



TO: ULCT Board of Directors and Membership
FROM: Cameron Diehl, Executive Director
DATE: April 19, 2018
SUBJECT: ULCT Constitution Amendments for the Midyear Conference-UPDATE

We received several questions and comments about voting membership in ULCT and the inclusion of the Utah City Management Association as a voting member on the Executive Board and the Board of Directors. This supplemental memo addresses both points.

Voting membership:

The proposed amendments as of April 4 contemplate that cities and towns are the only political subdivisions eligible for voting membership in ULCT. The previous language was ambiguous and could have been interpreted to make any political subdivision eligible for voting membership in ULCT. The intent of the April 4 amendments is to clarify that only cities and towns can be members of ULCT.

In 2015, the Legislature authorized the creation of metro townships in Salt Lake County. Metro townships are incorporated and organized under Title 10, only exist in Salt Lake County, and are general purpose governments with many similarities to cities and towns. The metro township elected officials have contacted the ULCT Board of Directors to request voting membership. Both the Constitutional Review Committee and Board of Directors have discussed whether voting membership or associate membership is appropriate for metro townships. We have prepared proposed amendment A for consideration which include metro townships within the definition of a ULCT voting member.

Utah City Management Association (UCMA):

The proposed amendments as of April 4 contemplate a UCMA representative becoming a voting member of the ULCT Board of Directors. Currently, the President of UCMA serves as an ex-officio member of the ULCT Board of Directors. Likewise, the President of the Utah Municipal Clerks Association serves as an ex-officio member of the ULCT Board and is responsible for keeping minutes of board meetings. ULCT does not currently participate in the process of selecting the UCMA President (or the UMCA President) who serves as the ex-officio board member. The Constitution Review Committee and Board of Directors endorsed elevating the UCMA

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representative from an ex-officio member to a voting member because of the perspective that he/she could provide.

The UCMA membership includes professional administrators in city, county, or metro township government. UCMA members are responsible to implement the policy direction of the mayors and council members and serve at the will and pleasure of those mayors and council members. The UCMA historically and currently coordinates closely with the ULCT Board of Directors. UCMA members serve on the ULCT Legislative Policy Committee and on ULCT work groups. The UCMA representative—the lone non-elected official of the proposed 21-member Board of Directors—would provide both a perspective of the day-to-day city management and long-term perspective of city government. Historically, UCMA does not take political positions on legislation or issues unless they are consistent with the positions of their elected officials or to promote and protect professional city management.

Since UCMA membership includes administrators from governments that cannot be voting members of ULCT, we have proposed amendment B and C. Proposed amendment #B clarifies that the UCMA appointment must be an employee of a city or town that is a voting member of the League. Amendment #B resolves the concern that an employee of a county or a non-voting member could become a board member of ULCT.

Proposed Amendment A:

ARTICLE III, Section 1.

MEMBERS: Any city, *metro township*, or town

Proposed amendments B and C:

ARTICLE IV, Sections 1 and 4:

Section 1. One of the five officers shall be a representative from and selected by the Utah City Management Association, *who must be an employee of a city (metro township?) or town that is a voting member in good standing of the League.*

Section 4. *The Utah City Management Association representative shall be from a municipality holding voting membership in the League.*

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