

**MAINE MUNICIPAL ASSOCIATION  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

**BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH OF  
PROPOSED SLATE OF NOMINEES FOR 2018**

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

**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)
- MSAD #40, Warren, Maine – Facilities Director/Food Service Director (2005 – 2006)
- Town of Windsor, Maine – Town Manager/Treasurer/Tax Collector/General Assistance Administrator (2001 – March 2005)
- Town of Hope, Maine – Town Administrator/Treasurer/General Assistance Administrator (1997 – 2001)
- City of Augusta, Maine – Internship with the City Manager (September – December 2000)
- Town of Union, Maine – Town Clerk/Tax Collector/Occasional Acting Town Manager ( 1988 – 1997)

**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, MMEHT Selection Committee (2015-2016); appointed by MMA Executive Committee
- Member, Maine Town, City & County Municipal Management Association
- Member, Communications Committee, Maine Town, City & County Municipal Management Association (2015)
- Director, Board of Kennebec Valley Council of Government (2008-2009)
- As the wife of a volunteer firefighter and EMS worker, I have volunteered often in support of our hometown fire and ambulance services (1980-present)

**Education:**

- BS in Business Administration with Management Major from University of Maine at Augusta.
- Graduate of Medomak Valley High School, Waldoboro, Maine

**Awards and Certifications:**

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

## **MMA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

(Three 3-Year Terms)

### **JAMES BENNETT, CITY MANAGER, CITY OF BIDDEFORD**

#### **Professional & Municipal Experience:**

- City of Biddeford, Maine – City Manager (August 2015 – present)
- City of Presque Isle, Maine – City Manager (March 2010 - July 2015)
- Town of Sabattus, Maine – Interim Town Manager (September 2009 – March 2010)
- City of Lewiston, Maine – City Administrator (March 2002 – July 2009)
- Town of Westbrook, Maine – Administrative Assistant to the Mayor (October 1996 – March 2002)
- Town Old Orchard Beach, Maine – Town Manager (May 1990 – October 1996)
- Town of New Gloucester, Maine – Town Manager (February 1988 – May 1990)
- Town of Dixfield, Maine – Town Manager (February 1986 – February 1988)
- Town of Lisbon, Maine – Selectman (May 1982 – February 1986) Vice Chairman (1985 – 1986)

#### **Other Experience, Committees and Affiliations:**

- President, International City/County Management Association ( 2014 – 2015); Regional Vice President, (2008 – 2011) Chairperson, Conference Planning Committee, (2007 – 2008); Committee Member (various years 1997 – 2011); Small Community Task Force (1999 – 2001)
- ICMA Emerging Leaders Development Program Facilitator (2007 – present)
- President, Maine Town & City Management Association (1998 –1999); Board of Directors (1991 – 2000)
- Member, Executive Committee, Maine Municipal Association (1992 – 1996)
- Member, Maine Municipal Association Property & Casualty Pool Board of Directors (1992 – 1996)
- Member, Maine Municipal Association Workers Compensation Fund Board of Trustees (1992 – 1996)
- First Chairperson, Maine Municipal Association Strategic & Finance Committee (1995 – 1996)
- Member, Governor’s Municipal Advisory Committee (1992 – 1996)
- President, Aroostook Municipal Association (2012 – 2014)
- Executive Board, Northern Maine Development Commission (2010 – present)
- Chairperson, Aroostook Tourism Committee (2011 – 2013)
- Member, Revolving Loan Committee, Northern Maine Development Commission (2010 – present)
- Executive Board, Maine Service Center Coalition (2011 – present)
- Treasurer, Martindale Country Club (2005 – 2008)
- Treasurer, Kora Klown Shrine Unit (2004 – 2008)
- Kora Divan, Kora Shriners (2004-2006)
- Worshipful Master, Ancient York Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons (2007)
- Chairman and Founder, Ginger Bennett Memorial Scholarship Fund (2003 – present)
- Chairman, Joseph Graziano Memorial Scholarship Fund (2004 – 2012)

#### **Education:**

- Master of Business Administration, University of Southern Maine
- Bachelor of Science, Business Administration, University of Southern Maine
- Associate of Science, Accounting, Bentley College

#### **Awards and Certifications:**

- ICMA Legacy Leader since 2008
- All –America City, National Civic League (LEW) 2007
- Public Service Leadership Award, Androscoggin Chamber of Commerce 2006

- Maine Town and City Management Association's "Linc Stackpole Manager of the Year" August 2003
- ICMA Credentialed Manager since 2002
- MTCMA Certified Municipal Manager since 1993

## **JILL DUSON, AT-LARGE COUNCILOR, CITY OF PORTLAND**

### **Professional & Municipal Experience:**

- City of Portland, At Large Councilor; Chair, Housing Committee; Vice Chair, Legislative Committee (November 2001 – present)
- City of Portland, Mayor (2004 – 2005 and 2008 – 2009)
- Maine Human Rights Commission, Manager, Compliance Division (March 2012 – January 2016)
- Maine Department of Labor, Director, Bureau of Rehabilitation Services (June 2004 – February 2011)
- Perkins Thompson Consulting, LLC, President/Principal (January 2001 – July 2003)
- Northern Utilities Natural Gas, Inc., Manager, Government & Community Relations (January 1997 – December 2001)
- Central Maine Power Company, Management/Leadership (June 1987 – January 1997)
- Maine Committee on Aging, Director, Long Term Care Ombudsman Program (May 1984 – May 1987)
- Bureau of Maine's Elderly, Director, Home Equity Conversion Project (January 1983 – April 1984)
- American Bar Association, Assistant Staff Director, Commission on Legal Problems of the Elderly (November 1981 – December)
- Delaware County Legal Assistance Association, Director of Nursing Home Advocacy Project; Staff Attorney - Senior Citizens Law Unit (August 1979 – October 1981)

### **Other Experience, Committees and Affiliations:**

- President, Maine Electoral College (December 2008); Maine Presidential Elector (2004 and 2008)
- Chair, Portland School Committee (2000 - 2001); District 5 School Committee Representative (1998 – 2001)
- Vice Chair, Local Government Advisory Committee (LGAC), US Environmental Protection Agency, Member, LGAC Executive Committee; Chair, LGAC Cleaning Up Our Communities Workgroup
- Member, Democratic Municipal Officials Organization, Council of Policy Advisors; Council of State Chairs
- Board of Directors, Mercy Hospital
- Board of Directors, Institute for Civic Leadership
- Gubernatorial Appointee, Maine Company for Higher Education
- Member, National League of Cities, Energy, Environment & Natural Resources Policy and Advocacy Committee
- Member, National League of Cities, Policy Committee on Community and Economic Development
- Member, National League of Cities, Human Development Steering Committee
- Board of Directors, Portland Community Chamber of Commerce
- Board Chair, Legal Services for the Elderly
- Board of Directors, Portland Symphony
- Board of Directors, Maine Philanthropy Center
- Board of Directors, Maine State Chamber of Commerce

### **Education:**

- Senior Executives in State & Local Government, Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University
- Leadership Maine Zeta Class, Maine Development Foundation, Augusta, ME
- Juris Doctor, University of Pennsylvania School of Law, Philadelphia, PA
- Bachelor of Arts, Antioch College, Ohio
- Chester High School, Chester, PA

## **GARY FORTIER, CITY COUNCILOR, CITY OF ELLSWORTH**

### **Professional & Municipal Experience:**

- Self-employed electrical contractor (1991 – current)
- City of Ellsworth, Maine - City Councilor (1992 – 2001) and (2004 – present); Mayor/Chair (five years)
- City of Ellsworth Recreation Commission, Finance Committee, Penobscot Downeast Cable Television Committee and Library Expansion Committee
- City of Ellsworth Council Representative on the Building Committees for Ellsworth High School, Ellsworth Elementary-Middle School and the renovation of Ellsworth City Hall
- Broadcast Council and School Board monthly meetings on Public Access TV (2002 – 2004)
- Director, Ellsworth Area Chamber of Commerce (1995 – 1998)
- Director, Northeast Emergency Medical Services Council (1984 – 1987)
- Ellsworth area EMT-I with County Ambulance (1972 – 1989)
- City of Ellsworth, Volunteer Firefighter; retiring as Captain (1970 – 2005)

### **Other Experience, Committees and Affiliations:**

- Member, Maine Municipal Association Executive Committee (2015 – present)
- Member, Maine Municipal Association Strategic & Finance Committee (2017)
- Member, Maine Municipal Association Property & Casualty Pool Board of Directors (2015 – present)
- Member, Maine Municipal Association Workers Compensation Fund Board of Trustees (2015 – present)
- Member, Maine Municipal Association Nominating Committee (2012) and (2015)
- City of Ellsworth Voting Delegate, Maine Municipal Association Business Meeting (1992 – current)
- Member, Maine Municipal Association Legislative Policy Committee, Senate District 7 (2014 – 2019)
- Secretary and Scholarship Coordinator, Down East Electrical Associates (a trade group of electricians from Hancock and Washington Counties) (Current)
- State Emergency Response Commission (SERC), Appointed Member by Governor King (1993 – 2002); served as Vice Chairman for last four years
- Assisted in local projects annually, such as Rotary Pancake breakfast, Ellsworth Antique Show at Woodlawn, Red Cross Disaster Shelter operations; Demeyer Field Electrical Repairs, Ellsworth Garden Club projects (greenhouse at Ellsworth High School, Donald Little Park Power, and Blue Star Memorial on Route 1A).

### **Awards and Certifications:**

Ellsworth Area Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year – 2008  
Ellsworth Rotary Club Paul Harris Fellow Honor – 2006 as a non-Rotarian