

Upcoming training

February 3: MEO Institute training sessions

- Session A
- Session B
- Advanced Institute

February 4: Hometown Legislative Action Day

- Hometown Legislative Action Day program
- MEO Institute Graduation

Sessions A and B

Sessions A and B are held in Columbia each February the day before the Association's Hometown Legislative Action Day. Officials must take Sessions A and B (eight hours each) in consecutive order.

Registration information for the training sessions will be mailed in December with the 2015 Hometown Legislative Action Day materials.

For more information about the MEO and MEO Advanced Institutes, visit www.masc.sc (keyword: MEO).

MEO Institute on demand

Rather than waiting for the once-a-year required course offerings, officials can now take select Municipal Elected Officials Institute of Government training at any time. The on-demand courses were created for elected officials; however, municipal staff and other interested individuals can pay for and take the on-demand courses as noncredit professional development.

Available on-demand courses for credit

- Basic Budgeting and Municipal Finance
- Forms of Municipal Government
- Municipal Economic Development
- Municipal Governance and Policy

The on-demand version of "The Freedom of Information Act of SC" will be available soon.

Officials needing one or more of the on-demand courses to graduate on February 4, 2015 must complete the on-demand course(s) by Monday, January 19. These credited courses are offered at the same price as the in-person sessions delivered to the Councils of Governments during the year.

To check your MEO Institute transcript, go to the member log in on the Association's website, www.masc.sc, and enter your username and password.

Free on-demand course (noncredit)

- Five Basics of Effective Governing

"The Five Basics of Effective Governing" provides basic information about municipal governance that will be helpful during a newly elected municipal official's first few months in office. The course is available at www.masc.sc (keyword: MEO).