



# Maine Municipal Association

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To: MMA's Key Municipal Officials  
From: Peter Nielsen, President, Maine Municipal Association  
Date: May 8, 2014  
Re: Nominations to MMA's Legislative Policy Committee

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We are beginning the process to elect 70 municipal leaders to the MMA Legislative Policy Committee. Given the importance of the LPC to MMA's overall mission, I urge you to help us identify nominees for service during the 2014-2016 biennium.

The LPC brings elected and appointed officials together from towns, cities, and regions across the state. Its purpose is "to define municipal interests and to maximize those interests through effective participation in the legislative process." Operating like a town meeting, usually on Thursday, the LPC sets MMA's public policy positions for representation in the State House.

The new LPC will prepare its desired directions for submission to the Legislature in January 2015. It will respond to the Governor's and legislators' initiatives. MMA staff follows through on the LPC's directions. I've served in different years since the early 1990's. My experience is that some of the best and most productive conversations occur in the LPC Subcommittee meetings on Thursday mornings. Participation produces results, often with eventual statewide effect.

A Nomination Form is enclosed. Two municipal officials are elected from each of Maine's 35 Senate Districts. What follows is background information on the process of election, and the suggested time commitment to serve.

I've found the LPC to be a powerful mixture of seasoned veterans who find continued service worthwhile, and new members with fresh concerns and insights. The results help make MMA an important player in the Maine legislative process. Think about giving it a try. Thanks.

**Background Information.** Any elected or appointed municipal official holding office in any MMA member community is eligible to serve on the Committee. There are two seats on the LPC for each State Senate District. Members serve two-year terms, representing their own community and the other municipalities in their Senate District.

LPC activities require a time commitment of approximately ten hours a month during legislative sessions (i.e., during the first 4 months of each calendar year) which includes attendance at the monthly meeting and contacts with other communities and legislators in the district as issues arise. The LPC is also engaged in the development of MMA's legislative agenda during the fall and early winter of each even-numbered year, which typically involves at least one additional meeting in Augusta. All mileage

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expenses are reimbursed. MMA's strength as a municipal advocate depends on the active help of a dedicated LPC membership.

More information about MMA's Legislative Policy Committee and the Association's entire advocacy program can be found at the Legislative/Advocacy link at MMA's website <http://www.memun.org/LegislativeAdvocacy/TheLPCHandbook.aspx>. In particular, the *LPC Handbook* describes the Association's overall policy development process and procedures in more detail.

### **Nomination Process**

Your municipality is entitled to nominate a representative to the LPC.

- The nominee may be either elected or appointed, but must be serving currently as a municipal official.
- You may nominate any municipal official from any member town or city within your Senate/LPC District; you do not have to nominate someone from your municipality.
- The names and brief bios of all municipal officials properly nominated will appear on the LPC ballot, which will be distributed on June 23<sup>rd</sup>.

### ***Nominee Profile***

Because the municipal officers may not be familiar with a nominee from another municipality, a brief description of each nominee who completes the enclosed **Nominee Profile Sheet** will be provided with the ballots that are distributed in late June. Please make sure that the person you nominate has a chance to complete the Nominee Profile Sheet and that it is returned to MMA with the Nomination Form.

### **Deadline for Submitting Nomination**



The Chairman of your Board of Selectman, Council or Assessors (the "nominator") *and the nominee* must sign the nomination form for it to be valid.



The form must be returned to MMA by **5:00 p.m. on June 19, 2014**, to be counted. Ballots will be mailed out immediately after the nomination process closes, so make sure the nomination form is received by MMA by that deadline. Please return the nomination form to **Laura Ellis** at MMA either by mail (60 Community Drive, Augusta, Maine, 04330), by FAX (624-0129) or by email ([Lellis@memun.org](mailto:Lellis@memun.org)).

If you have any questions, please call MMA's State and Federal Relations staff at 1-800-452-8786 or 623-8428.

# NOMINATION FORM

Maine Municipal Association's  
**Legislative Policy Committee**  
July 2014 to June 2016


## Senate District 25

Chebeague Island  
Cumberland  
Falmouth


Gray  
Long Island  
Westbrook (part)

Yarmouth

The municipal officers of \_\_\_\_\_ hereby nominate:  
*Print name of your municipality*

Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_   
*Print name of Nominee*

Nominee's municipality: \_\_\_\_\_ Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_   
*Signature of Nominator*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Print name of Nominator*

### Consent

I agree to accept the nomination and to serve if elected to the MMA Legislative Policy Committee:

Date: \_\_\_\_\_   
*Signature of Nominee*

**Please return Nomination Form by 5:00 p.m. on June 19, 2014, to:**

Laura Ellis - Maine Municipal Association  
60 Community Drive, Augusta, ME 04330  
FAX: 624-0129

**Nominations Received After 5:00 p.m. on June 19, 2014, Will Not Be Counted**

## LPC NOMINEE BIOGRAPHY

**To: Legislative Policy Committee Nominees**

**From: Maine Municipal Association**

**Date: May 8, 2014**

To help municipal officials make an informed choice when they vote for their LPC representatives, we ask nominees to provide some background information regarding their municipal service and why they want to be LPC members. A "nominee profile" is included on the ballot for each nominee who provides us with a profile.

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Title:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Municipality:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Years in current position:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Mailing Address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(include zip code, please)

**Prior (recent) municipal experience:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Have you served on the LPC before?** No  Yes  **If yes, what years?** \_\_\_\_\_

**If you have served on any other MMA Committees, please note them:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Please indicate your primary issues of concern, and/or reasons for wanting to serve on the LPC:**

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\_\_\_\_\_

Please give this completed form to your Board of Selectmen/Assessors or Council so that it can be returned with the Nomination Form, or send it directly to Laura Ellis at MMA by June 19<sup>th</sup>:

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**Thank You!**