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ACTIVITIES/EVENTS

2015 Elected Officials Seminar Series

The LGLA's third series of Elected Officials Seminars was held in January and February 2015. This is our signature event and we reached a record 721 delegates (667 elected) at 8 events around BC. This is just over 55% of the newly elected and returning elected officials in the province. A breakdown of attendance by event is included below.

Small – Richmond		Large – Richmond		Electoral Areas – Richmond		SILGA – Kelowna		AVICC 1&2 – Parksville		NCLGA – Prince George		AKBLG – Kimberley	
NEO	34	NEO	42	NEO	35	NEO	51	NEO	90	NEO	54	NEO	60
REO	29	REO	31	REO	24	REO	39	REO	68	REO	41	REO	69
Staff	3	Staff	--	Staff	12	Staff	6	Staff	6	Staff	17	Staff	10
Total	66	Total	73	Total	71	Total	96	Total	164	Total	112	Total	139

NEO = Newly Elected Officials; REO = Returning Elected Officials

Sessions were held in Richmond (3), Kelowna, Parksville (2), Prince George and Kimberley. Ratings were generally in the good to excellent (G-E) range, as noted by seminar in the table below. In addition, overall seminar ratings out of 5 were high.

Small – Richmond		Large – Richmond		Electoral Areas – Richmond		SILGA – Kelowna		AVICC 1&2 – Parksville		NCLGA – Prince George		AKBLG – Kimberley	
G-E	85%	G-E	100%	G-E	91%	G-E	98%	G-E	94%	G-E	98%	G-E	91%
4.1/5		4.2/5		4.2/5		4.4/5		4.4/5		4.5/5		4.2/5	

LGLA board and staff members, as well as delegates to the seminars, have provided constructive criticism that should enable us to improve the experience next time around. All in all the seminars were well received and can be judged a success.

LGLA at 2014 UBCM Convention

Eydie Fraser, Board and Seminar Coordinator, attended the 2014 UBCM Convention in Whistler to facilitate handing out 2014 LGLA Certificates in Local

Government Leadership. Errin Morrison, Program Manager, manned the UBCM booth for an afternoon and was able to interact with delegates and provide information and handouts on the LGLA.

Understanding Municipal Financial Statements

LGLA partnered with LGMA to offer a webinar for new and experienced senior staff and elected officials on the topic of Understanding Municipal Financial Statements on February 24-26 and March 3-5, 2015. There were 18 participants altogether – 3 of these were elected officials. The course was well-received and LGLA will be looking to partner with LGMA on future course offerings of interest to both local government staff and elected officials.

2015 Chief Elected Officials Forum

Planning is currently underway for LGLA's 2015 CEO Forum, to be held June 24-25, 2015 at Granville Island Hotel in Vancouver – led by Gordon McIntosh, with assistance from Don Lidstone.

STRATEGIC ACTIVITIES

In addition to the learning events noted above, the LGLA board also completed the following strategic activities over the past year.

4-Year Program Plan

2014 saw the completion of a revised "4 Year Program Plan" in response to the introduction of the four-year local government election cycle and the need for an updated plan to guide LGLA activities. The Plan outlines various LGLA program areas and the priority work to be carried out in each year, as well as identifying significant events. The Plan is a working document that will be revised, amended and added to on a regular basis by the Board.

Webinars/Online Learning

LGLA made its first foray into webinar delivery (in recent years) with the help of the LGMA. It is hoped that we will be able to partner with LGMA again to offer webinars on topics of relevance to both staff and elected officials. It is also hoped that LGLA can soon begin to offer its own webinars and online learning opportunities. One small step toward this goal has been posting audio recordings of the proceedings of the first three Elected Officials Seminars to the LGLA website.

BOARD/STAFF

Board

UBCM appointed Director Rhona Martin and Councillor Arjun Singh to the LGLA Board in 2014, and LGMA appointed Sonia Santarossa. After many years of dedicated service, Robin Stringer of MFA has stepped down from the board, as has Richard Taylor, Director-at-Large. The board is currently awaiting its next MFA appointee and is seeking a Director-at-Large to replace Richard. Current members of the LGLA Board are:

Director Rhona Martin, President – Union of BC Municipalities
Councillor Arjun Singh, Vice-President – Union of BC Municipalities
Gary Paget, Secretary-Treasurer, Ministry of Community, Sport and Cultural Development
Nicola Marotz, Ministry of Community, Sport and Cultural Development
Sonia Santarossa, Local Government Management Association of BC

Staff

LGLA has benefited from consistent staffing over the past few years. Errin Morrison continues as Program Manager, and Eydie Fraser as Board and Seminar Coordinator. In addition, Pamela Lewis was once again responsible for coordinating hotel, audio-visual and other logistics for the Elected Officials Seminars and Richard Taylor took a leave of absence from the LGLA Board to act as onsite Program Manager for four of the eight EOS events around the province. This group works very well together and did an excellent job of organizing another successful seminar series, as well as other events.

SUMMARY

In closing, the past year has been a successful one in terms of events offered and goals achieved. We are now looking ahead to our next major event: the 2016 Leadership Forum. As well, we hope to attend the 2015 UBCM Convention, partner with LGMA to offer another additional online learning opportunities, participate in the 2016 Area Association spring conferences, and promote our local government leadership certificate program. We look forward to the challenges and accomplishments ahead in 2015-16.