



# MAINE MUNICIPAL ASSOCIATION **SINCE 1936**

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To: Key Municipal Officials of MMA Member Municipalities

From: MMA Nominating Committee  
Chair Diane Hines, MMA Immediate Past President (Town Manager, Town of Ludlow)  
Elaine Aloes, MMA Immediate Past President (Selectperson, Town of Solon)  
Elyse C. Tipton, Elected Municipal Official (Councilor, City of South Portland)  
Andrew Dorr, Town/City Manager (Town Manager, Town of Damariscotta)  
Noël Bonam, Community-Based Organization (Equality ME)  
Travis Roy, Municipal Employee (Assistant Manager, City of Old Town)  
Susan Skidgell, Affiliate Group (MTCCA Board Member)

Date: May 23, 2025

Subject: Proposed Slate for 2025 MMA Vice President & Executive Committee Members

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The MMA Nominating Committee is pleased to put forth the ***Proposed Slate for MMA Vice President and Executive Committee Members*** to serve on the MMA Executive Committee.

*As a reminder, the MMA Executive Committee is the governing body of the Maine Municipal Association and is made up of three officers and nine members. The officers are elected to serve one-year terms, and the members are elected to serve staggered three-year terms. All candidates put forth for your consideration meet all qualifications required by the MMA bylaws to serve in the role in which they are nominated for.*

## **NOMINEE FOR MMA VICE PRESIDENT**

**Anthony Ward, Town Manager, Casco, Maine**

## **NOMINEES FOR MMA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

The Nominating Committee has proposed the following candidate **continue** to serve as an MMA Executive Committee member for a **second consecutive three-year term** (January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2028):

**Phil Crowell, City Manager, Auburn, Maine**

The Nominating Committee has proposed the following candidates serve as **new** MMA Executive Committee members for full three-year terms (January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2028):

**Suzette Francis, Town Administrator, Lubec, Maine**

**Mark Leonard, Town Manager/Chief of Police, Veazie, Maine**

Municipal officials who will advance or continue to serve their respective terms on the MMA Executive Committee include:

## **Officers:**



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Serving a 1-year term ending December 31, 2025

**President: Melissa Doane**, Manager, Town of Bradley

**Vice President: Justin Poirier**, Manager, Town of Monmouth

**Immediate Past President: Diane Hines**, Manager, Town of Ludlow

### **Members:**

Serving 3-year terms ending December 31, 2025

Phil Crowell, Manager, City of Auburn

David Nadeau, Councilor, Town of Windham

Anthony Ward Town Manager, Town of Casco

Serving 3-year terms ending December 31, 2026

Pious Ali, Councilor, City of Portland

Shiloh LaFreniere, Manager, Town of Jay

Dina Walker, Selectperson, Town of Weld

Serving 3-year terms ending December 31, 2027

David Cyr, Manager, Town of Frenchville

Matthew Garside, Manager, Town of Poland

Michele Varuolo-Cole, Selectperson, Town of Bethel

### **PETITION PROCESS**

Nominations may also be made by Petition signed by a majority of the municipal officers in each of at least five (5) member municipalities. Such petitions must be filed with the MMA Executive Director no later than 40 days prior to the date of the Annual Election. Accordingly, the deadline for Nominations by Petition is **4:30 p.m. on Friday, July 18, 2025**. *REMINDER: a candidate for the Executive Committee must be a municipal officer (a selectperson or councilor of a town; a mayor, alderman or councilor of a city); a city or town manager; or the chief appointed administrative official of a member municipality. A candidate for vice president must have served on the MMA Executive Committee for at least one year within the past five years.*

### **ELECTION PROCESS**

Once the petition process is complete, the official BALLOT will be mailed to each member municipality for municipal officials to cast their vote. It will include the original slate as well as any successful petition candidate(s). The Ballots will be counted under the direction of the MMA President Melissa Doane, Town Manager of the Town of Bradley on Friday, August 29, 2025.

The following is a direct link to the MMA's website where you can access up to date information on the MMA Nomination, Petition & Election Process: <https://www.memun.org/About-Us/Governance/MMA-Nomination-Process>.

*If you have any questions or would like additional information contact Kelly Maines at 207-623-8428, or by e-mail at [kmaines@memun.org](mailto:kmaines@memun.org).*