



NM MUNICIPAL LEAGUE POLICY PROCESS OUTLINE

1. Policy Committees meet to review previous year's conference Resolutions and Statement of Municipal Policy, as well as newly submitted Resolutions and statements to be added to Policy. Proposed Resolutions or proposed Policy Statement amendments may be submitted by Committee members, member municipalities or League subsections. Committee makes necessary amendments and adopts, rejects, refers to appropriate other committee or (if resolution is not germane to coming session) refers to following year's committee.

Committee prioritizes all Resolutions it adopts (including those staff is directed to draft) as "High," "Medium" or "Low" priority. Committee then ranks all "High" priority Resolutions in descending order, with "1" as highest rank.

Policy Committee recommendations go to the Resolutions Committee.

2. Resolutions Committee meets, and reviews proposed Resolutions and proposed Statement of Municipal Policy as submitted by Policy Committees. Additional proposed Resolutions or proposed Policy Statement amendments may be submitted by Committee members, member municipalities or League subsections. Resolutions Committee makes necessary amendments and adopts or rejects.

Resolutions Committee also meets on the opening day of the League Annual Conference to consider any new resolutions and new changes to the Statement of Municipal Policy. Their report with recommendations is then referred to the Annual Business Meeting.

3. At the League Annual Conference, the Annual Business Meeting voting delegates review proposed Resolutions and proposed Statement of Municipal Policy changes submitted by Resolutions Committee. Business Meeting voting delegates make necessary amendments and adopts or rejects.

Conference Resolutions and the Statement of Municipal Policy adopted at the Annual Business Meeting become the League's official documents for the year ending with the next Annual Business Meeting.

4. At a fall meeting of the League Board of Directors, the Board reviews the Conference Resolutions and prioritizes them as "High," "Medium" or "Low" priority for action in the upcoming legislative session. The Board then selects its top priorities to become the League's primary legislative agenda.



At a joint meeting of the Executive Committees of each Board of Directors of the League and the New Mexico Counties, the two committees select those resolutions of the two associations which they jointly agree deserve joint association support in the legislative session.



POLICY COMMITTEES AND THEIR PURVIEWS

COMMUNITY, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS, PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE & HUMAN RESOURCES

Develops policy on programs relating to all aspects of community and economic development including annexation, land use, federal grants, rural development, telecommunication and tourism. Also, analyzes and develops policy on municipal operations and management including municipal court operations, management and jurisdictional issues.

Reviews and develops policy concerning New Mexico's transportation programs and their revenue sources and allocations, public works programs (including loans and grants - particularly those related to infrastructure development) and public and private utilities. Also, analyzes and develops policy concerning personnel issues and programs, social services, public housing and education.

ENVIRONMENT, ENERGY & NATURAL RESOURCES

Reviews and develops policy on all aspects of environmental issues, energy initiatives, and quality of life, including water quality, solid waste, hazardous & toxic wastes, air quality and management thereof.

FINANCE, INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS & TAXATION

Studies intergovernmental relationships and policies, reviews and recommends legislation on all fiscal matters affecting municipalities, inclusive of the funding and advancement of economic development.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Reviews and develops policy on issues affecting the safety of the public, including crime prevention and law enforcement, fire prevention and protection, emergency medical services, emergency management and response (including hazardous materials), motor vehicle safety and animal control.