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Key Municipal Officials of MMA Member Cities, Towns and Plantations

FROM:

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DATE:

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SUBJECT:

MMA Annual Election - Vice President and Executive Committee Members

Deadline: Friday, August 18, 2017 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 2018 to member municipalities.

<u>Petition Process</u> – 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 Monday, July 10, 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.

<u>Election Process</u> – 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 <u>or</u> 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 18. 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 Laurie Smith (Town Manager of Kennebunkport).

Election results will be available by contacting the MMA Executive Office or by visiting the MMA website at <a href="https://www.memun.org">www.memun.org</a> on Friday, August 18, after 4:00 p.m. A formal announcement of the election results will be made at the MMA Annual Business Meeting being held <a href="https://www.memun.org">Wednesday, October 4, at 1:30 p.m. at the Augusta Civic Center</a>. Newly elected Executive Committee members will be introduced at the MMA Awards Luncheon and Annual Business Meeting and officially take office on January 1, 2018.

If you have any questions on the Election Process, please contact me or 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.