MML Foundation

The Michigan Municipal League Foundation is the fundraising arm of the Michigan Municipal League, the one clear voice for Michigan communities. Through advocacy at the state and federal level, the League represents municipalities to help them sustain highly livable, desirable, and unique places within the state. We create and offer our members services and events that range from traditional to cutting edge, to help educate and inspire them to remain focused on their passion for the area they represent. We are a nonprofit, but we act with the fervor of entrepreneurs; our people are dynamic, energetic and highly approachable, passionately and aggressively pushing change for better communities.

The Foundation is dedicated to making Michigan communities better by:

- Educating local government officials.
- Supporting local public spaces projects that improve quality of life.
- Connecting communities with funding opportunities and strategic connections.
- Building partnerships to help fix our state’s broken municipal finance system.

Because we love where you live.

The Foundation is a registered 501(c)(3) charitable organization.

MML Foundation Board

The Foundation is supported by a strategic and passionate board of directors who understand the importance of community investment. This board, a mixture of community leaders and community partners, provides leadership to the Foundation in its goal of creating vibrant communities. There can be as many as 18 board members, including the Michigan Municipal League executive director and one member of the League Board of Trustees.

Criteria for Involvement

- The Board shall include in its membership current or former elected officials or appointed officers of Michigan cities or villages, without a specified number of officials required.
- One member of the Board shall be a member of the Michigan Municipal League Board of Trustees, with vote, selected by the Board of Trustees.
Term
- Board members may serve up to three three-year terms.

Expectations and Responsibilities
- Believe in the purpose and mission of the Foundation, and act responsibly and prudently as its steward.
- Each year, no later than Thanksgiving and without having to be asked, make a personal financial contribution at a level that is meaningful to the member.
- Assist the Foundation in soliciting contributions from foundations, organizations and individuals.
- Attend four meetings per year, typically in February, May, August and November. Most meetings are held at the MML offices in downtown Lansing.
- Participate in at least one committee to help with fundraising, nominating members and promotion.
- Stay informed about what’s going on in the organization and share relevant information with your contacts and your community.

Application Process
- Interested parties should contact the MML Foundation president to be considered.

Selection Process
- A nominations committee accepts and reviews nominations, and makes recommendations to the full Foundation Board when there is a board vacancy.

Staff Contact
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