State League Counsel and Municipal Attorneys Association Department
IMLA Annual Conference – Las Vegas, Nevada
October 3, 2015

Call to Order. The meeting was called to order at 3:15 p.m. by Robert Croom, Chair of the State League Counsel and Municipal Attorneys Association Department. After welcoming remarks, he introduced the guest speakers.

Guest Speakers. Isaiah Fields, Director of Legal Services and Governmental Affairs for Laser International, Inc. gave a presentation on the legal and legislative issues surrounding law enforcement use of body cameras. He covered managing and storing data, policies for implementation, privacy and public records issues, cost range, available software features, and proposed legislation in various states. Ellen Kroehler, Vice President of Information Security Risk Management with Thomson Reuters, next presented best practices for information security in the workplace. She discussed proactive measures such as firewalls, encryption, employee training, strong passwords, and the use of "ethical hacks" to test risk. She also outlined reactive measures in the event of a data breach, including suggestions with regard to an incident response plan and communication protocol and steps that IT staff will undertake to verify, contain, mitigate, investigate and analyze a breach. (Copies of presentations in the meeting file.)

Introductions. Attendees briefly introduced themselves (see list below).

IMLA Report. Bill Mathewson, the Department's representative to the IMLA Board of Directors, reported on the board meeting held earlier in the day. He noted that the IMLA offices will be moving to Rockville, Maryland in 2016. Finances are generally in good shape, although more members are always needed. More than 700 are at this annual conference, down 100 from the last time in Las Vegas. The Mid-Year Seminar will be at the Omni Shoreham for two more years, and the Board has discussed the possibility of leaving the Omni or moving the seminar around instead of holding it in Washington DC. Deputy Executive Director Veronica Kleffner will be retiring and staff is working on ensuring a smooth transition.

Chuck Thompson, IMLA Executive Director, added that a few states have scholarships available for members to attend IMLA conferences and he encouraged municipal attorneys associations to consider this. The Board would like state chairs to be much more involved in membership development. They are still struggling with the question of how to encourage cities to join when their attorneys are in a law firm rather than in-house, and how best to recognize law firms that represent multiple cities. Attendees commented that IMLA might consider the idea of membership following the individual rather than the city, or the possibility of a sliding scale for firms based on the number of cities represented. Chuck gave a preview of the Section 1983 program planned for the

2016 Mid-Year Seminar. The schedule will be Friday to Monday, and there will be a number of topics at different levels of understanding, allowing attendees to get the basics first with more specifics as they proceed through the program. Registrants will be able to move back and forth between the 1983 program and the other seminar offerings. The Section 1983 program may have broader appeal than the IMLA membership and could attract insurance litigators and representatives from risk pools as well. Mark Hayes made a motion that an individual recommended by a League insurance pool be able to attend the Section 1983 program at the member rate. Seconded by Randy Van Vleck, the motion was unanimously approved.

Chuck also noted that the Board of Directors has voted that individuals who retire from the practice of law but maintain a retiree IMLA membership may keep their title of IMLA Fellow. Robert shared that he hasn't had to write an article in several years for his organization's magazine because Chuck and the IMLA staff have contributed excellent articles. Amanda Keller has recently written one on the *Reed v. Gilbert* sign case that organizations may wish to use. Chuck also reminded that IMLA has a consulting service on law office management and in-house versus outside counsel. Now that Foster Mills has retired from New York City, he will be assisting with that service.

Elections. Department elections were held next, and Mark Hayes moved adoption of the following slate:

Chair:	Jodie Woods, Indiana Association of Cities and Towns
Vice-Chair:	Kim Hibbard, NC League of Municipalities
Recorder:	Kelly Pridgen, Association of County Commissioners of Georgia
IMLA Board:	Robert Croom, SC Association of Counties

Seconded by Bill Mathewson, the motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes. Minutes of the April 25, 2015 Department meeting were distributed. Upon motion of Jodie Woods, seconded by Susan Moore, the minutes were unanimously approved as written.

Next Meeting. The next Department meeting will be held at the Omni Shoreham Hotel in Washington DC during the 2016 Mid-Year Seminar (April 15-18), date and time to be determined.

Adjournment. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Attendees:
Robert Croom, South Carolina Association of Counties, Chair
Jodie Woods, Indiana Association of Cities and Towns, Vice Chair
Kim Hibbard, North Carolina League of Municipalities, Recorder
Bill Mathewson, Michigan Municipal League
Lori Lein, Alabama League of Municipalities
Randy Van Vleck, New Mexico Municipal League
Larry Baer, League of Kansas Municipalities
Tim Winslow, South Carolina Association of Counties
Sean O'Day, League of Oregon Cities
Ken Smith, Alabama League of Municipalities
Tenee' Frazier, Alabama League of Municipalities
Dan Crean, New Hampshire Municipal Lawyers Association
Mark Hayes, Arkansas Municipal League
Jerry Mason, Association of Idaho Cities
Gary Krumland, League of Nebraska Municipalities
Susan Moore, Georgia Municipal Association
Claire Silverman, League of Wisconsin Municipalities
Laura Mueller, Texas Municipal League
Garry Hunter, Ohio Municipal League
Jim Grubiak, Association of County Commissioners of Georgia
Amanda LaFever, Arkansas Municipal League
Sara Teague, Arkansas Municipal League
Rachel Allen, Colorado Municipal League
Christina Estes-Werther, League of Arizona Cities and Towns
Rusi Patel, Georgia Municipal Association
Garrett Baxter, Vermont League of Cities and Towns
William J. Kearns, Jr., New Jersey League of Municipalities
Steve Lynn, Owensboro, Kentucky
Stephen Wolf, American Legal Publishing
G. Foster Mills, IMLA
Amanda Keller, IMLA
Chuck Thompson, IMLA