



Illinois City/County Management Association

The Illinois City/County Management Association was founded in 1953. The purpose of this organization is to foster and encourage the personal and professional development of its members in order that they may better serve their communities and to promote, encourage, and preserve high ethical standards for municipal and county government administrators.

The Association's 650+ members are professionals who share the common interest of promoting effective local government. Members include city, village, and county managers/administrators and their assistants, persons interested in local government management, students, consultants, and other management professionals. Most hold graduate degrees and are appointed to their positions by the appropriate governing body.

Secretariat Services

In 1974, the Association established a permanent Secretariat at the Center for Governmental Studies at Northern Illinois University. Under the direction of the Board of Directors, the Secretariat is responsible for implementing association policy. It acts as a liaison between those in local government administration and other organizations interested in municipal management.

Affiliates

The Illinois City/County Management Association is affiliated with the International City/County Management Association (ICMA). The Illinois Association of Municipal Management Assistants (IAMMA), the Metropolitan Managers Association (METRO), the Downstate Management Association (DOWNSTATE), Southwest Illinois City Management Association (SWICMA), the Illinois Association of County Administrators (IACA), and the Legacy Project are all affiliates of the Illinois City/County Management Association. Each affiliated organization meets on a regular schedule to provide current information and training on topics relating to local government management.

Publications

The Illinois City/County Management Association publishes a monthly newsletter, City/County Management in Illinois, and the annual directory Who's Who in Illinois City/County Management. The newsletter provides a vehicle for information exchange among the members on topics of general interest. It also serves as a forum for advertising available positions in the field and for informing members of relevant upcoming events throughout the state. The directory serves as the personal and professional "yellow pages" for the Association. The Association also produces various publications and guides which can be found at www.ilcma.org.

ILGNet

ILGNet is an exclusive web portal for ILCMA and affiliate association members. It is used for knowledge and information sharing. This system allows ILCMA members to ask questions and get responses from colleagues across the state of Illinois. ILGNet provides the following features:

- Displays the most current 10 questions
- Search question and answer history
- Build a personalized profile
- Opt in/out of categories and tailor options for receiving information
- Capture, store, sort and view all current and archived information

Mentorship Program

The "ILCMA Mentorship Program" provides an opportunity for aspiring managers to gain advice and insights from senior local government executives who provide volunteer support. It's open-ended and informal. A "Statement of Mutual Understanding" is agreed upon by both mentor and mentee. This helps to define the relationship and ensure a rewarding experience for both parties. Visit the ILCMA website at www.ilcma.org for complete information.

Conferences

Each year, Association members are invited to attend two conferences to discuss current practices in local government and attend training sessions to develop managerial skills. The summer conference encourages family participation and the winter conference focuses primarily on the "nuts and bolts" of local government management.

Senior Advisor Program

The Senior Advisor Program is designed to help address the personal and professional needs of individual members. Senior Advisors are retired managers/administrators who are available to lend a confidential ear to members as they discuss issues of concern. In addition, Senior Advisors are available to answer questions from municipal officials who are considering appointing their first manager/administrator.

Membership Categories

The Illinois City/County Management Association has four membership categories designed to provide membership opportunities for all those working for local government in Illinois. These categories are:

Corporate Members

City, village, and county managers/administrators, assistant managers/administrators, administrative assistants, and directors of councils of government and regional organizations, as well as retirees from such positions

Cooperating Members

Employees of local governments and others interested in the field of municipal management

Consultant Members

Employees of firms working with local governments

Student Members

Individuals studying full-time for a career in public administration

"Friends of ILCMA" Corporate Partnership Program

Corporations that support professional local government management

All members of ILCMA are encouraged to be members in good standing of the International City/County Management Association.



The Association strives to maintain a balanced membership in order to create a positive environment for the exchange of ideas.

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An ILCMA membership form can be downloaded at www.ilcma.org

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Local Governance Through
Professional Management