



# IMLA 2026 91<sup>st</sup> Annual Conference

## Salt Lake City, Utah - Hyatt Regency Salt Lake City

### September 23-27, 2026

#### Wednesday – September 23, 2026

Time	Session	Speaker(s)
7:30 AM – 4:45 PM Salt Lake Foyer	<b>IMLA Registration</b>	
8:30 AM – to 12:00 PM Traverse	<b>IMLA Board of Directors Meeting</b>	
8:30 AM – to 4:50 PM Salt Lake B	<b>ILGL Program</b> - Full program listed below. This program is free and open to all registrants.	
8:00 AM – to 5:00 PM Salt Lake D	<b>Code Enforcement Program</b> - Full program listed below. This program is free and open to all registrants.	
12:30 AM – 5:00 PM Salt Lake A	<b>Utah Day</b> - Full program listed below. This program is free and open to all registrants.	
2:00 PM – 3:00 PM Salt Lake E	<b>Large Population Meeting</b>	
3:00 PM – 3:15 PM Salt Lake Foyer	<b>Coffee Break</b>	
3:15 PM – 4:45 PM Salt Lake E	<b>State League Meeting</b>	
5:00 PM – 6:00 PM	<b>State League/First Time Attendee Reception</b> Join all of our first timers and state league counsel for a great reception with drinks and hors d'oeuvres. It's a great way to meet your fellow attendees right at the start of the Conference!	

#### Thursday – September 24, 2026

Time	Session	Speaker(s)
7:00 AM – 4:45 PM Salt Lake Foyer	<b>IMLA Registration</b>	
7:30 AM – 8:30 AM Regency AB	<b>State/Provincial Breakfast</b> The State/Provincial Breakfast with give attendees an opportunity to sit down with fellow attendees from their area. Advance registration is required.	
8:30 AM – 9:00 AM Salt Lake C	<b>Opening Ceremonies</b> Join IMLA President and Executive Director for welcoming remarks and helpful tips for new and long-time attendees alike, including information about the Conference and various networking opportunities.	Amanda Karras & Susana Alcala Wood

9:00 AM – 5:15 PM	<b>Canada Day</b> - Full program listed below. This program is free and open to all Canadian registrants.	
9:00 AM – 10:30 AM Salt Lake A/B	<b>Work Session TBA</b>	
9:00 AM – 10:30 AM Salt Lake C	<b>Work Session TBA</b>	
10:30 AM – 10:45 AM Salt Lake Foyer	<b>Coffee Break</b>	
10:45 AM – 12:15 PM Salt Lake A/B	<b>Work Session TBA</b>	
10:45 AM – 12:15 PM Salt Lake C	<b>Work Session TBA</b>	
12:15 PM – 2:15 PM Regency AB	<b>All Conference Lunch &amp; Awards Ceremony</b> - Included in all full Conference registrations.	
2:30 PM – 3:30 PM Salt Lake A/B	<b>State Preemption</b>	Lina James
2:30 PM – 3:30 PM Salt Lake C	<b>Concurrent Session 2 TBA</b>	
2:30 PM – 3:30 PM Salt Lake D	<p><b>From Policy to Practice: Model Local Government Ordinances that Protect Pets and People</b></p> <p>Local governments are modernizing animal care and control laws to improve public safety while prioritizing the public’s desire to live in a no-kill community. This panel explores proven and scalable ordinances — including dangerous dog laws, ordinances to address free-roaming cats, and laws that address the puppy-mill-to-pet-store-pipeline — by sharing their implementation experiences, ideal legal frameworks, and key implementation strategies to bring agencies and the public along. Attendees will gain practical tools to draft, defend, and enforce effective local laws.</p>	Kelsey Gilmore-Futeral
2:30 PM – 3:30 PM Salt Lake E	<b>Concurrent Session 4 TBA</b>	
2:30 PM – 3:30 PM Regency C	<b>Concurrent Session 5 TBA</b>	
2:30 PM – 3:30 PM Regency D	<b>Concurrent Session 6 TBA</b>	
3:30 PM – 3:45 PM Salt Lake Foyer	<b>Coffee Break</b>	
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3:45 PM – 4:45 PM Salt Lake E	<b>Concurrent Session 4 TBA</b>	
3:45 PM – 4:45 PM Regency C	<b>Concurrent Session 5 TBA</b>	
3:45 PM – 4:45 PM Regency D	<b>Concurrent Session 6 TBA</b>	
4:45 PM – 5:00 PM Salt Lake D	<b>Nominating Committee</b>	
5:15 PM – 6:45 PM	<b>Welcome Reception</b> - Included in all full Conference registrations.	

## Friday – September 25, 2026

<b>Time</b>	<b>Session</b>	<b>Speaker(s)</b>
7:30 AM – 5:00 PM Salt Lake Foyer	<b>IMLA Registration</b>	
8:00 AM – 9:00 AM Regency AB	<b>WONK Breakfast</b> For the WONK breakfast you will sign up for a table based on subject matter and sit down with the subject matter expert to enjoy a meal and discuss areas of interest. Advance registration is required.	
9:15 AM – 10:15 AM Salt Lake A/B	<b>Work Session TBA</b>	
9:15 AM – 10:15 AM Salt Lake C	<b>Work Session TBA</b>	
10:15 AM – 10:30 AM Salt Lake Foyer	<b>Coffee Break</b>	
10:30 AM – 12:00 PM Salt Lake A/B	<b>Work Session TBA</b>	
10:30 AM – 12:00 PM Salt Lake C	<b>Work Session TBA</b>	
12:00 PM – 1:30 PM Regency AB	<b>Lunch On Your Own</b> Regency AB will be open if you would like to bring lunch and eat with other attendees, or feel free to eat lunch out in Salt Lake City or the hotel.	
1:35 PM – 2:35 PM Salt Lake A/B	<b>Work Session TBA</b>	
1:35 PM – 2:35 PM Salt Lake C	<b>Work Session TBA</b>	
1:35 PM – 2:35 PM Salt Lake D	<b>Work Session TBA</b>	
2:45 PM – 3:45 PM Salt Lake A/B	<b>Concurrent Session 1 TBA</b>	
2:45 PM – 3:45 PM Salt Lake C	<b>Concurrent Session 2 TBA</b>	
2:45 PM – 3:45 PM Salt Lake D	<b>Concurrent Session 3 TBA</b>	
2:45 PM – 3:45 PM Salt Lake E	<b>Concurrent Session 4 TBA</b>	

2:45 PM – 3:45 PM Regency C	<b>Concurrent Session 5 TBA</b>	
2:45 PM – 3:45 PM Regency D	<b>Concurrent Session 6 TBA</b>	
3:45 PM – 4:00 PM Salt Lake Foyer	<b>Coffee Break</b>	
4:00 PM – 5:00 PM Salt Lake A/B	<b>Concurrent Session 1 TBA</b>	
4:00 PM – 5:00 PM Salt Lake C	<b>Concurrent Session 2 TBA</b>	
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4:00 PM – 5:00 PM Regency C	<b>Concurrent Session 5 TBA</b>	
4:00 PM – 5:00 PM Regency D	<b>Concurrent Session 6 TBA</b>	
5:00 PM – 6:00 PM	<b>Networking Reception</b> - Included in all full Conference registrations. This reception will provide an additional opportunity for attendees to network with one another. Plan to come and enjoy light hors d'oeuvres and drinks while getting to know more attendees. Included in all full Conference registrations. (Time and Date may change)	
6:00 PM – 8:00 PM Riverside Park	<b>Softball Game</b> Come play or watch the annual IMLA softball game brought to you by Best Best & Krieger! This is free for attendees to join. Please bring your own glove.	

## Saturday – September 26, 2026

<b>Time</b>	<b>Session</b>	<b>Speaker(s)</b>
8:45 AM – 12:15 PM	<b>IMLA Registration</b>	
8:00 AM – 9:00 AM	<b>IMLA Past Presidents Breakfast</b>	
9:00 AM – 10:30 AM Salt Lake A/B	<b>Work Session TBA</b>	
9:00 AM – 10:30 AM Salt Lake C	<b>Work Session TBA</b>	
10:30 AM – 11:00 AM Salt Lake Foyer	<b>Coffee Break/Passport Drawing</b> Participating exhibitors will provide prizes as attendees visit all exhibitor booths to be eligible for the prize drawing.	
11:00 AM – 12:30 PM Salt Lake A/B	<b>Work Session TBA</b>	
11:00 AM – 12:30 PM Salt Lake C	<b>Work Session TBA</b>	
2:00 PM – 5:00 PM	<b>Land Use Tours</b>	

## Sunday – September 27, 2026

<b>Time</b>	<b>Session</b>	<b>Speaker(s)</b>
8:00 AM – 12:00 PM Salt Lake Foyer	<b>IMLA Registration</b>	
8:00 AM – 8:30 AM Regency BCD	<b>Business Meeting</b>	
8:00 AM – 8:30 AM Salt Lake Foyer	<b>Coffee Break</b>	
8:30 AM – 9:30 AM Regency BCD	<b>Councilmembers Gone Wild</b>	
9:45 AM – 10:45 AM Regency BCD	<b>Work Session TBA</b>	
10:45 AM – 11:00 AM Salt Lake Foyer	<b>Coffee Break</b>	
11:00 AM – 12:00 PM Regency BCD	<b>Work Session TBA</b>	

Please note the agenda is tentative and subject to change.

**Last Updated:** 05/06/26

## 2026 Annual Conference Programs

### Institute for Local Government Lawyers (ILGL)

#### Wednesday – September 23, 2026

<b>Time</b>	<b>Session</b>	<b>Speaker(s)</b>
8:30 AM – 9:30 AM		
9:40 AM – 10:40 AM		
10:40 AM – 10:55 AM	<b>Coffee Break</b>	
10:55 AM – 11:55 AM		
11:55 AM – 1:05 PM	<b>Lunch Break</b>	
1:05 PM – 2:05 PM		
2:15 PM – 3:15 PM		
3:15 PM – 3:30 PM	<b>Coffee Break</b>	
3:30 PM – 4:30 PM		

**Code Enforcement Program**

**Wednesday – September 23, 2026**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Session</b>	<b>Speaker(s)</b>
8:45 AM – 9:45 AM		
9:55 AM – 10:55 AM		
10:55 AM – 11:10 AM	<b>Coffee Break</b>	
11:10 AM – 12:40 PM		
12:40 PM – 2:00 PM		
2:00 PM – 3:30 PM		
3:30 PM – 3:45 PM	<b>Coffee Break</b>	
3:45 PM – 4:45 PM		

**Utah Day**

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