About the League

The Delaware League of Local Governments (DLLG) is a statewide, nonprofit, nonpartisan association of city, town, and county governments established in 1963 to improve and assist local governments through legislative advocacy at the state and federal levels. The League serves as a clearinghouse for important governmental and community-oriented information.

League staff assists members with research, technical, and professional services that are designed to enhance local government responsiveness and local public image. The membership serves all 57 Delaware municipalities as well as the state’s three counties.

The League is a member of the National League of Cities (www.nlc.org).

DLLG has worked cooperatively with the University of Delaware’s Institute for Public Administration (IPA) over the past several decades to provide valuable information, support, and leadership-development programs to Delaware municipalities.

IPA maintains DLLG’s online directory (www.ipa.udel.edu/localgovt/dllg) and advertises professional training programs for local government staff at www.ipa.udel.edu/events.html.

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Governance

The DLLG is governed by a President, Vice President, and Executive Committee comprising local government officials. The Executive Committee is elected by the League membership at an annual meeting held in September and provides guidance to the League staff. The League has a Legislative Committee, which recommends and approves positions for the League on issues of concern at the state and national levels. DLLG staff performs the ongoing functions of the organization under the guidance and consent of the Executive Committee, League Officers, and policy statements drafted by the Legislative Committee.

Legislative Advocacy

The League’s primary mission is legislative advocacy. DLLG staff represents the interests of local governments in the Delaware General Assembly within its many committees and sub-committees, the governor and various departments and agencies, the lieutenant governor, and a host of boards and commissions. Because Delaware local governments derive their powers from the legislature, they must routinely petition the General Assembly for amendments or additions to their local authority. DLLG, as a watchdog, is mindful of any legislation that may hinder or disable local authority and will oppose or advocate legislation as is warranted.

Along with some of Delaware’s towns and cities, DLLG is a proud member of the National League of Cities (NLC).

Established in 1924 by and for reform-minded state municipal leagues, NLC directly represents 49 leagues and more than 1,400 cities and, through state municipal leagues, indirectly represents some 17,000 cities.

NLC serves as an advocate for its members in Washington in the legislative, administrative, and judicial processes that affect them; develops and pursues a national municipal policy that meets the present and future needs of our nation’s cities and its citizens; offers training, technical assistance, and information to municipal officials to help them improve the quality of local government in our urban nation; and undertakes research and analysis on topics and issues of importance to the nation’s cities and towns.

Online Resources and Contacts

DLLG Online Directory
www.ipa.udel.edu/localgovt/dllg

Local Government LINK
www.ipa.udel.edu/localgovt/lgLINK

Training Programs (through IPA)
www.ipa.udel.edu/events.html

- Delaware Institute for Local Government Leaders
  www.ipa.udel.edu/localgovt/training/dilgl

- Academy for Excellence in Local Government Leadership
  www.ipa.udel.edu/localgovt/training/academy.html

- Municipal Clerks
  www.ipa.udel.edu/localgovt/training/muni-clerks.html

- Planning Education
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