

South Portland City Council  
***Position Paper of the City Manager***

***Subject:***

**ORDER #27-17/18 – Authorizing the Mayor to sign the City’s Voting Ballot for the MMA Annual Election for Vice-President and Executive Committee Members. Passage requires majority vote.**

***Position:***

Each year member municipalities have an opportunity to vote on the election of the proposed Maine Municipal Association (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 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 18. This order is brought forward to authorize submission of the Voting Ballot with Mary Sabins for Vice-President (one-year term) and James Bennett, Jill Duson, and Gary Fortier (three-year terms) to the MMA Executive Committee.

***Requested Action:***

Council passage of ORDER #27-17/18.

  
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City Manager



CITY OF SOUTH PORTLAND

PATRICIA A. SMITH  
Mayor

SCOTT T. MORELLI  
City Manager

EMILY F. SCULLY  
City Clerk

SALLY J. DAGGETT  
Jensen Baird Gardner & Henry

**IN CITY COUNCIL  
ORDER #27-17/18**

District One  
CLAUDE V. Z. MORGAN

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District Two  
PATRICIA A. SMITH

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District Three  
EBEN C. ROSE

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District Four  
LINDA C. COHEN

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District Five  
BRAD FOX

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At Large  
MAXINE R. BEECHER

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At Large  
SUSAN J. HENDERSON

**ORDERED**, that the Mayor be and hereby is authorized to sign the attached Maine Municipal Association Voting Ballot electing the Vice-President and, three Directors to the Executive Committee of the Maine Municipal Association Executive Committee.

Fiscal Note: Less than \$1,000

Date: August 7, 2017



**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 18, 2017*

**VICE-PRESIDENT - 1 YEAR TERM**

Vote for One

Proposed by MMA Nominating Committee:

Mary Sabins, Town Manager, Town of Vassalboro

**DIRECTORS - 3 YEAR TERM**

Vote for Three

Proposed by MMA Nominating Committee:

James Bennett, City Manager, City of Biddeford

Jill Duson, At-Large Councilor, City of Portland

Gary Fortier, Councilor, City of Ellsworth

*Please 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.*

*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:

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**Return To:**

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Maine Municipal Association  
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Augusta, Maine 04330  
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**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 Clown 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 "Line 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