This year’s activity has paled in comparison to 2007.

**Legislation Enacted**
- **Budget:**
  - Revenue Sharing/fire grants
  - 2%, $8 million increase to communities who get statutory revenue sharing
- Transportation dollars
- Great Lakes Compact & Water Assessment Tool
- Economic Development: Downtown legislation/Grocery store abatements
- TF2 – Review of transportation dollars
- Energy bills (RPS, PA 141)

**Legislative Outlook – Lame Duck**
- Legislature on break until after November election
- Lame Duck – a few days in November and a couple weeks in December
- Lame Duck: Busy or Bleak?
- Variety of MML issues promised for Lame Duck:
  - WPW – HB 5286 has been changed to reflect MML’s preferred position, striking occupancy as a factor for decreases in value.
  - HB 6114 – Transit TIFA
  - SB 1249 (Bolt Bill)
  - Push of what TF2 reports
  - PEG
Legislative Outlook – Lame Duck cont.

➤ Other Possible Issues:
  - Blue Cross/Blue Shield
  - County Corrections added to PA 312
  - MML guidelines added to PA 312
  - Cancer presumption
  - MBT surcharge elimination
  - Film credits change
  - 9-1-1 funding legislation
  - Supportive housing
  - Poverty exemptions
    • HB 6162 – provides a uniform application process and allows locals to grant exemption for prior years.

Political Future

➤ 2008 Election
  - All 110 House seats up for election
  - 44 members termed out
  - 1 recall on ballot for Speaker of House
  - Both parties vying for control – several competitive races
  - Chief Justice of the Supreme Court up for re-election

➤ 2010 – Mother of all elections
  - 110 House seats, 38 Senate seats, Governor, Attorney General, Secretary of State up for election
  - 30 of 38 Senators termed out, including all leaders
  - 34 House members termed out, including all current leaders
  - Any number of House members will vacate seats to run for Senate

New Tools to Pump Up Advocacy

➤ MML on cutting edge of technology and advocacy
➤ Video Brochure/On-line Videos – bring direct communication
➤ Podcasts – make members feel connected
➤ Updated Website (easy navigation)
➤ Participating in Social Networks
  - Facebook
  - Ning
  - MySpace
➤ Blogging
➤ Digg and other web-based news media
Future Issues

- Budget:
  - deficit expected for 2009-2010 budget
    - House Fiscal Agency projects $363 million for 09-10 budget and $462 million for 10-11 budget
  - revenue sharing and transportation dollars at risk
- Transportation and Transit
- Pushing legislation to allow League members to move into the next 50 years
- Other issues on legislative agenda

Federal Legislation: Current/Future Issues

- 2008
  - Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant
  - Mandatory Collective Bargaining
  - Housing Recovery Act
- Looking Ahead
  - Transportation
  - Federal Budget
  - New Administration