

OFFICIAL VOTING DELEGATES  
ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING  
Michigan Municipal League

In accordance with the accompanying MML Annual Meeting Notice, each member municipality is to appoint one Official Voting Delegate and one Official Alternate Voting Delegate to represent the municipality at the Annual Business Meeting of the Michigan Municipal League.

The purpose of these instructions is to familiarize the voting delegate, especially those officials serving in this capacity for the first time, with the procedure to be followed during the Annual Business Meeting.

1. Prior to entering the Business Meeting, Official Voting Delegates should check-in at the registration desk located just outside of the meeting room. Official Voting Delegates will then be given a pass to enter in the reserved seating area for Voting Delegates. If the Official Voting Delegate is not present, the Official Alternate Voting Delegate should check-in at the registration desk to be given the Voting Delegate pass.

Only the Official Voting Delegate will be seated in the area reserved for Voting Delegates. If the Official Voting Delegate is not present, the Official Alternate Voting Delegate will take the Delegate's place in the reserved area as the Voting Delegate. Therefore, each member municipality will have only one person seated in the reserved area. All other municipal officials, and all other Alternate Voting Delegates, may be seated outside the reserved area. A member of the Board of Trustees who is an Official Voting Delegate may sit on the dais or in the reserved area and vote from either location; he or she may speak on an issue and should do so from a microphone in or adjacent to the reserved area.

2. In general, Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, will govern the conduct of the Annual Business Meeting. Parliamentary decisions will be made by the General Counsel of the League who will preside at the Annual Business Meeting. The General Counsel will be assisted by a Parliamentarian. Parliamentary decisions by the Chair, if challenged from the floor, are subject to be sustained or overturned by a majority of the delegates present and voting.

3. The Bylaw governing the submission of policy resolutions provides:

Section 4.5 - Resolutions

No resolution or motion, excepting procedural and incidental matters having to do with business properly before the annual meeting or pertaining to the conduct of the meeting, shall be considered at the annual meeting unless it is either: 1) submitted to the meeting by the Board of Trustees; or 2) submitted

in writing to the Board of Trustees by resolution of the governing body of a member at least thirty (30) days preceding the date of the annual meeting. The deadline for receiving resolutions this year is September 18, 2023.

4. If a Voting Delegate wishes to speak, the Delegate should rise and proceed to one of the microphones available in the reserved area and after recognition by the Chair, may then speak. Since the Annual Business Meeting is being recorded, each Voting Delegate who wishes to speak for any reason, after being recognized by the Chair, should first announce the Delegate's name, title and municipality slowly and clearly into the microphone.

A member of the Board of Trustees, an Honorary Life Member, or a Chair or a designated member of a League Standing or Special Committee may speak on a question, but may not vote unless serving also as a Voting Delegate. If a question is raised about a proposed policy or resolution, or an amendment is offered and seconded, the Chair or designated member of the proper League Standing or Special Committee or a member of the Board of Trustees will be called upon to speak at an appropriate time to explain the Committee's views *before the vote* is put on the question. In addition, upon request of the Chair, a member of the League staff may speak on a question. Any other person present may speak only with the approval of the Voting Delegate body.

5. If a Voting Delegate who has been seated wishes to have the Alternate Voting Delegate from the Delegate's municipality speak on an issue, the Voting Delegate should request, after being recognized by the Chair, to be excused from the reserved area and that the other person be permitted to take the Delegate's place temporarily or for the balance of the meeting. Upon being excused by the Chair, the Alternate Voting Delegate may then take the Voting Delegate's place in the reserved seating area and may speak and vote as the Official Voting Delegate.

6. The above procedure is necessary to assure that, in the event of a vote on a question by show of hands or by voice vote of the Delegates, no municipality will have more than one person seated in the reserved area.