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David May elected to Tennessee Municipal League Board of Directors

NASHVILLE – David May, Cleveland Councilmember, was elected to the board of directors of the Tennessee Municipal League (TML) during the League’s annual conference recently held in Memphis. Tom Beehan, Oak Ridge Mayor, was elected President.

May was nominated as a director at large by a six-member nominating committee composed of municipal officials statewide. He was then elected for a one-year term by a majority vote of the entire membership.

Founded in 1940 and based in Nashville, TML is a nonprofit organization founded by cities and towns for mutual assistance and improvement. Representing 99 percent of Tennessee's municipal citizens, the organization advocates for needed legislative action by the General Assembly, represents municipal interests before state departments and agencies, and -- working through the National League of Cities in Washington -- seeks to influence federal legislation and policies affecting municipal governments.

As a member of the TML board of directors, May will propose and help determine legislation municipalities need passed into law and will establish policy priorities for the League.

Other board elections include three vice presidents: McMinnville Mayor Royce Davenport, Huntingdon Mayor Dale Kelley; and Morristown Vice Mayor Kay Senter. TML vice presidents are traditionally in line to serve as president.

The TML board also includes past TML presidents, mayors of Tennessee's largest cities, eight district directors, and eight at-large directors. The chairmen of the TML Risk Management Pool -- providing affordable, dependable liability coverage to municipalities, and the Tennessee Municipal Bond Fund -- offering low-interest loans for capital improvements -- also sit on the board.

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The eight district directors, representing their section of the state, were nominated and elected during district caucuses. They are: Jane Myron, Johnson City vice mayor (District 1); Cindy Ogle, Gatlinburg City Manager (District 2); Linda Bennett, Chattanooga Councilmember (District 3); Tommy Pedigo, Sparta Mayor (District 4); Ken Wilber, Portland Mayor (District 5); Betsy Crossley, Brentwood Commissioner (District 6); Charles Rahm, Jackson Councilman (District 7); and Keith McDonald, Bartlett Mayor (District 8).

The eight at-large directors were nominated by a six-member nominating committee composed of municipal officials statewide. They were then elected for a one-year term by a majority vote of the entire membership. Those directors are: Allen Barker, Humboldt Mayor; Johnny Dodd, Jackson Councilmember; Eddy Ford, Farragut Mayor; David Gordon, Covington Mayor; David May, Cleveland City Council; John Piper, Clarksville Mayor; Shirley Fox Rogers, Lafollette Councilmember; and Ron Washington, Murfreesboro Councilman.

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