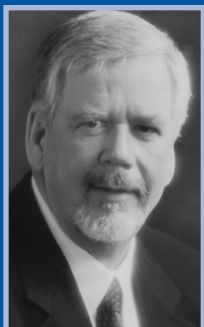


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2008-2009 LOCAL GOVERNMENT LEADERSHIP PROGRAM COMMITTEE

The 2008-2009 Local Government Leadership Program Committee is led by **Mr. Tony Atkinson**, Core Program Class of 2004 and County Commissioner for San Juan County.

The Local Government Leadership Program Committee is the team that makes each of the Local Government Leadership Program sessions thrive through the knowledge of the committee members on topics, speakers and the overall operation of each session. This program would not be successful without each of these individuals. Leadership New Mexico values their commitment to the Local Government Leadership Program and the new class of participants.



2008 participants receive team-building activity instructions from Phil Bryson

The curriculum is patterned after the Leadership New Mexico Core Program and is designed to offer municipal and county officials, members of the New Mexico National Guard, school boards and regional councils of governments the opportunity to explore the critical issues facing New Mexico and to participate in skill-building workshops. Graduates emerge from this program with the tools and education necessary to provide positive change for New Mexico.

Local Government Committee Members:

Mr. Michael Anaya – LGLP 2004 & Core 2007
County Commissioner
Santa Fe County

Mr. Tom Bates – Core 2001
Former Special Projects Coordinator
City of Deming

Mr. Alan Briley – Core 2001
City Manager
City of Elephant Butte

Mr. Dan Darnell – LGLP 2005 & Core 2007
City Councilor
City of Farmington

Mr. Gordy Hicks – LGLP 2005
City Councilor
City of Socorro

Mr. Steve Kopelman – Core 2008
Risk Manager & Attorney
New Mexico Association of Counties

Mr. Bob Melton – LGLP 2004
County Sheriff
San Juan County

Ms. Sarah Merklein – LGLP 2006 & Core 2008
County Treasurer
Catron County

Mr. Lance Pyle – LGLP 2007
Mayor/County Manager
City of Melrose/Curry County



The committee is pleased to announce the inclusion of school board members to the 2009 program

The goal of the program is to develop and enhance leadership capacities of local officials while fostering a higher level of civic and community concern and participation. Since the inaugural class in 2003, the Local Government Leadership Program has involved 135 participants from 31 municipalities, 27 counties, two New Mexico Army National Guard units, two regional councils of governments, and four school boards.

“The value of this program is priceless. The knowledge and understanding we gained from these two sessions were outstanding.”
- Mike Anaya, Santa Fe County Commissioner

“The program was a great opportunity for me to not only network, but to also learn about myself. This was a great experience that I will carry with me forever.”
- Sarah Merklein, Catron County Treasurer

“I am so happy to have been a part of this. I highly recommend every elected official be a part of this program!”
- Gordy Hicks, Councilor, City of Socorro

“What a great opportunity to meet other city and county officials. We have been enriched with so much knowledge from these sessions.”
- Matt White, Mayor, City of Eunice