



Maine Municipal Association

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TO: Key Municipal Officials of MMA Member Cities, Towns and Plantations
FROM: Stephen W. Gove, MMA Executive Director
DATE: July 5, 2016
SUBJECT: MMA Annual Election - Vice President and Executive Committee Members

Deadline: Friday, August 12, 2016 by 12:00 noon

Nomination Process – Each year member municipalities have an opportunity to vote on the election of the proposed MMA Vice President and municipal officials to serve on the MMA Executive Committee. A five-member Nominating Committee was appointed in March to review nominations submitted by municipal officials and conduct interviews with those municipal officials qualifying and interested in serving as the MMA Vice President and Executive Committee. The MMA Nominating Committee completed its task in May and put forth a Proposed Slate of Nominees for 2017 to member municipalities.

Petition Process – As part of the May mailing, information was also provided on the MMA Petition Process. Pursuant to the MMA Bylaws, nominations may also be made by Petition signed by a majority of the municipal officers in each of at least 5 member municipalities. The deadline for receipt of nominations by petition was Friday, July 1, by 4:30 pm. There were no municipal officials nominated by petition.

It is now time for each member municipality to cast its official vote.

Election Process – Enclosed you will find the MMA Voting Ballot which includes the proposed Slate of Nominees to serve on the MMA Executive Committee as selected by the MMA Nominating Committee. A brief biographical sketch on each nominee listed on the MMA Voting Ballot is enclosed for your reference. You will note that unlike municipal elections, MMA does not provide for “*Write-in Candidates*” since our process includes an opportunity to nominate a candidate by petition, as noted above.

The MMA Voting Ballot must be signed by a majority of the municipal officers **or** a municipal official designated by a majority of the municipal officers, and received by the Maine Municipal Association by 12:00 noon on Friday, August 12. We have enclosed a self-addressed self-stamped envelope for your convenience. The MMA Voting Ballots will be counted that afternoon and the election results confirmed under the direction of MMA President Stephan Bunker.

Election results will be available by contacting the MMA Executive Office or by visiting the MMA website at www.memun.org on Friday, August 12, after 4:00 p.m. A formal announcement of the election results will be made at the MMA Annual Business Meeting being held **Wednesday, October 5, at the Bangor Cross Insurance Center**. Newly elected Executive Committee members will be introduced at the MMA Awards Luncheon and Annual Business Meeting and officially take office on January 1, 2017.

If you have any questions on the Election Process, please contact Theresa Chavarie at 1-800-452-8786 or in the Augusta area at 623-8428, or by e-mail at tchavarie@memun.org. Thank you.



**MAINE MUNICIPAL ASSOCIATION
VOTING BALLOT**

Election of Vice President and Executive Committee Members
Deadline for Receipt of Voting Ballots – 12:00 noon on Friday, August 12, 2016

VICE-PRESIDENT - 1 YEAR TERM

Vote for One

Proposed by MMA Nominating Committee:

Linda Cohen, Councilor, City of South Portland

DIRECTORS - 3 YEAR TERM

Vote for Three

Proposed by MMA Nominating Committee:

James Gardner, Jr., Town Manager, Town of Easton

Christine Landes, Town Manager, Town of Bethel

Mary Sabins, Town Manager, Town of Vassalboro

Please note that unlike municipal elections, MMA does not provide for "Write-in Candidates" since our process includes an opportunity to nominate a candidate by petition.

The Voting Ballot may be cast by a majority of the municipal officers, or a municipal official designated by a majority of the municipal officers of each Municipal member.

Date: _____

Municipality: _____

Signed by a Municipal Official designated by a majority of Municipal Officers:

Print Name: _____

Signature: _____

Position: _____

OR Signed by a Majority of Municipal Officers

Current # of Municipal Officers: _____

Print Names:

Signatures:

Return To:

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**MAINE MUNICIPAL ASSOCIATION
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

**BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH OF
PROPOSED SLATE OF NOMINEES FOR 2017**

**MMA VICE PRESIDENT
(1-Year Term)**

LINDA COHEN, COUNCILOR, CITY OF SOUTH PORTLAND

Professional & Municipal Experience:

- City of South Portland, Maine – City Council (December 2012 – present; Mayor 2014-2015)
- City of Portland, Maine – City Clerk (June 2001 – January 2011)
- City of South Portland, Maine – City Clerk (January 1989 – June 2001)
- Cross Country Mortgage, Mortgage Loan Originator (PT) (January 2016 – present)
- Bangor Savings Bank, Assistant Vice President (December 2014 – January 2016)
- Learning Works, Director of Development (January 2013 – December 2014)
- PMAC Lending Services, Mortgage Loan Originator (PT) (August 2011 – December 2014)
- City of Auburn, Consultant/City Clerk Hiring Committee (October 2011 – July 2012)

Education:

- University of Southern Maine – BS, Business Administration
- Southern Maine Vocational Technical Institute, Associate Degree, Law Enforcement
- Master Municipal Clerk – International Institute of Municipal Clerks
- Certified Clerk of Maine – Maine Town & City Clerks Association
- Maine Notary Public
- Maine Dedimus Justice
- Licensed Maine Mortgage Loan Originator

Other Experience, Committees and Affiliations:

- Member, Maine Municipal Association Executive Committee (April 2013 – present)
- Member, Maine Municipal Association Property & Casualty Pool Board of Directors (2013 – present)
- Member, Maine Municipal Association Workers Compensation Board of Trustees, (2013 – present)
- Member, MMA Nominating Committee (2013)
- Member or Alternate, Maine Municipal Association Legislative Policy Committee (1989 – 2011)
- Member, Maine Town & City Clerks Association (Served as President two terms and as Chair of the Legislative Policy Committee) (January 1989 – present)
- Member, New England Association of City & Town Clerks (Former President; served on Budget Committee, Legislative Committee, Two New England Conference Planning Committees) (1989 – 2015)

Awards and Certifications:

- Maine Town & City Clerks Association, Ethelyn Stuart Marthia Award – 2011
- Maine Legislative Sentiment – 1999 and 2011
- Maine Town & City Clerks Association, Maine Clerk of the Year – 1999
- Maine Town & City Clerks Association, Lorraine Fleury Award - 1995

MMA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS
(Three 3-Year Terms)

JAMES GARDNER, JR, TOWN MANAGER, TOWN OF EASTON

Professional & Municipal Experience:

- Town of Easton, Maine, Manager (2011 – present)
- Town of Ashland, Maine, Manager (2005 – 2010)
- Town of Washburn, Maine, Manager (1999 – 2005)
- City of Presque Isle, Maine – Code Enforcement Officer (1994 – 1999)
- Department of Defense, Loring Airforce Base, Civil Service (1983 – 1994)

Education:

- Ricker College, Small Business Administration – one year
- Unity College, Business Law, one year
- Northern Maine Technical College, Business Administration, two years
- Department of Defense, Non-Commission Officer Primary Leadership graduate
- Certified State of Maine Code Enforcement Officer
- Certified State of Maine Local Plumbing Inspector
- Certified State of Maine CDBG Grant
- Writer/Administrator/Technician
- HUD Certification in Community Development Housing Rehabilitation and Construction

Other Experience, Committees and Affiliations:

- President, Aroostook Managers Association
- Member, Executive Board of Directors, Northern Maine Development Commission
- Member, Maine Community Development Association
- Member, Maine Town, City & County Management Association
- Member, Maine Town & City Clerks Association

Awards and Certifications:

- Department of Defense, Civilian of the Year Award
- Loring Airforce Base, Superior Performance Award

CHRISTINE LANDES, TOWN MANAGER, TOWN OF BETHEL

Professional & Municipal Experience:

- Town of Bethel, Maine – Town Manager (November 2014 – present)
- City of Brewer, Maine – Deputy City Clerk (December 2012 – May 2014)
- Town of Veazie, Maine – Deputy Town Clerk (September 2012 – December 2012)
- Orange Park, Florida – Clay County Deputy Tax Collector/Clerk (July 2010 – September 2012)
- Town of Warren, Maine – Town Clerk (August 1998 – June 2010)
- The Waldoboro Bank, Rockland Maine – Branch Manager (September 1990 – August 1998)

Education:

- Southern New Hampshire University – Enrolled in MPA/Public Administration Program
- University of Southern Maine/Muskie School Policy, Planning and Management (Fall 2015)
- University of Maine at Augusta, BA Public Administration, Cum Laude Graduate (2015)
- Florida State College, Jacksonville – Associate of Arts (2012)
- Thomas College Waterville, Maine – Banking Course

Other Experience, Committees and Affiliations:

- Member, Oxford County Emergency Communications Governing Board
- Member, International City Management Association
- Member, Maine Town, City & County Management Association
- Member, Alder River Grange in East Bethel
- Ex-Officio Member, Mahoosuc Pathways Board of Directors
- Manager, Bethel Regional Airport

MARY SABINS, TOWN MANAGER, TOWN OF VASSALBORO**Professional & Municipal Experience:**

- Town of Vassalboro, Maine – Town Manager/Treasurer/Tax Collector (June 2008 – present)
- Town of Chelsea, Maine – Town Manager/ Treasurer/Tax Collector/General Assistance Administrator/Road Commissioner (July 2006 – June 2007)
- Maine School Administrative District #40, Warren, Maine – Facilities Director/Food Service Director (March 2005 – June 2006)
- Town of Windsor, Maine – Town Manager/Treasurer/Tax Collector/General Assistance Administrator (April 2001 – March 2005)
- Town of Hope, Maine – Town Administrator/Treasurer/General Assistance Administrator (July 1997 – April 2001)

Other Experience, Committees and Affiliations:

- Member, Maine Municipal Association Executive Committee (2014 – present)
- Member, Maine Municipal Association Strategic & Finance Committee (2014 – present)
- Chairperson, Maine Municipal Association Strategic & Finance Committee (2016)
- Member, Maine Municipal Association Property & Casualty Pool Board of Directors (2014 – present)
- Member, Maine Municipal Association Workers Compensation Fund Board of Trustees, (2014 – present)
- Member, Appointed by MMA Executive Committee to serve on MMEHT Selection Committee (2015-2016)
- Member, Maine Town, City & County Municipal Management Association
- Member of Communications Committee, Maine Town, City & County Municipal Management Association (2015)
- Director, Board of Kennebec Valley Council of Government
- City of Augusta, Maine – Internship with City Manager (September 2000 – December 2000)
- Town of Union, Maine – Certified Town Clerk/Tax Collector/Occasional Acting Town Manager (May 1988 – June 1997)
- As the wife of a volunteer firefighter and EMS worker, I have volunteered often in support of our hometown fire and ambulance services.

Education:

- BS in Business Administration with Management Major from University of Maine at Augusta.

Awards and Certifications:

- Qualified as a Certified Public Manager, Maine Town, City & County Management Association (2016)