

# MAYORS

COUNCIL OF OKLAHOMA



# Who We Are

Formed in 1991, the Mayors' Council of Oklahoma (MCO) is a non-partisan organization representing the concerns and views of the mayors from across the state. The organization is open to all municipal mayors and vice-mayors.

The MCO provides numerous networking opportunities throughout the year for mayors to meet and discuss important issues that impact their communities.



# Letter from MCO President

Dear Mayors,

I would like to invite you to join the Mayors Council of Oklahoma. It is the largest and oldest organization of its kind in the United States. We are specifically geared towards assisting you in the unique job you have as a mayor.

I cannot express how MCO and OML has helped me with guidance and knowledge in my 20 years as a mayor. After waiting a few years to join, I truly regret not joining sooner.

MCO and OML are the strongest voices for municipalities and its members at state and federal levels. As OML is for all things associated with Oklahoma cities and towns, MCO is the organization that focuses on educational, training and networking needs specifically for mayors and vice-mayors across the state.

This is the only group in the state that is specifically geared towards assisting you in the unique job you have as a mayor.

We ask that you consider joining or renewing your membership in this productive and dedicated organization and let us help you reach your next level as mayor for you and your municipalities.

Best wishes,

**Craig Parham**  
*MCO President / Mayor of Amber*



# Educational Opportunities

Throughout the year, the MCO program offers its members educational opportunities through which they can continue to learn and hone their leadership and governing skills.

## The educational opportunities include:

### MCO Summer Conference:

Each summer mayors and vice-mayors gather for a 3-day conference that includes educational, networking and social activities. The conference is held each year in a different location across the state.

### OML Annual Conference:

Each year, during the annual three-day OML conference, the mayors and vice-mayors participate in a special mayor's educational track of workshops aimed at focusing on the issues most important and beneficial to them.



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## Mayor Mentor Program:

This program is for mayors that have been in office for less than one year; be desirous of gaining knowledge from a more experienced mayor; be available to meet in person with your mentor a minimum of one time; and, be prepared to make a new friend who shares common concerns for their community.



# Educational Opportunities

## Certified Mayors Program:

This program was created for the purpose of providing mayors and vice-mayors an opportunity to develop their skills in municipal government knowledge, community leadership, and current trends that are impacting the local community. This is a voluntary program that requires a total of 40 credit hours of training needed for certification.





# Legislative Advocacy

## Congress of Mayors:

Each year, MCO sponsors this day-long event at the state capitol. The purpose is to give mayors and vice-mayors an opportunity to experience the legislative process in action.

## Legislative Reception:

This annual event is a great opportunity for networking between municipal officials and Oklahoma legislators.


## Mayors-on-Call program:

When critical legislation is pending at the capitol, mayors are contacted so that they can immediately contact their legislators to support or oppose the legislation.



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