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for 2009



A SURVEY REPORT FOR STATE MUNICIPAL LEAGUES

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2009 STATE MUNICIPAL LEAGUES ANNUAL CONFERENCES / CONVENTIONS

<u>State</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Location of Conference / Convention</u>	<u>Estimated Attendance</u>
Massachusetts	January 23-24	Boston (Sheraton Boston / Hynes Convention Center)	1,000
Rhode Island	February 5	Warwick (Crowne Plaza Hotel)	675
Alabama	May 2-5	Montgomery (Montgomery Convention Center)	1,700-1,800
Wyoming	June 10-13	Gillette (Campbell County South High School)	300-350
Tennessee	14-16	Chattanooga (Chattanooga Convention Center & Marriott)	1,100-1,300
Colorado	16-19	Vail (Vail Marriott Mountain Resort & Spa)	500-700
Arkansas	17-19	Hot Springs (Convention Center)	1,500
Idaho	17-19	Boise (Boise Centre on the Grove)	400
Georgia	20-23	Savannah (International Trade & Convention Center)	2,000
Washington	23-26	Spokane (Spokane Convention Center)	700
Minnesota	24-26	St. Paul (River Centre)	600
Pennsylvania	24-26	Lancaster (Lancaster County Convention Center)	400-600
Maryland	28-July 1	Ocean City (Ocean City Convention Center)	1,500
New York	28-July 1	Saratoga Springs (Saratoga Hilton)	250
Mississippi	July 12-16	Biloxi (Mississippi Coast Coliseum & Convention Center)	3,200
South Carolina	August 4-9	Hilton Head (Marriott Beach & Gold Resort)	1,600
West Virginia	5-7	Huntington (Pullman Plaza Hotel)	400
Louisiana	6-8	Alexandria (Riverfront Convention Center)	1,200-1,500
Florida	13-15	Orlando (Orlando World Center Marriott)	1,500 -2,000
Arizona	September 1-4	Oro Valley (Hilton El Conquistador Resort)	900
New Mexico	2-4	Albuquerque (Albuquerque Convention Center)	800+
Utah	9-11	Salt Lake City (Sheraton City Center)	800
California	16-19	San Jose (San Jose Convention Center)	3,500
Oklahoma	22-24	Tulsa (Tulsa Convention Center)	400
Michigan	22-25	Kalamazoo (Radisson Plaza Hotel)	500
Iowa	23-25	Davenport (River Center)	900
North Dakota	24-26	Minot (International Inn)	500
Illinois	24- 27	Chicago (Hilton Chicago)	3,000
Delaware	27	Dover (Sheraton Hotel and Conference Center)	150
Nebraska	17-19	North Platte (Sandhills Convention Center) – 100 th Anniversary	175-200
Ohio	30 – Oct. 2	Columbus (The Columbus, a Renaissance Hotel)	400-500
Vermont	October 2	Barre (Barre Municipal Civic Center)	500
Oregon	1-3	Portland (Doubletree Lloyd Center)	750
Kansas	3-6	Topeka (Topeka Expocentre & Capitol Plaza Hotel)	1,100
Indiana	4-7	French Lick (French Lick Resort)	1,000-1,300
Missouri	4-7	Tan-Tar-A (Resort)	650
South Dakota	6-9	Watertown (Ramkota Hotel and Convention Center)	550
Maine	7-8	Augusta (Augusta Civic Center)	1,400
Montana	7-9	Great Falls (Best Western Heritage Inn)	400
Connecticut	8	Hartford (Connecticut Convention Center)	800-900
Wisconsin	14-16	Appleton (Radisson Paper Valley Hotel)	450
Nevada	14-17	Henderson (Henderson Convention Center)	300
Virginia	18-20	Roanoke (Hotel Roanoke & Conference Center)	900-1,000
Texas	21-23	Fort Worth (Fort Worth Convention Center)	4,000+
Kentucky	23-26	Covington (Northern Kentucky Convention Center)	1,000-1,200
North Carolina	25-27	Greenville (Greenville Convention Center)	1,250
Alaska	November 16-20	Anchorage (Hotel Captain Hook)	350-400
New Jersey	17-20	Atlantic City (Atlantic City Convention Center)	21,000
New Hampshire	18-20	Manchester (Radisson Hotel Manchester)	700

Summary of Results

This report is based on the responses of 35 state municipal leagues.

The median¹ advance registration fee for state municipal league conventions in 2009 will be \$250. Michigan, Maryland, and California will charge their members the most for advance registration - Michigan and Maryland both \$399, and California, \$475; Delaware will charge the least, \$25. The average cost for on-site registration will be \$259, with Michigan, California, and Maryland charging the highest (\$449, \$475, and \$579 respectively), and Delaware the least, \$25. There is roughly a \$38 difference between the average cost of advance registration and on-site registration; however, six state leagues will not charge a more expensive rate for on-site registration in 2009. New Mexico and Maryland will have the largest differential, charging \$140 and \$180 more respectively, for on-site registration.

The average increase in registration fees in 2009 for non-members will be \$69 more than for state league members who register in advance. Michigan, Maryland, and California will charge the most for non-member registration, \$549 and \$525 respectively, while Delaware will charge the least, \$25. Eight states – Alabama, Delaware, Florida, Illinois, Kansas, Maine, Maryland, and New Mexico – will not charge non-members more than members registering on-site.

Most state leagues will not charge delegates extra for special events at their 2009 conventions. Idaho will have the highest spouse fee, \$160, which includes three lunches and three dinners/banquets. Alaska, Colorado, Maine, Maryland, Missouri, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New Jersey, South Carolina, and Vermont will not charge spouses to attend league functions.

Thirty-four leagues (97% of those responding to the survey) reported that they will have exhibits in 2009. On average, vendors will pay \$1,343 for a booth, and, on average, about 140 exhibits will be displayed. Nine state leagues (26% of those responding to the survey) will provide 8x10 booths, and 20 state leagues (58% of survey respondents) will provide 10x10 booths. Arizona and North Carolina will charge their exhibitors the most, \$8,000 to \$10,000 and \$12,000, respectively. New Jersey and California will have the greatest number of exhibitors, 797 and 320 respectively. Arizona will have the least number of booths, 7.

Eighty percent of the state leagues that responded had at least one keynote speaker featured during their 2008 conventions. Twenty leagues (57% of survey respondents) rated their speakers as “Excellent” and paid their speakers between \$200 and \$40,000.

Fifty-seven percent of the leagues that responded had entertainment in addition to keynote speakers at their 2008 conventions. The prices for entertainment ranged from no cost to \$18,000.

Twenty-five leagues (71% of survey respondents) had closing events at their 2008 conventions. The majority of the programs consisted of formal banquets along with the presentation of awards.

Finally, nine states, or 26% of survey respondents, reported that they have constituency groups. These groups are for elected officials that are African-American, Asian, Latino, and female. Most of these groups meet during the annual state league conventions by conducting business meetings, attending social events, and listening to guest speakers.

¹ The median was used as the mathematical average in this report in order to avoid excessively skewed data.

Convention Registration Fees

State	Member Reg. Fee (Advance)	Member Reg. Fee (On-Site)	Non- Member Reg. Fee	Spouse Fee	Lunches	Dinner/ Ban- quet	Receptions
Alabama	\$300	\$375	\$300/\$375	\$15/\$25	2	1	3
Alaska	\$300	\$350	\$375/\$425	N/A	2	1	1
Arizona	\$280	\$300	\$330/\$380	\$115	1	1	2
Arkansas					2	1	2
California	\$475	\$475	\$525/\$625	\$100	2	0	6
Colorado	\$190	\$300	N/A	N/A	0	0	2
Connecticut	\$80	\$130	\$160	N/A	1	1	1
Delaware	\$25	\$25	\$25	\$25	0	1	0
Florida	\$325	\$325	\$325/\$495	\$75	1	1	2
Georgia	\$290	\$325	\$340	\$130	0	1	0
Idaho	\$280	\$305	\$440	\$160	3	3	0
Illinois	\$110	\$110	\$110	\$80	0	0	2
Iowa	\$175	\$225	\$300/\$350	\$60	2	1	2
Kansas	\$200	\$235	\$200	\$80	2	4	3
Kentucky	\$340	\$405	\$390	\$140	3	3	3
Maine	\$60	\$70	\$60/\$90	N/A	0	1	2
Maryland	\$399	\$579	\$525/\$760	N/A	2	0	1
Michigan	\$399	\$449	\$549	\$99	1	1	1
Mississippi	\$225	\$265	\$300	\$50	2	1	2
Missouri	\$185	\$200	\$185/\$200	N/A	0	0	1
Nebraska	\$295	\$325	N/A	N/A	0	0	0
New Hampshire	\$90	\$115	N/A	N/A	2	1	1
New Jersey	\$45	\$55	N/A	N/A	0	0	0
New Mexico	\$275	\$415	\$275/\$415	\$125	2	1	1
North Carolina	\$250	\$290	N/A	\$50	1	1	0
North Dakota	\$195	\$220	N/A	\$60	1	2	0
Oklahoma	\$250	\$300	\$150	\$150	2	1	2
Oregon	\$295	\$345	N/A	\$100	2	0	1
South Carolina	\$175	\$175	N/A	N/A	0	0	0
Tennessee	\$325	\$345	N/A	\$145	2	0	1
Texas	\$225	\$295	N/A	\$35	0	0	0
Vermont	\$40	\$50	N/A	N/A	1	0	0
Virginia	\$320	\$320	\$430	\$130	3	2	1
Wisconsin	\$135	\$160	\$160	\$65/\$75	1	0	1
Wyoming	\$190	\$205	\$205	\$125	3	2	1

Convention Exhibit Program

State	# of Exhibitors	Exhibit Fee	Booth Size (in feet)
Alabama	150	\$900/\$2,500	10 x 10/20 x 40
Alaska	40	\$550/\$875	8 x 8
Arizona	7	\$8,000/\$10,000	
Arkansas	75	\$400	10 x 10
California	320	\$1,700	10 x 10
Colorado	35	\$3,000	6 x 2
Connecticut	155	\$1,495/\$1,695	10 x 10
Florida	138	\$1,600	10 x 10
Georgia	195	\$700	10 x 10
Idaho	35	\$625	8 x 10
Illinois	130	\$175/\$575	10 x 10
Iowa	300	\$550/\$750	10 x 10
Kansas	120	\$700	10 x 10
Kentucky	125	\$695	10 x 10
Maine	130	\$650	8 x 10
Maryland	220	\$760	10 x 10
Michigan	100	\$800	Tabletops
Mississippi	160	\$700	10 x 10
Missouri	125	\$580	8 x 10
Nebraska	35	\$360/\$485	As space permits
New Hampshire	105	\$700	8 x 10
New Jersey	797	\$1,400	10 x 10
New Mexico	50	\$395/\$795	10 x 10
North Carolina	172	\$12,000	10 x 10
North Dakota	37	\$450	8 x 10
Oklahoma	140	\$525	10 x 10
Oregon	70	\$795	8 x 10
South Carolina	50	\$750	8 x 10
Tennessee	130	\$725	10 x 10
Texas	300	\$750/\$950	10 x 10/40 x 40
Vermont	85	\$500	8 x 10
Virginia	75	\$625/\$800	10 x 10
Wisconsin	90	\$600	8 x 10
Wyoming	70	\$500	10 x 10

Convention Keynote Speaker(s)

State	Name	Organization	Topic	Cost	Rating
Alabama	Jeff VanKooten	Center for Generational Services	Hey Dude! Managing the Generations in Today's Workplace	\$5,000	Excellent
Alaska	Bruce Vincent	Vincent Ventures	Environmental Stewardship	\$5,000	Excellent
Arizona	Bruce Vincent	Vincent Ventures	The Balance of Sustainability and Growth	\$5,000	Excellent
	John Nalbandian	University of Kansas	Leading Local Governments in the 21 st Century: Effective Staff and Council Relations	\$3,500	Excellent
Arkansas	Dave Horsager	Keynote Speakers, Inc.	The Trust Edge	\$5,000	
California	Neal Peterson	Sailed Solo Around the World	No Barriers Only Solutions	\$7,500	Good
	Richard Florida	Author: Who's Your City and Rise of the Creative Class		\$40,000	Fair
	Doris Kearns Goodwin	Presidential Historian	Lessons in Leadership	\$40,000	Excellent
Colorado	David Rabiner	Rabiner Resources	Leadership	\$4,800	Excellent
Connecticut	Michael Hogan	President, University of Connecticut	Connecticut Today	\$200	Fair
Florida	Captain James Lovell, Jr.	Astronaut and Commander of Apollo 13	Failure is not an Option	\$35,000	Excellent
	The Honorable Lou Frey	Former Congressman (Florida)	Statewide Civics Initiative	N/A	
Georgia	Donna Brazile		Political Forecasting	\$20,000	Excellent
	Robert Alston		Southern Humorist	\$3,000	Good
Idaho	David Gergen	Commentator, Editor, Teacher, Best-Selling Author	Eyewitness to Power: The Essence of Leadership	\$40,000	Excellent
Illinois	Coach Ken Carter	Former Basketball Coach	Use Your Passion to Succeed	\$11,500	Excellent
Iowa	Scott Friedman		Using Humor for a Change	\$5,500	Good
Kansas	Bob Treadway	Futurist, Treadway & Associates	Future of Cities Next 2-20 Years	N/A	Excellent
	Bill Self	Head Coach, University of Kansas Men's Basketball	Leadership/ Teamwork	\$15,000	Excellent

State	Name	Organization	Topic	Cost	Rating
Kentucky	Roger Brooks	Destination Development	Branding/Finding What's Unique About Your Community and Marketing It	N/A	Excellent
Maine	Neal Peirce	Citistates Group	National Economy	\$6,000	Good
	Dorothy Burton	Author, Councilmember	Seven Sins of Leadership	\$2,500	Good
Maryland	Joel Zeff	Joel Zeff Creative	The Strength of Laughter: Energizing Your Spirit with Humor	\$12,500	Excellent
Michigan	Daniel Pink		A Whole New Mind	N/A	
	Dan Mulhern	Consultant and Michigan's First Gentleman	Public Servants – Public Leaders	N/A	
New Mexico	Dr. Sheila Sheinberg	President & CEO, Center for Life Cycle Sciences	Dancing with a Gorilla: Mastering the Challenge of Change	\$5,000	Good
North Carolina	David Gergen	Commentator, Editor, Best Selling Author	World News and Election	\$25,000	Excellent
North Dakota	Rocco Forte	City Coordinator for Emergency Preparedness (Minneapolis)	Lessons Learned from the I-35W Bridge Collapse	\$1,000	Excellent
Oklahoma	Randy Clay	Founder & CEO, U.S. Safety Sign & Decal	The Great Life	\$2,000	Excellent
Oregon	Dr. Lowell Catlett	Regent Professor, New Mexico State University	New Frontiers that Change Everything	\$11,000	Excellent
	Dr. Bill Grace	Founder of the Center for Ethical Leadership	Reinvigorating the Public Sector Leader's Courageous Pursuit of the Common Good	\$5,000	Very Good
South Carolina	Dr. Larry Sabato	Director, University of Virginia's Center for Politics	Politics	\$13,000	Excellent
	Peter Katz	Author, The New Urbanism: Toward an Architecture of Community	Community Development	\$5,000	Good
Tennessee	Carol Coletta	Coletta & Company	City Vitals: The Formula for Success	\$5,000	Very Good

State	Name	Organization	Topic	Cost	Rating
Texas	Sir Ken Robinson	Gail Davis and Associates	Out of Our Minds: Learning to be Creative	\$15,000	Excellent
	Manuel Scott	Freedom Writer	The True Heroes of the World	\$7,000	Excellent
	Sam Glenn		A Kick in the Attitude	\$8,500	Good
Virginia	Ed McMahon	Urban Land Institute	Sustainable Development	\$2,000	Excellent
Wisconsin	Dorothy Burton	Councilwoman, Duncanville, Texas	Why We Fall: The Seven Sins of Leadership	N/A	Good
Wyoming	Jeff Salz	The Adventures of Change	Timeless Certainties for Uncertain Times	\$12,000	Excellent

Convention Entertainment

State	Name	Type	Cost	Rating
Alabama	The Capitol Steps	Political Satire Comedy Troupe	\$18,000	Excellent
	Al Walker	Humorist	\$4,500	Excellent
Arizona	Affinity	Band	\$4,200	Excellent
Colorado	Ski Jumping	Olympic Training Ski Jumpers	N/A	Good
Connecticut	University of Connecticut Jazz Ensemble	Jazz Group	\$500	Excellent
	University of Connecticut Prep Band	College Band	\$500	Excellent
Florida	T. "Bubba" Beehtol	Comedian	\$13,500	Fair
Georgia	Band X	Band	\$9000	Excellent
	James Brandon	Comedian/Magician	\$5,000	Excellent
Idaho	High Street Band	Swing/Big Band Music	\$3,000	Excellent
Illinois	American English	Beatles Tribute Band	\$6,000	Excellent
Kansas	Capitol Steps	Political Satire Comedy Troupe	\$13,000	Excellent
Kentucky	Nervous Melvin & The Mistakes	Local Band	\$1,500	Fair
Mississippi	The Bluz Boys	15-Piece Band	\$5,000	Excellent
Missouri	Yakov Smirnoff	Comedian	\$9,000	Excellent
New Hampshire	Absolute Magic (Andrew Pinard)	Magician	\$1,000	Good
	Concord Community Music School	Jazz Trio	\$1,140	Excellent
New Mexico	L.A. Party Dolls	Fifties/Sixties Musical Show	\$7,000	Excellent
North Carolina	Bob Higa	Illusionist	\$6,000	Excellent
North Dakota	Jordan Christianson Jazz Trio	Jazz Combo	\$300	Good
Oregon	Johnny Martin with his Band and Vocalist Barbara Lusch	Big Band sounds	\$5,000	Good
South Carolina	Jeanne Robertson	Humor/Luncheon Keynote	\$6,500	Excellent
	The Fabulous Kays	Band	\$5,800	Excellent
Tennessee	Music by Prime Cut	Jazz Band	\$800	Very Good
Virginia	Strolling Silver Strings	High School Strings Ensemble	Donation	Excellent
	Doc Blakely	Humorist	N/A	Very Good

Convention Closing Event

State	Type
Alabama	Sit-down banquet with service awards ceremony and recognition of new officers.
Alaska	Semi-formal sit-down dinner, awards, and entertainment.
Arkansas	Awards presentation.
Colorado	Casual BBQ buffet.
Connecticut	Reception.
Delaware	Formal sit-down dinner/awards presentation.
Florida	Sit-down dinner, swearing in of president, and entertainment.
Georgia	Taste of Savannah with 6 restaurants participating, dance band, and other stationary live entertainment.
Idaho	General luncheon session is held together with League's annual business meeting and awards presentation.
Illinois	Breakfast with gavel passed.
Iowa	Brunch and a speaker (Dorothy Burton).
Kansas	Dinner and entertainment.
Kentucky	Semi-formal dinner and entertainment.
Maine	Sit-down dinner.
Michigan	Awards banquet with sit-down dinner.
Mississippi	Presidential gala.
Missouri	Sit-down dinner with entertainment.
New Mexico	Themed closing event. Last year's theme was entitled "Clovis Rocks," as the conference was held in the City of Clovis where legendary 50's and 60's musicians, like Buddy Holly, recorded hits. It was an evening of Rock n' Roll. The evening concluded with a buffet dinner of soda shop style food and drinks, as well as "Jitter Bug & Twist" dance lessons.
North Carolina	Celebrated 100 years with an anniversary gala, formal sit-down dinner, and entertainment.
North Dakota	The theme was "Tailgate 08," which included a sit-down dinner. There was the City of the Year award, Elected Official of the Year, and Appointed Official of the Year.
Oklahoma	Sit-down dinner with award presentation.
Oregon	Sit-down dinner with awards program followed by dance band.
South Carolina	Spiritual breakfast with inspirational music/singer.
Virginia	Formal sit-down dinner, achievement awards, entertainment.
Wyoming	Sit-down dinner with award presentations.

Convention Best New Ideas

State	Best New Ideas
Arizona	Changed the schedule around. Finished after formal luncheon on Tuesday.
Arkansas	Use of two large screens to project speakers' images.
Connecticut	Reception only, served hors d'oeuvres.
Florida	Half-day Youth Council. This was the first year, and there were 24 students.
Kentucky	Scanning of name badges to issue education credits and track who/how many attended what session.
Maine	Scratch tickets in exhibit hall.
Maryland	Since many Maryland municipalities formed around railroad stops, a "train theme" game was developed for the exhibit area where attendees had train tickets punched by exhibitors, and when the required number of train "stops" were punched, the attendee was eligible for prize drawings. The League also asked city/town exhibitors to include information about their municipality's railroad history in their displays. League also asked a local group of train enthusiasts set up a train garden in the exhibit hall as part of our train theme.
Michigan	Extensive production staging and branding of general sessions, registration, hallways, hotel exterior, etc.; rehearsals of major general session staging production.
Mississippi	Decided not to have Excellence Awards Dinner and President's Gala on the same night.
New Hampshire	Added roundtable discussions to Thursday morning breakfast. Topics included Selling the Budget, Regionalization and Selling Services, Energy Conservation, Ethics and Ethics Policies, Hiring and Keeping the Best, Merging School and Municipal Operations, Online Citizen Services, and Promoting Employee Wellness.
North Carolina	There was a Green Street in the Exhibit Hall
North Dakota	Since the theme on Friday night was "Tailgate 08," it was only natural the theme for Saturday would be Homecoming. Cities were encouraged to "dress to impress," and the evening included a sit-down dinner. Awards were given out to the City of the Year, Elected Official of the Year, and Appointed Official of the Year. A Staff member who was retiring after 27 years of service was also honored.
Oregon	"Conference Binder" with all handouts was given to the delegates. A CD of the handouts was also included in the binder.
South Carolina	A staging area was set-up in a well-travelled hallway, and short "man on the street" interviews were conducted with elected officials, which were posted on YouTube so they could later link to their city's website. The goal was to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. get them to look at YouTube so they could do it themselves; 2. give them the chance to integrate the League outreach messages into local context based on questions the producer asked them.
Vermont	A baseball theme was chosen: "Your VLCT Team – Helping Vermont Municipalities Hit Home Runs." To tie everything together, stadium seats were given as promo items. The League's communications team designed the Program Guide to look like a sports program. It was well received by the attendees and vendors, who chose to play off that in their booth's design.
Virginia	Taking digital photographs at sessions and displaying them throughout the conference on a wide screen television.
Wyoming	Pre-payment for golf registration saved the league some headaches.

Constituency Groups at State League Conventions

State	Constituency Group	Contact	Does Group Meet During Con-vention	Nature of the Meeting
Alabama	ABC-LEO Reception	Charles Woods (256) 245-1253	No	
California	Latino Caucus	Henry Perea, Fresno	Yes	Networking events and receptions.
	Asian Pacific Islander Caucus	Lena Tam		
	African American Caucus	TBD		
	Gay, Lesbian, Transgender, Bisexual Caucus	Jeff Prang, Chris Cabaldon		
Florida	Florida Black Caucus	Leo Elongworth (863) 533-3136	Yes	Florida League of Cities gives space and has nothing to do with the programming.
	Women Elected to Municipal Government	Suzanne Vale (813) 691-6688		
Kentucky	KBC-LEO	Eleanor Barbour (859) 977-3714	Yes	Conduct business.
Michigan	Michigan Women in Municipal Government	Barbara Holt, President (616) 791-6859	Yes	Conduct business.
	Michigan Black Caucus/Local Elected Officials	Clara Shepherd, President (231) 725-8130		
Mississippi	MBC/LEO	Alderman Henry Naylor	Yes	Elect officers and board members. Listen to outside speakers.
New Jersey	NJ Association for Elected Women Officials	Bill Dressel (609) 695-3481, Ext. 122	Yes	Listen to outside speakers.
North Carolina	NC Black Elected (NC BEMO)	Kacey Barcliff (919) 715-1222	Yes	Conduct business.
	NC Women in Government	Margot Christensen (919) 715-3931		
Texas	Association of Hispanic Municipal Officials (AHMO)	Frank Estrada (512) 376-4850	Yes	Elect officers and board members. Listen to outside speakers. Conduct other business.
	Texas Association of Black City Council Members (TABCCM)	Theresa Scott (512) 349-6156		

Convention Principal Logistics Coordinator

State	Logistical Coordinator	Title
Alabama	Edye Goertz	Member Services Director
Alaska	Betty Svensson	Deputy Director
Arizona	Matthew Lore	Communication and Education Director
Arkansas	Ken Wasson	Assistant Director
California	Tracy Petrillo, CAE	Education and Conferences Director
Colorado	Kathleen Harrison	Meeting and Events Coordinator
Connecticut	Maria Korenowski	Events and Training Manager
Delaware	George C. Wright	Executive Director
Florida	Barbara Solis, CMP	Associate Director of Membership Development/Meetings
Georgia	Janice Eidson	Director of Conferences and Training
Idaho	Mandy De Castro	Event Coordinator
Illinois	Anne Masters	Chief Financial Officer
Iowa	Bethany Duncan	Communications Coordinator
Kansas	Kate Cooley	Conference and Marketing Coordinator
Kentucky	Tammy Penna	Convention and Events Coordinator
Maine	Janice Tavanian	Manager of Educational Services
Maryland	Karen A. Bohlen	Assistant Executive Director
Michigan	Terri Murphy	Special Events Planner
Mississippi	Clair O. Seward	Convention and Meetings Coordinator
Missouri	Gary Markenson	Executive Director
Nebraska	Shirley Riley	Membership Services Director
New Hampshire	Erin Batstone	Event Planner
New Jersey	Bill Dressel	Executive Director
New Mexico	Linda Alire-Naranjo	Program Director
North Carolina	Diane Godwin	Principal Meeting Planner
North Dakota	Becky Haag	Member Services Manager
Oklahoma	Jimi Layman	Director of Meetings
Oregon	JoAnn Ghelfi	Conference Manager
Pennsylvania	Mary Costik, CMP	Meeting Manager
South Carolina	Ken Ivey	Conference Manager
Tennessee	Sylvia Trice	Director of Conference Planning
Texas	D. LaeLonne Parent-Smith, CMP	Senior Coordinator – Planning Services
Utah	Michelle Reilly	Director of Administration
Vermont	Jessica Hill	Manager of Administrative Services
Virginia	Mary Jo Fields	Director of Research
Wisconsin	Sherry Lee, CMP	Program Coordinator
Wyoming	Ginger Newman	Director of Communications and Training

Meeting and Exposition Web Sites

The PlanSoft Network	http://www.plansoft.com
WHERE Magazine	http://www.wheremags.com/index.html
City Net (profiles of cities worldwide)	http://www.city.net/
Center for Exhibition Industry Research	http://www.ceir.org/
Conference Posting Links: The Big List	http://www.camtech.net.au/~plevin/thelist.html
EventWeb	http://www.eventweb.com/
Expo Guide	http://www.expoguide.com/
Expo City	http://www.expocity.com/
Hospitality Net	http://www.hospitalitynet.nl/
International Association for Exhibition Management	http://www.iaem.org/iaemce.htm
International Teleconferencing Association	http://www.itca.org/
Meeting Planners Finder	http://www.mmaweb.com/meetings/plannernfr.html
Meeting Professionals International	http://www.mpiweb.org/
MeetingsNet	http://www.meetingsnet.com
Professional Convention Management Association	http://www.pcma.org/
Trade Show Central	http://www.tscentral.com/
Tradeshaw Week	http://www.tradeshawweek.com/
Area Code Look-Up	http://www.555-1212.com
Hot Dates, Hot Rates	http://www.Hotdateshotrates.com
International Association of Convention & Visitor Bureaus	http://www.iacvb.org
Meeting Planning and Events Technology	http://www.corbinball.com