

**Ballot for MCMA Voting Members Enclosed
Return by January 25, 2001**

Subject

A ballot dealing with changes in the ICMA Constitution regarding:

1. Increasing the size of the board from 8 to 12 members and increasing the terms from 2 to 3 years, including term extensions for current Board members during the transition period
2. Changing the name of our organization from *Michigan City Management Association* to the *Michigan Local Government Management Association*, and adding type of local government to the List of Nomination Considerations
3. Expanding the Board to provide that ex-officio non-voting positions be created for the Midwest Vice President designated as the Michigan Liaison and for the State Liaison Officer from ICMA

Eligibility to Vote

The MCMA Constitution states:

Persons meeting the following qualifications and who have paid the requisite annual dues shall be voting members of the Corporation, entitled to vote on all matters on which members of this Corporation are entitled to vote under these by-laws or under the Michigan Non-Profit Corporation Act:

A manager, chief administrator or an assistant to a manager or chief administrator of a city, village, township, county, council of government (COG), or other local government unit, holding or eligible to hold, full or associate membership in the International City/County Management Association (ICMA).

Voting Procedures

1. The ballot for the proposed constitutional amendment is on yellow paper. After marking the ballot, place it in an envelope marked 'official ballot' and mail to:
Michigan City Management Association
P.O. Box 1487
Ann Arbor, MI 48106-1487
2. Mail as soon as possible. The ballot must be received in the MCMA offices no later than January 25, 2001.

Canvass

A Canvass Committee of three Members, appointed by the MCMA President, will convene on January 26, 2001 to count the ballots and report their findings to the MCMA President, who shall announce the results at the Winter Institute and Annual Meeting on January 30 through February 2, 2001.

Official Ballot: Proposed Constitutional Amendments

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PROPOSITION: That the following amendments as shown be made to the MCMA Constitution (underlined words would be added, and words with a line through them would be deleted; all other provisions of the Constitution shall remain as currently in effect):

Article I - Name

The name of the corporation shall be: Michigan City Local Government Management Association (~~MCMA~~ "MLGMA"), sometimes herein referred to in these by-laws as the Corporation or MLGMA.

Article II - Purposes

The purpose for which this Corporation is formed is to increase the proficiency of managers and administrators of city, county, village, township and other local governmental units, including councils of governments, in the State of Michigan; to strengthen the quality of local government through professional management; to encourage and support the council-manager plan form of local government; to maintain the high ethical standards of the profession of city local government management; and to provide opportunities to enhance the professional development of its members.

Article III - Members

1. Voting Members. Persons meeting the following qualifications and who have paid the requisite annual dues shall be voting members of the Corporation, entitled to vote on all matters on which members of this Corporation are entitled to vote under these by-laws or under the Michigan Non-Profit Corporation Act:

A manager, chief administrator or an assistant to a manager or chief administrator of a City, village, township, county, council of government (COG), or other local governmental unit, holding or eligible to hold, full or associate membership in the International City/County Management Association (~~ICMA~~) (herein referred to as ICMA).

3. Membership Eligibility. Interpretation of the eligibility requirements in any membership category shall be made by the Board of Directors, which shall establish a procedure for admission to membership. Persons who become members of ~~MCMA~~ the Corporation are to become such for purposes of advancing the profession and not for purposes of personal gain from marketing products or services to other members of ~~MCMA~~ the Corporation.

Article V - Membership Meetings

5. Elections at Annual Meetings. At the annual membership meeting, the Corporation shall elect the officers and Directors as enumerated in Article VII, except that a President shall not be elected unless a vacancy exists at that time in the office of President-Elect.

A President-Elect shall be elected annually for a two-year term, and during the first year following the election, said President-Elect shall serve as President-Elect and during the second year, said President-Elect shall automatically succeed to the office of President. Directors shall be selected for ~~two~~ **three** year terms, with four such Directors to be elected ~~in even years and four such Directors to be elected in odd years~~ **each year**. Any candidate receiving a majority of votes cast at the meeting for such office, including directorship, shall be declared elected. Voting by proxy shall not be allowed.

6. Transition Board from 8 Members to 12 members

The four Board of Directors whose terms would expire in 2001 shall have their terms extended for a period of one year or until 2002. The four Board of Directors whose terms would expire in 2002 shall have their terms extended for a period of one year or until 2003

Article VI- Nominations of the Four Officers and Four Directors

2. Slate of Candidates. The nominating committee shall develop a slate of candidates for the officers and directors to be elected at the annual meeting of the members. The nominating committee shall provide ample opportunity for any eligible Association members to express interest in service as an officer or director.

When considering the selection of a slate of proposed officers and directors, the nominating committee should place the candidates desire to serve and dedication to the association above all other considerations*. After establishing this as a primary concern, the nominating committee should ensure that the diverse opinions and concerns of the organization are well represented. Several additional factors should be considered when making nominations. Included among these considerations should be representation of all geographic areas, **type of local governmental unit**, and the size of communities represented. In addition, considerations should be given to women, minorities, and assistants.

The nominating committee's nominations for all officers and directors to be elected at the annual meeting shall be prominently posted at least two (2) hours prior to the opening of the annual meeting and shall remain posted until after the election of the annual meeting.

Article VII- Officers and Board of Directors

2. Board of Directors. The Board of Directors shall consist of the officers, the past President in active service in Michigan most recently retired from the Office of President (herein referred to as the "immediate past President"), and ~~eight~~ twelve Directors. All Directors shall be voting members of the Corporation, except the Secretary, the Treasurer,

* This verbiage is currently underlined to add emphasis in the existing language of the constitution. This is not an addition.

and the Executive Director (if any). The Secretary, the Treasurer, and the Executive Director (if any) shall serve on the Board of Directors without vote.

Furthermore, the ICMA Midwest Vice President. designated as the Michigan Liaison and the ICMA State Liaison Officer shall serve as Ex-Officio members of the Board of Directors without voting rights.

4. Quorum. A quorum of ~~6~~ **eight** voting directors shall be required for the board of Directors to conduct business.

6. Executive Committee. The Executive Committee shall consist of the officers of ~~MCMA~~ **the Corporation** and the immediate past President. The Executive Committee may act for and on behalf of the Board of Directors on matters requiring action by the Board of Directors when such action must be taken prior to the next scheduled Board of Directors meeting and* it is not possible for a special meeting of the Board of Directors to be called before such action must be taken. Actions taken by the Executive Committee must be submitted for ratification to the full Board of Directors at its next meeting for review.

ARTICLE VIII

Advisory Member Committees

The President shall appoint members of the standing committees and such additional committees as shall be deemed advisable from time to time by the Board of Directors.

Each such committee shall consist of one or more members of the Corporation and shall have such duties and responsibilities as shall be designated by the President and/or Board of Directors. Each such committee shall serve only in an advisory capacity to the Board of Directors, and a committee, and each member thereof, shall serve at the pleasure of the President. The President shall also seek opportunities and respond to requests from the ~~International City Management Association~~ **ICMA** for nominations to serve on national committees of the ~~International City Management Association~~ **ICMA**.

(Mark with an X only)

YES,I approve

NO, I do not approve