



# The Athenian Leadership Society

A Program For Leadership Development

## WHAT IS THE ATHENIAN LEADERSHIP SOCIETY AND HOW DO I BENEFIT FROM A DIALOGUE?

The Athenian Leadership Society is an advanced IIMC Leadership Development Program. A Dialogue focuses on helping Municipal Clerks develop critical thinking skills and increasing their leadership ability. Leadership Dialogues provide valuable knowledge, vision and understanding to build increased leadership capacity and add value to the contribution of Municipal Clerks in improving local government.

## WHAT IS AN ATHENIAN AND HOW DOES IT RELATE TO A MUNICIPAL CLERK?

The Athenians were leaders who invented the idea of political democracy, philosophy, logic and rhetoric. The choice of Athenian in the title of the Leadership Society signals the values of this culture from 2,500 years ago. To be an Athenian is to hold knowledge and the quest for knowledge in high esteem. They left the world enriched with their ideas. Municipal Clerks at their best exemplify Athenian values.

## WHAT IS INVOLVED IN A LEADERSHIP DIALOGUE?

Leadership Dialogues are conversations that exceed the usual knowledge recall and application process. They explore leadership principles and practices, drawing on the insights contained in a book that all participants have read. Dialogues are a channel of communication in which Municipal Clerks share their experience and understanding as they relate to the author's ideas and the relevance of those ideas to their public leadership role. A scholar intuitively familiar with the book's subject and purpose leads each Leadership Dialogue. The interest and involvement of the participants, and the author's specific focus and emphasis, require that the facilitator move purposefully using the language of feeling, meaning,

and power. Participants devote a full day to a Dialogue and come away intellectually enriched by this communication experience.

## WHERE ARE DIALOGUES HELD?

Dialogues can be held throughout IIMC's Regions. As each Region, State, Province or Country becomes interested in participating in a Dialogue, IIMC will approve and post it on the website.

## WHAT IS THE COST OF EACH DIALOGUE?

Dialogue costs vary by location and host. Visit IIMC's website at [www.iimc.com](http://www.iimc.com) for a complete list of upcoming Dialogues.

## ALS POINTS

Each Dialogue (6-hour session) has a value of TWO (2) CMC Education Points or TWO (2) MMC Advanced Education Points and must be pre-approved by IIMC. Please visit the ALS Policy/Process at [www.iimc.com](http://www.iimc.com) for details.

## HOW DO I BECOME A FELLOW?

To become a Fellow, you must be an IIMC member and you will need to complete TEN (10) Dialogues.

## HOW DO I RECEIVE AN ALS FELLOWSHIP PIN?

Once you become a Fellow, you will be awarded a Certificate and Lapel Pin.

## HOW DO I BECOME A SOCIETY MEMBER?

A one-time fee of \$15 is required to join the Society. An Application is available at [www.iimc.com](http://www.iimc.com). Even if you have attended one or more Dialogues, you still need to enroll as a member into the Society.



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## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

**Do I need to be an IIMC member in order to become a Fellow?**

Yes. Please download an IIMC membership application by [CLICKING HERE](#).

### How do I host a Dialogue?

If you're interested in hosting a Dialogue in your Region, visit the ALS Policy/Process at [www.iimc.com](http://www.iimc.com). For further information, contact Associate Director of Education Jennifer Ward at [jward@iimc.com](mailto:jward@iimc.com)

### Is Purchasing the Book for the Dialogue my Responsibility?

Yes. You can purchase either a paperback or hardcover, depending on your preference.

### Will I receive a Certificate of Completion For Each Dialogue I Complete?

Yes. After your attendance and assessment have been verified.



### Do I have to Renew my \$15 Annual Membership Fee?

No. It is a one-time fee and covers the cost of the Certificate and Lapel Pin.

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## ATHENIAN LEADERSHIP SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Each Dialogue has a value of TWO CMC Education Points **OR** TWO MMC Advanced Education Points.

TO JOIN THE ATHENIAN LEADERSHIP SOCIETY, COMPLETE THIS FORM AND MAIL YOUR CHECK OR MONEY ORDER TO IIMC HQ, OR FAX YOUR CREDIT CARD INFORMATION WITH SIGNATURE TO IIMC AT 909/944-8545.

\_\_\_\_\_ **YES**, please accept my \$15 membership fee and register me to become a member of the Athenian Leadership Society.

Mr. Ms. Name \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_

Municipality (city, village, town) \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

State/Province/Country \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP/Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_

Business Phone \_\_\_\_\_ FAX \_\_\_\_\_

Work E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

AE/VISA/MC# \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_

Total amount charged \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



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