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Member Services Continuing Education Proposed 2026 Draft Schedule

Month	Topic	Audience
January 12	ACOM Meeting: Civility	Mayors
February 23	Meeting Hero 201: Hard Meetings Clinic, Executive Session limitations, handling hostile questions, and managing public comments	Elected Officials and Staff
March 2	Title 29 + Municipal Powers (Good refresher entering session)	Elected Officials
April 6	ACOM Meeting: Budget Season Reality Check	Mayors Only
May 4 **	Ethics, Conflicts of Interest and Staying out of Trouble	Elected Officials + Staff
June 1	Roles and Boundaries with Staff: Reduce Friction and Confusion, what staff have a right to expect, performance evaluations	Elected Officials
July 6	ACOM Meeting: Staffing and Retention Challenges	Mayors
August 3	Budget 201: Having a reserve strategy, avoiding the budget roller coaster and using multiyear thinking	Elected Officials + Staff
September 8	Intergovernmental Affairs and lobbying: How to respond to state and federal actions: Resolution Writing Lab	Elected Officials
October 5	ACOM Meeting: Crisis Management	Mayors
November 2	Utility Governance and Rate Setting Basics: Why enterprise thinking matters and how to think about fees sustainably	Elected Officials + Staff
December 7	Land use, Planning, Housing Decisions: How do planning tools fit together, how to make defensible land use decisions.	Elected Officials



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February — Meeting Hero 201: Hard Meetings Clinic (Elected Officials + Staff)

Advance your skills for difficult meetings: executive session boundaries, managing public comment, and keeping order under pressure. Come for ready-to-use facilitation techniques that protect processes and improve outcomes.

March — Title 29 + Municipal Powers (For Elected Officials and Staff)

Learn how Title 29 shapes municipal authority, responsibilities, and options in Alaska. This session helps you quickly locate the “rules that matter,” connect them to local code, and apply them to real decisions.

April — ACOM Meeting: Budget Season Reality Check (Mayors)

A peer exchange on navigating budget season challenges. Compare strategies for transparency, tough tradeoffs, and building alignment when resources are tight.

May — Ethics, Conflicts of Interest, and Staying Out of Trouble (Elected Officials)

Build confidence in handling common ethics situations—conflicts of interest, disclosure/recusal, gifts, and use of position. You’ll leave with practical decision rules for protecting public trust and avoiding avoidable missteps.

June — Roles and Boundaries with Staff (Elected Officials)

Clarify governance vs. administration and learn how to provide direction without drifting into micromanagement. This session offers practical tools for communicating expectations, handling concerns, and improving governing body–staff relationships.

July — ACOM Meeting: Staffing and Retention Challenges (Mayors)

A mayor roundtable on staffing realities and sustaining capacity. Share tactics for retention, morale, and continuity of operations when vacancies and burnout are persistent.

August — Budget 201: Reserve Strategy & Multi-Year Thinking (Elected Officials + Staff)

Go beyond the annual budget to understand reserves, forecasting, and long-term financial resilience. Learn how multi-year thinking reduces surprises and supports stable service delivery.



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September — Intergovernmental Affairs & Lobbying: Resolution Writing Lab (Elected Officials)

Learn how to influence state and federal decisions that affect local authority and funding. You'll practice drafting or improving a resolution and leave with a clearer sense of what makes advocacy effective.

October — ACOM Meeting: Crisis Management (Mayors)

A peer session on leading through high-pressure events. Share communication and decision-making approaches that help stabilize operations, maintain trust, and coordinate effectively during a crisis.

November — Utility Governance & Rate Setting Basics (Elected Officials + Staff)

Understand the governing body's role in utility oversight and the basics of sustainable rate setting. This session helps you ask the right questions, balance affordability with system health, and connect utility decisions to financial stewardship.

December — Land Use, Planning, and Housing Decisions (Elected Officials)

Learn how the comprehensive plan, zoning, and local code work together—and what makes land use decisions defensible. This session clarifies roles with planning commissions and builds practical skills for navigating high-interest housing and development decisions.