

# Agenda Item Number 12.a.

## Revised FY 2009-10 LCOG Dues Schedule

**Presenter:** George Kloeppe

**Action Recommended:** Adopt Recommended Revised Rates

**Background:**

The Executive Committee and Board of Directors adopted the rates for member dues for FY 2009-10 in December 2008. The approved rate adjustment was based in part upon the CPI data available for the 12 months ending in August. The Committee and the Board opted to apply a lower inflation factor to the dues rates than was indicated by the CPI at that time. The dues request letters to member governments were sent to LCOG's membership by the staff.

Much has changed since those inflation rates were experienced last summer. Recognizing that the national and local inflation percentage has substantially lowered in the past six months, and also acknowledging that one large member jurisdiction has expressed concern over the 3 percent increase called for by the December action of the Board, George Kloeppe recommended to the Executive Committee that the Board of Directors be asked to reverse the rate increase for FY 2009-10, maintaining the rate that has been in place for the current fiscal year. The Committee endorsed this recommendation. If adopted by the Board, the Revised Dues Schedule, attached, could be provided to the membership. Some members would be asked to pay slightly more than in FY 1008-09 and some less, because of changes in population, student enrollment etc. But overall, the financial burden on local governments associated with LCOG membership would be reduced in recognition of the difficult economic circumstances facing many member governments. The impact on LCOG in the coming year would be in the \$7,000 range, and the proposed agency budget for FY 2009-10 would apply the lower anticipated revenue amount.

In offering this recommendation, the Executive Director and the Executive Committee encourage the Board to return in future years to the established policy of including an appropriate cost-of-living factor in the dues rates.