



May 25, 2022

Dear CUE Member Community,

Thank for participating on the CUE Steering Committee. As your city/entity is represented on the CUE Steering Committee, we are requesting that you consider becoming a founding member of the newly proposed CUE Council of Governments (COG).

Last year our Secretary/Agent retired from the CUE. The Secretary/Agent is the only paid position of the CUE. We have interviewed and selected a replacement; however, we have held off on a start date as the organization was considering a new format. The Steering Committee has kept the CUE running as more than 50 communities rely on this organization as an important consortium to keep salt pricing competitive.

As the Steering Committee began to review the organization it became clear that the CUE, traditionally functioning as a non-profit organization, more closely resembles a COG. Upon consultation with legal counsel, it was determined for better accountability, protection, and transparency that the CUE should transform into a COG.

Again, as a Steering Committee member we are requesting your community be a founding member to the CUE COG. Attached you will find the necessary sample legislation, agreement, and by-laws to become a founding member. Please review the attachments with your legal counsel and let us know your timeline for your legislative process. If you or your legal counsel need any clarifications, please reach out to the CUE legal counsel, Justin Markey (Roetzel & Andress) at 330-849-6632 or [JMarkey@ralaw.com](mailto:JMarkey@ralaw.com).

Please let us know if you are willing to move forward with the COG formation.

Sincerely,

Greg Tracy, CUE Steering Committee Chairperson (Copley Township)

Cc: Justin Markey, Roetzel & Andress

Steering Committee – Kim Hanson (City of Akron), Mayor Bill Goncy (Village of Boston Heights), Anthony Zumba (City of Cuyahoga Falls), Valerie Wax Carr (City of Green), Eric Hutchinson (City of Hudson), Brad McKay (City of Kent)