



## 2019 Mid-Year Membership Update



The Local Government Hispanic Network, the primary voice of Hispanic/Latino professionals within ICMA, is developing new career advancement and professional development programs for Hispanic professionals and for local government officials working in communities with significant Hispanic/ Latino populations. Periodic updates will be sent to members through emails and, as President of LGHN, I will send a biannual newsletter to keep the membership informed about how you can get more involved in LGHN.

Rolando Fernandez Jr., President

**Membership Benefits:** The LGHN [website](#) is being enhanced to provide members only features to include, but not limited to, no-cost participation in career advancement and professional development, Madrinas/Padrinos coaching program, access to the membership directory, and information network/chat room to get help on issues affecting your communities. Check the site for updates.

**Career Advancement:** In October, LGHN and Strategic Government Resources will offer monthly webinars for Hispanic/Latino professionals seeking to be more competitive in the local government job market and assist in cultivating traits that are found in the most highly sought-after candidates to lead the future of local government. The webinars will be free to LGHN members. [Career advancement](#) sessions descriptions and schedule are available on the LGHN website.

**Professional Development:** This fall, LGHN will offer [professional development webinar sessions](#) that will focus on business skills and service delivery to communities with significant Hispanic/Latino populations. Under development are sessions on civic engagement, community policing, cultural programs and immigration issues. The Professional Development Committee will also provide tools to assist members in conducting regional events and to [highlight member activities and accomplishments](#).

**LGHN Committees:** LGHN has opportunities for you to serve on a committee and assist building membership and creating professional development opportunities. To view opportunities, go to [LGHN committees](#). The committees meet by phone or video to make it convenient for you to participate. Submit your preference to [info@LGHN.org](mailto:info@LGHN.org).

**LGHN Scholarships/Stipends:** LGHN will have one or more scholarships from ICMA to offer to LGHN members to attend the ICMA conference. To help grow this program, LGHN is requesting [donations](#) from members to provide travel stipends to go with the scholarships.

**2019 ICMA Conference:** If members are attending the ICMA conference in Nashville on October 20-23, LGHN will provide information on LGHN-sponsored sessions. [Register](#) for the annual LGHN dinner to be held Sunday evening, October 20 at the Union Station Hotel. The featured speakers will be Joelle L. Martínez, Executive Director, Latino Leadership Institute at the University of Denver and Crestina Martinez, Chief of Staff for Colorado Lieutenant Governor Dianne Primavera.

**2020 LGHN Biennial Conference:** Mark your calendar for the 2020 biennial conference to be held October 15-17 in Aurora, Adams County, Colorado. [Updates and information](#) will be provided as to how you can assist with the planning efforts as well as attending the conference.

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