

**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)