his extraordinary experience surviving the 9/11 World Trade Center attack. Guided by the leadership of 2024–25 League President Mayor Derek Slaughter, this year's Summit brought municipal leaders together for meaningful collaboration, innovation, and inspiration. We extend heartfelt thanks to our sponsors and exhibitors for fueling the event's success and showcasing cutting-edge and cost-saving solutions. Mark your calendars - Hershey awaits in 2026 from October 7–9!

## Corporate Partnerships

**30** Business Leaders Network Members

**26** Associate Members



Wells Fargo was presented with the **2025 Community Partnership Award** during the Municipal Leadership Summit Awards Breakfast on October 2. Congratulations to Wells Fargo for this well-deserved achievement. Gloria J. Daudier, Government Banking Relationship Manager, accepted the award on behalf of Wells Fargo.

## INSURANCE TRUSTS

**PennPRIME Insurance Trusts** are non-profit risk-sharing pools dedicated to delivering insurance services that reduce risk and build equity for Pennsylvania municipal entities. Owned and operated by our members, we provide comprehensive, custom-tailored coverage and specialized risk management solutions for authorities, cities, townships, boroughs, and tax collection committees.

PennPRIME also provides Workers' Compensation coverage through the PennPRIME Workers' Compensation Trust, and we offer Act 477 Heart & Lung coverage. We are committed to providing our members the tools they need to manage their safety and risk management programs.

PennPRIME can be a one-source provider for Property, Liability and Workers' Compensation. With tailored coverage to handle Police Professional, Public Official, Cyber, Community Volunteers and Bonds. We work with the municipality to best suit their needs. With over fifty years of combined experience, our staff is ready to work with you.

Some of the value-added services we provide our members are property appraisals, contract reviews, boiler and elevator inspections, dedicated claims representatives, and access to legal counsel to address employment issues proactively. In addition, we provide loss prevention services to each of our members to assist them in preventing and reducing workplace injuries. These include training opportunities delivered on-site, virtually, and on-demand through our partners.

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 members to facilitate optimal claims management every step of the way. Claim settlement is always at the authority of the insured.

**U-COMP Trust** is an Unemployment Compensation Trust which has been serving municipalities and authorities since 1985. The program provides an avenue for all classes of municipalities to work with the League in administrating their unemployment compensation.

Advantages of the U-COMP Trust Include, no separate sign-up fees, prompt personalized and professional service through experienced support staff, opportunities for dividends, unemployment education, third-party claims administration through Experian Employer Services.

Experian can take the risks and burdens of unemployment claim management off the entity by improving compliance, protecting against fraudulent claims, and state agency errors which may include overcharging. U-COMP is saving your entity money by reducing time-consuming paperwork for your staff.

As a member of the League, each trust the entity participates in offers a discount on League dues.



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## 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 232 full-time municipal managers and 54 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 58 member townships.

## ONLINE PRESENCE • PML.org

Launched Media Center and Blog on Website

Increased Videos Published

95 total videos in 2025 | 27,777 views across all channels

Civility Pledge for Elected and Appointed Officials

Municipal Job Junction+ (FREE to Members)

194 classifieds posted | 105 League member ads

Daily Newsfeed

more than 2.2K articles posted | 64 League mentions

Member Dashboard

Social Media Channels:



## EXCLUSIVE PUBLICATIONS

**Legislative Locator**

**League Link**

**Membership Directory**

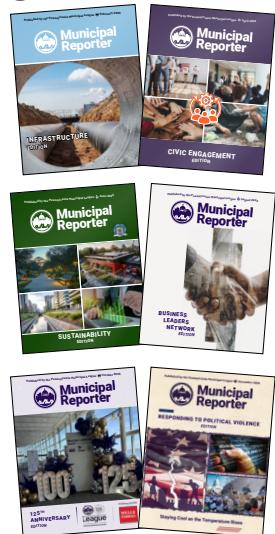
**PELRAS UPDATE**

**PELRAS SCOOP**

**Municipal Reporter**

*Edition Themes:*

- » Infrastructure
- » Civic Engagement
- » Sustainability
- » Business Leaders Network
- » 125th Anniversary
- » Responding to Political Violence



## NATIONAL AFFILIATE **NLC** NATIONAL LEAGUE OF CITIES

CITIES STRONG TOGETHER

13 Direct League Member Municipalities

- Altoona
- Easton
- New Castle
- Philadelphia
- Pittston
- Wilkes-Barre
- Carlisle
- Harrisburg
- Norristown
- Pittsburgh
- State College
- Upper Darby

2 Pennsylvania representatives served on the NLC Board of Directors

» Pittston Mayor Michael Lombardo

» Philadelphia Councilmember Brian O'Neill

## FINANCE

The League's revenues continue to increase with a 4% increase projected over 2024. The League has seen growth in its Business Leader's Network program, membership and increased registrations at its programs. This increase enables the League to continue using member-contributed funds to enhance programs and services, focusing on elevating the overall membership experience. Major revenue sources include trust and program fees, training contract reimbursements, and dues. In 2025, The League hosted several well-attended events, such as PELRAS and the Annual Summit as well as creating its own League Learning Academy. The League continues to monitor expenditures, anticipating increased health care costs and overall increases in expenses over prior year due to economic shifts and uncertainty in the market. Notably, the League's net assets have steadily grown, experiencing an approximate 17% increase since 2019.

## 2025 PROJECTED REVENUES

