



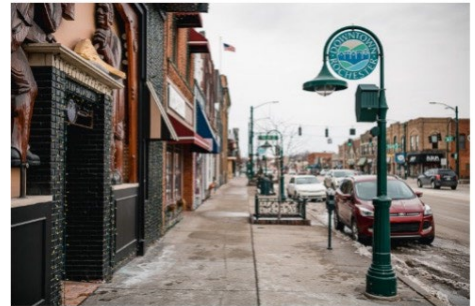
The banner features the Michigan Municipal Executives (MME) logo on the left, which includes a stylized map of Michigan and the letters 'MME'. To the right of the logo, the text reads 'Michigan Municipal Executives' in a large, white, sans-serif font. Below the logo, it says 'A State Affiliate of ICMA'. On the right side of the banner, the word 'E-Newsletter' is written in a large, white, sans-serif font. At the bottom left, the slogan 'Ready for Anything.' is displayed, and at the bottom right, the website 'MME.ORG' is shown.

## May 10, 2021

### ARPA: A Once in a Lifetime Opportunity

Rebecca Fleury | MME President

What a quick three months it has been in my MME presidency. Our members are leading their communities in amazing ways. We are experiencing a unique time and doing all we can to manage expectations. The American Recovery Plan Act (ARPA) funding for many of us is a once in a lifetime opportunity, and yet the expectations surrounding the most appropriate use of these funds is even more elevated. [Read more.](#)



### Back in Business

Aaron Desentz | Chair, Professional Development Committee

Finally, the Michigan Municipal Executives (MME) Professional Development Committee (PDC) is back in the business of live in-person conference planning. This year the Summer Conference is set for July 20 – July 23 and will be hosted by two communities: Rochester and Auburn Hills. The committee is busy at work seeing to logistics, sponsorships, conference content, and activities. While we are working on a final agenda to be published as soon as possible, we promise that this conference will not disappoint. [Read more.](#)



## Advocacy – Describing Our Jobs

Matt Baumgarten | Chair, Advocacy Committee

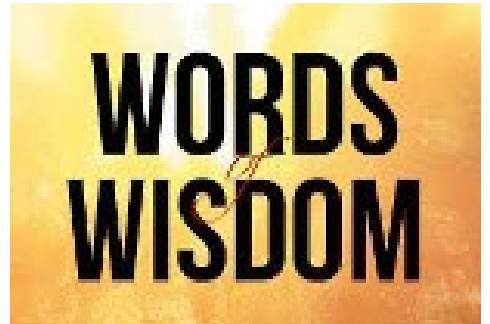
How would you describe your job? Whether you are speaking to a friend, a resident, or a member of your governing board, you have probably had to answer this question. The Advocacy Committee is working on telling the complicated story of how the council-manager form of government makes communities across Michigan better. [Read more.](#)



## Words of Wisdom

Ken Marten | Member, Early Career Outreach Committee

When I wonder, when I ponder, when I'm unsure of my next move, when I seek inspiration, I turn to my wisdom file. It's really just a few sheets of paper with profound, handwritten quotes or utterances that guide me through most of life's situations. Sometimes they're attributed to famous folks, sometimes not. I keep it in my work bag, ready to be reread whenever the need strikes. The file is an evolving work that at present includes 18 snippets of wisdom. Here are a handful. [Read more.](#)



## Resources for Our Members

Mitch Foster | Chair, Member Success Committee

The Member Success Committee held our inaugural meeting on April 1, 2021 at 3 p.m. consisting of a great, overarching discussion on the role and goals of our committee. During this meeting, it was determined that having working groups for the primary areas of the committee would help keep members focused on positive outcomes as well as be able to link the multiple resources/services offered for the membership. However, what I think was realized by a majority of our committee was that not everyone knows what resources are available for our membership. [Read more.](#)



Resources

## Constitutional Amendment Approved

The MME board recently requested members to vote on a constitutional amendment that would expand the ethics committee to better ensure that quorums are reached for meetings, and that more opinions of colleagues can be considered for important ethics decisions involving our peers.

[Read More.](#)



## MME Constitution

## Follow MME on Twitter

Advocacy Committee

As you peruse your respective social media sites, please consider following MME's Twitter page - @MIMunicipalExec. And as you post about your fantastic community, feel free to use the hashtag #MME so that we can all hear about and enjoy how great your community is doing. [Check out our Twitter page.](#)



## New MME Members

New applicants for MME membership from the months since the last MME E-Newsletter was distributed are listed by category on the Member News page of our website. Any objections that would impact their membership status or category should be submitted to MME within 60 days of the date of this publication. Objections should be addressed to the Ethics Committee Chair, Nathan Henne, at [nathan.henne@ci.owosso.mi.us](mailto:nathan.henne@ci.owosso.mi.us)

[View the latest list of new MME members.](#)





### **MML Calendar**

Stay up-to-date on all the League events and trainings.

## **Save the Date for Future MME Events**

### **Summer Workshop**

2021 - July 20-23, Rochester/Auburn Hills  
2022 - July, Holland  
2023 - Frankenmuth (tentative)

### **Winter Institute**

2022 - Troy  
2023 - Grand Rapids (tentative)

## **Member News**

[Member News](#) features recent job changes, retirements and remembrances for MME members. It also highlights new MME and ICMA members. Have someone you'd like to add? Email the details to [webposting@mml.org](mailto:webposting@mml.org).

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