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TO: Key Municipal Officials of MMA Member Cities, Towns and Plantations
FROM: Chris Lockwood, MMA Executive Director
DATE: July 8, 2014
SUBJECT: MMA Annual Election - Vice President and Executive Committee Members

Deadline: Friday, August 15, 2014 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 2015 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 July 7. 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 15. 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 Peter Nielsen.

Election results will be available by contacting the MMA Executive Office or by visiting the MMA website at www.memun.org on Friday, August 15, 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 1, at 1:45 p.m., at the Augusta Civic 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, 2015.

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
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

**BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH OF
PROPOSED SLATE OF NOMINEES FOR 2015**

MMA VICE PRESIDENT (1-Year Term)

STEPHAN BUNKER

- 45 +years in public sector @ federal/military, state, county, municipal & school district levels
- Retired, State Service, Maine Dept. of Public Safety & E911 Bureau (25 years)
- Selectman, Town of Farmington, (20 + yrs); Chair (2009-March 2013); re-elected March 2014)
- Maine Municipal Association Executive Committee, Member (2007 – March 2013);
MMA Vice President 2012; MMA President (January – March 2013)
- Maine Municipal Association Strategic & Finance Committee (2008 – March 2013)
- Maine Municipal Association Property & Casualty Pool Board of Directors, Member (2007 – March 2013)
- Maine Municipal Association Workers Compensation Fund Board of Trustees, Member (2007 – March 2013)
- Member, Franklin County Elected Officials Association
- Past Member, Franklin County Budget Committee (8 + years)
- Past Member, Citizen’s Budget Committee, (10 yrs) 5 as Chairman
- Past Member, SAD#9/SAD#58 School Consolidation Planning Committee
- Current member, Farmington Fire & Rescue Department (35 + years)
- Past President, Franklin County Firefighters Association
- Governor Appointee, Maine Fire Protection Services Commission (6 + yrs)
- At Large Appointee, DOL Commission for the Deaf, Late Deafened & Hard of Hearing(6+ years)
- Municipal Government Rep., Maine E911 Advisory Council (first year)
- Governor Appointee, Maine Fire Protection Services Commission (6+ years)
- Adjunct Instructor – Maine Fire Training & Education, SMCC (25 yrs)
- Active duty, US Army Military Police Specialist, K-9s (3 yrs)
- US Coast Guard Reserves, Environmental protection & maritime casualty investigations, retired as Lt. Commander (23 yrs)
- Former Emergency Medical Technician-Basic (10 years)
- Police Officer, Town of Farmington PD (1972-74) full time
- Staff, Maine Criminal Justice Academy – Waterville (4 years)
- Juvenile Crisis Counselor, SAD # 9 Farmington (2 years)
- Emergency Dispatch/Corrections Supervisor, Franklin County (3 years)
- Executive Director, Maine Sheriffs Association, (3 years)
- Masters in Adult Education, University of Maine, Orono (1977)
- Bachelors of Science in Criminal Justice, minor in Sociology, University of Maine, Orono (1974)
- Associate Degree, Law Enforcement Technology, Southern Maine Technical College (1972)

MMA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS (Three 3-Year Terms)

CYNTHIA MEHNERT

- Council Member, Town of Orono (2008 – Present) (Council Chair, April 2014)
- Chair of Community Development Committee (2009 – present)
- Town Liaison, Orono Village Association (2009 – present)
- Chair, Finance Committee (2008 – 2009)

CYNTHIA MEHNERT *(continued)*

- Special Appointment to Intergovernmental Committee for coordinating Local Government/University operational relations;
- Special Appointment to redevelopment committee for Katahdin property located in downtown Orono
- Interviewed, evaluated and selected new Town Manager
- Budget review and implementation
- Ordinance review and adoption
- Strategic planning for Town's future
- Managing Partner, Hawkes & Mehnert, LLA, Bangor (1991 – 2001; 2005 – Present)
- Hadlock Law Office, Framingham, MA (2002 – 2005)
- Linda Gifford Law Office, Augusta, ME (1990 – 1991)
- Sanborn, Moreshead, Schade & Gifford, Augusta, ME (1989 – 1990)
- Rosen, Crosson, McGlynn & Resnek, Boston, MA (1985 – 1989)
- Board of Bar Overseers Grievance Committee (2012-2015)
- Chief of Staff for US Senatorial Campaign
- Chairperson, Board of the Maine Women's Lobby
- Special Counsel to the Legal Services for the Elderly
- Candidate for State Representative – District 19
- Katahdin Counsel Recognition Award, 2012, 2013
- Recognition Award, Volunteer Lawyers Project of the Maine State Bar Association for Pro Bono Legal Service
- Very high rating for legal and ethical standards by peer evaluation for Martindale & Hubbell
- Bar Admission - Federal District Court for the District of Maine
- Bar Admission - Federal District Court for the District of Massachusetts
- Suffolk Law School, Boston MA (1983 – 1986)
- BA Major in Government, Colby College, Waterville ME (1979 – 1983); Captain, Women's Varsity Soccer Team; Team member, Women's Varsity Ice Hockey Team

LAURIE SMITH

- Town Manager, Town of Kennebunkport (2014 – present)
- Maine Municipal Association Executive Committee, Member (2012 – present)
- Maine Municipal Association Strategic & Finance Committee (2012 – present); Chair (2014)
- Maine Municipal Association Property & Casualty Pool Board of Directors, Member (2012 – present)
- Maine Municipal Association Workers Compensation Fund Board of Trustees, Member (2012 – present)
- Town Manager, Town of Wiscasset (2010 – 2014)
- Assistant Manager/Community Relations/Finance Director, City of Auburn (2005– 2010)
- Interim City Manager, City of Auburn (2007 –2008)
- Acting Finance Director, City of Auburn (2004 – 2005)
- Town Manager, Town of Boothbay Harbor (1994-1999)
- Town Manager, Town of Oxford (1991-1994)
- Town Manager, Town of Boothbay (1988-1989)
- Maine Town & City Management Association, Member (1989-present); Board member (2000-2005); President (2003-2004)
- Paralegal, various law firms in Portland, Maine (1986 – 1988)
- University of Maine, Orono, Public Administration, B.A. (1986)
- Continuing education and professional development through University of Maine, Maine Municipal Association, Maine Town & City Management Association, Maine Local Roads Center and International City Management Association (1988 – 2008)

PATRICIA SUTHERLAND

- Member, Chapman Selectboard, re-elected in 2014 for fourth 3-year term. Currently serving third year as board chair.
- Former member, Chapman planning board, for 20 years. Served as chair.
- Former member, Maine School Administrative District #1 Board of Directors, 1976 -1983; elected chair.
- Elected as member of Maine House of Representatives, Maine State Legislature, 123rd and 124th Legislature. Served on education committee first term and selected as House chair on education committee for second term.
- Senior administrator at Northern Maine Community College; retired after 20 years as director of development & college relations. Member of national board of community college development professionals, chaired the New England region. Served as presenter at numerous regional and national conferences.
- Former high school English teacher
- Member of Executive Board, Northern Maine Development Commission, since 1990. Served as chair in 1995-1997. Chaired the Northern Maine Empowerment Council.
- Member, Local Workforce Investment Board for Aroostook and Washington counties.
- Member, Board of Directors, United Way of Aroostook
- Member, Presque Isle Kiwanis Club
- Member, Leaders Encouraging Aroostook Development (LEAD) since inception in 1986. Served as coordinator/secretary to the board from 1986-2004.
- Native, Town of Chapman
- Graduate of Saint Joseph's College, Standish; Bachelor of Arts in English



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 15, 2014

VICE-PRESIDENT - 1 YEAR TERM

Vote for One

Proposed by MMA Nominating Committee:

Stephan Bunker, Selectman, Town of Farmington

DIRECTORS - 3 YEAR TERM

Vote for Three

Proposed by MMA Nominating Committee:

Cynthia Mehnert, Councilor, Town of Orono

Laurie Smith, Town Manager, Town of Kennebunkport

Patricia Sutherland, Chair of Selectboard, Town of Chapman

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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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