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Michigan Municipal League Board Names Six New Members

Officials from Boyne City, Holland, Menominee, Midland, Pontiac,
and Vassar Selected to Statewide Municipal Association

GRAND RAPIDS, Michigan – The members of the Michigan Municipal League recently elected six new members to the statewide League Board of Trustees.

During the League's Annual Meeting at its 2018 Convention Sept. 21 in Grand Rapids, the League membership elected as new board members: Midland Councilmember Diane Brown-Wilhelm; Michael Cain, City Manager of Boyne City; Vassar City Manager Brian Chapman; Holland Mayor Nancy De Boer; Menominee Mayor Jean Stegeman; and Pontiac Mayor Deirdre Waterman.

The League board also selected its 2018-19 officers. Ferndale Councilmember Melanie Piana named president and Saginaw City Councilmember Brenda F. Moore was named vice president. As vice president, Moore is in line to become the League president for the 2019-20 term.

New board member details (all terms expire in 2021):

- **Diane Brown Wilhelm** is a tireless public servant, sitting on the Midland city council and city planning commission for more than 10 combined years. She also is the city council's legislative director, representing the city as a delegate to the Michigan Municipal League. She also holds leadership roles with Midland's Shelterhouse, Midland Community Family Ministries, and the League of Women Voters. She is a senior manager executive for Accenture.
- **Michael Cain** has served as city manager of Boyne City since 2002. He has over 35 years of municipal management experience having previously worked for Grand Traverse County, Traverse City, Fenton, Wolverine Lake, Troy, and St. Johns. Cain has served on various MML committees. He is a member of the International City/County Management Association and the Michigan Municipal Executives where he served on

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the board and several committees. He currently serves as the chairperson of the Charlevoix, Cheboygan and Emmet County 911 Authority and is also on the board of Networks Northwest. Cain believes in and works hard to remove unnecessary organizational silos while promoting collaboration and cooperation within and between organizations, communities and people while looking for ways to say yes. He is the past president and current board member of the Boyne Valley Lions Club and is an Eagle Scout.

- **Brian Chapman** has been serving in local government since 2007 and is the current city manager for the City of Vassar. Prior to coming to Vassar, Chapman was the organization development specialist for the City of Oshkosh, WI; management assistant for the City of Oshkosh, WI; and assistant to the city manager in Negaunee, MI. Chapman has also served as a consultant to numerous communities and counties throughout Wisconsin. His background includes areas as diverse as public works, economic development, public finance, organizational development, process improvement, and long-range planning. Chapman is an active member of the International City Managers Association (ICMA), Michigan Municipal Executives, and Strong Towns.
- **Nancy De Boer** is the 43rd mayor of the City of Holland and became the first woman mayor in the city's 148-year history when she was elected in November 2015. During her tenure on the council, she has championed many initiatives, but most notably played a vital role in fostering the redevelopment of the city's 60-year-old civic center. After 11 studies, three committees, and plans over the last three decades, the Holland Civic Center has finally been reborn and will catalyze human connections and investment in Holland.
- **Jean Stegeman** has more than six years' experience as a municipal official, currently serving as mayor in the City of Menominee. She was a member of and served as chair of the Menominee planning commission for several years prior to becoming mayor. She is active in several local civic organizations.
- **Dr. Deirdre Waterman** was elected as mayor of Pontiac in 2013, becoming the first woman to be elected to the position, and she was re-elected in November 2017. As mayor she has numerous accomplishments, including working successfully to end 10 years of emergency managers and state takeover and guiding the city from a deficit budget to a \$15 million surplus. An ophthalmologist by profession, Dr. Waterman is a longtime business owner and operated her practice, Holloway Eye Care, in Pontiac for more than 30 years. She was the first African-American female ophthalmologist in the state of Michigan. She also served as chairman of the National Medical Association, Region IV, as well as two terms as finance chair for that organization. She was president of the Associated Healthcare Providers and is listed in the first edition of *Vital Signs: Michigan*, citing African-American achievement in healthcare.

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The newly elected Trustees join Executive Director and CEO Dan Gilmartin, Piana, Moore and the other volunteers who remain on the 2018-19 Board: Marlon Brown, Mason Mayor Pro Tem; Christine Burns, Spring Lake Village Manager; Shea Charles, Howell City Manager; Brenda Jones, Detroit Council President; Andy LeCureaux, Hazel Park City Councilmember; Richard Lewis, Traverse City Commissioner; Kimberley Sims, Muskegon Heights Mayor; Oliver Turner, Sault Ste. Marie City Manager; William Wild, Westland Mayor; and Mark Vanderpool, Sterling Heights City Manager.

The board also thanked for their years of service outgoing President Catherine Bostick-Tullius, Lapeer City Commissioner; and board members Wendell Dompier, Baraga Village President; Maureen Donker, Midland Mayor; Jason Eppler, Ionia City Manager; Rebecca Fleury, Battle Creek City Manager; and Rusty Showalter, West Branch Councilmember.

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