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Dear Mayor and Municipal Officials,

As we begin a new membership year, I want to extend my sincere appreciation for your continued commitment to serving your communities and for your support of the Alaska Municipal League.

Local governments are the foundation of Alaska's ability to deliver real improvements in our communities. Every day, you make decisions that directly impact the safety, well-being, and future prosperity of our residents. Through maintaining critical infrastructure, providing public safety services, supporting economic development, addressing housing needs, improving energy resilience, or responding to emerging challenges, your work is the bridge between government and people.

AML exists to strengthen your ability to do that work.

Over the last year, we have expanded our services, advocacy, and technical assistance on behalf of Alaska's municipalities. We have increased support for infrastructure development, community planning, energy projects, cybersecurity readiness, workforce development, grant assistance, and emergency preparedness. We have also increased opportunities for peer learning, training, and collaboration among local officials while continuing to serve as the voice of local government.

Additionally, we have invested in new programs and partnerships that position Alaska communities for long-term success. From supporting regional planning efforts and economic development initiatives to helping communities access funding opportunities and navigate increasingly complex regulatory environments, AML is working every day to ensure local governments have the resources they need.

None of this would be possible without the support of our members.

Membership dues provide the foundation that allows AML to advocate effectively, respond quickly to emerging issues, develop new programs, and deliver the technical assistance and training that communities rely upon. While grants and partnerships support specific projects, member dues provide the flexibility and stability necessary to represent local governments statewide and to pursue opportunities that benefit all Alaska communities.

Your investment in AML is an investment in stronger local government, stronger communities, and a stronger Alaska. As the challenges facing our communities continue to evolve, so too must our collective efforts. The importance of local government has never been greater, and neither has the need for a strong statewide organization dedicated to advancing municipal interests.

On behalf of the AML Board of Directors and staff, thank you for your membership, your partnership, and your service to Alaska's communities. Please find your annual membership dues invoice enclosed. Thank you for your continued support through renewal of your membership, and we look forward to our continued work together.

Sincerely,

Nils Andreassen
Executive Director

A Note on Shared Services

As you renew your AML membership, we want to highlight a few of the services and opportunities available to you as a member. In addition to the core support that AML provides local governments through advocacy, training, technical assistance, and convenings, we also offer a growing selection of shared services that are available through a fee-for-service structure. These services are designed to help you increase your capacity, strengthen operations, and access support at a reduced rate reflecting the strength of collective investment.

Below are a few services you may be interested in learning more about, and as always, feel free to reach out to discuss your community's needs: 907-586-1325 or alicia@akml.org

Munidebt

Our Munidebt service helps communities recover unpaid debts while keeping 100% of the principal collected. This service reduces staff burden and provides communities with a straightforward option for debt collection. Provided in partnership with a competitively procured collections agency with 85 years of experience.

SIMPLE

While we provide individual grant writing and planning services, and we also offer a service package designed to move communities from planning to action. For \$10k, members receive support developing a practical and actionable strategic plan, and grant writing assistance for one application that aligns with your local priorities.

Nationwide Retirement Solutions

Through our partnership with the National Association of Counties, AML members can access the premier 457 Deferred Compensation program to offer a retirement savings option to their employees with no employer contribution required. Automatic contributions allow staff to save while being 100% vested in their accounts.

Learn more about our shared services at www.akml.org/shared-services/

Save the Date – Upcoming Conference Opportunities

AML Summer Legislative Conference: Wedgewood Resort, Fairbanks: August 25-28, 2026

The Legislative Conference (Thurs/Fri) gives municipal officials the opportunity to collaborate and plan through AML-led policy discussions and local government focused sessions. Option to attend the Alaska Defense Forum (Tues/Wed) at no additional cost.

Rural Energy Conference: Westmark, Fairbanks: October 27-29, 2026

AML Annual Conference: Dena'ina Center, Anchorage: December 7-11, 2026

Join us for this weeklong event where mayors, councils, assembly members, managers, and other government officials learn from each other and collaborate on shared challenges. More information online, and Conference packets will be mailed late July.

View all upcoming events at www.akml.org/conferences-events/