

“You can count on WiMG to be at the forefront when decisive issues are to be addressed. WiMG is on the cutting edge helping NLC confront the important policy issues – children and families, family leave, gun control, right of privacy, and health care – that will shape the future of municipalities and communities.”



Professional Development and Training

In conjunction with these two conferences, WiMG sponsors pre-conference seminars, issue forums, networking social events, general membership meetings, and luncheons to engage women officials in policy development, information exchanges, leadership training, and more. Guest speakers and members share innovative ideas in workshop sessions to help members enhance skills and broaden their experience.



Collaboration

WiMG also cooperates with colleague groups and associations to advance the agenda of women municipal leaders. WiMG has collaborated with the Center for the American Woman in Politics at Rutgers University, the Women's Activities Office of the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP), the National Women's Public Officials Policy Network, the Institute for Women's Policy Research, and others on a number of issues.

Newsletter

A joint newsletter, Constituency and Member Group Report, is published regularly for all of NLC's caucus groups that share news updates and activities. WiMG members keep up-to-date on their activities as well as those of other constituency and member groups. Regular stories about WiMG activities are also featured in NLC's Nations' Cities Weekly. Contributions to the newsletters are always welcome.

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Women in Municipal Government



“Successfully providing new opportunities for women elected officials since 1974”



A Caucus of the
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for

Women Local Elected/Appointed Officials and
State Municipal League Directors

Historical View

As a result of early 1970s ad hoc meetings from Atlanta to San Juan, along with a 1974 Houston hotel room meeting to establish its basic structure, Women in Municipal Government (WIMG) was launched. This National League of Cities constituency group was founded to serve as a forum for communication and networking among women municipal officials.

Over the last two decades, WIMG has strived to raise awareness levels about issues of concern to women and encouraged women to seek public office in their communities. It has ensured that women hold leadership positions within NLC serving on the Board of Directors and as officers. In addition, it has successfully forged a prominent role for women in the development of NLC's National Municipal Policy and its agenda for the nation's cities and towns.



Membership

WIMG encourages and solicits active participation in its membership in two categories.

Voting Members

This category includes women elected and appointed officials from NLC member, non-member cities, and state municipal leagues who pay their annual dues. This group has voting privileges at the WIMG business meetings. Voting members are eligible to move into leadership positions within WIMG.

Supporting Members

This classification includes representatives from other organizations who are interested in becoming active in WIMG through payment of annual dues. This is a non-voting membership category.

Leadership and Governance

Women in Municipal Government is governed by a 25-member Board of Directors. Its executive committee includes a president, first vice president, second vice president, communications officer, and immediate past president.

Elected officers serve one-year terms. Most often, WIMG officers rotate through the leadership positions. Past tradition has shown that entry into the executive leadership channel has been via the communications officer position. Past presidents of WIMG remain active through their participation on the WIMG Advisory Council for as long as they continue to remain in elected or appointed municipal office.



Members of the WIMG board serve two-year, staggered terms, and can be elected to additional terms.

Elections are held at the annual WIMG business meeting during the NLC Congress of Cities and Exposition in November or December. A nominating committee makes recommendations to the

WIMG membership and a voice vote is taken at the annual business meeting. During the late summer/early fall, publicity is disseminated to WIMG members to encourage nominations for the board.



Policy Development

WIMG members actively participate on policy and steering committees to influence NLC's National Municipal Policy process. WIMG board meetings often have a policy-related focus and, in particular, the WIMG Summer Board of Directors Meeting includes a policy development theme.



Membership Application

NAME _____
 TITLE _____
 ORGANIZATION _____
 ADDRESS _____
 CITY _____
 STATE _____ ZIP _____
 PHONE _____
 FAX _____
 E-MAIL _____

Dues Category:

- \$50 Voting member from an NLC direct member city
- \$60 Voting member from an NLC non-member city
- \$75 Supporting member or former elected official
- \$ _____ Renewal _____
(Please indicate which category)

Form of Payment: Please make check payable to the National League of Cities/WIMG

- Check is enclosed. Please send me an invoice.

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