Policy Committees

One of the most important events of the Municipal League year takes place in August. More than 100 people, from all sizes of towns, will convene to determine the legislative policies of the Municipal League. The committees will meet again at the Annual Conference in October, before submitting their work to the Resolutions Committee and a vote of the entire membership at the Annual Business Meeting.

The four Municipal League Policy Committees have the responsibility of reviewing the *South Dakota Municipal League Statement of Policy*, which serves as the League’s legislative policy and gives the League staff direction for lobbying during the Legislative Session, and for contact with the South Dakota Congressional Delegation. The four committees and their topics are:

**General Government**
The charge of the General Government Committee is to review policies dealing with municipal legislative issues, executive municipal policy, elections, and financial administration.

Examples include:
- General statements of policy, such as a policy advocating that cities continue to review and upgrade job safety and health standards for all municipal employees, or urging municipalities to require seat belt use by municipal employees while on duty.
- Personnel administration
- Bid laws
- Elections
- Open meetings
- Qualifications for office
- Employee benefits
- Insurance issues
- Intergovernmental cooperation and relations
- Alcoholic beverage policy (as opposed to taxation and fees)

**Public Health, Safety, and Welfare**

**Public Works**
The charge of the Public Works Committee is to review policies dealing with streets, sanitation, water, planning and zoning, electricity, airports, telecommunications, parking, and cemeteries.

**Taxation and Revenue**
The charge of the Taxation and Revenue Committee is to review policies dealing with Property Taxes, Sales Taxes, Licenses and Permits, Intergovernmental Revenue (Federal/State Grants and Loans), State Shared Revenue (Bank Franchise Tax, Motor Vehicle Registration Fees, Liquor Taxes, Fire Insurance Reversion), and 9-1-1 Surcharge.