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League of Nebraska Municipalities announces Executive Board membership

Doug Hanson, Council President of Hickman, today was elected president of the 2008-09 Executive Board of the League of Nebraska Municipalities. The election was held at the League's annual business meeting in Omaha in conjunction with the League's 2008 Annual Conference.

Annie Thomas, Council Member of Auburn, was elected president-elect of the organization's board; David Boeckner, Council Member of Scottsbluff, was elected Vice President and Dr. Gordon Adams, Mayor of Norfolk, will remain a member of the board as past president.

Directors elected to the board are the following: Mike Fahey, Mayor of Omaha; Alan Michl, Chairperson of Exeter; James Realph, Mayor of Blair; Dan Kusek, Mayor of Alliance; Stan Clouse, Mayor of Kearney; Chris Beutler, Mayor of Lincoln; Marlene Johnson, Mayor of West Point; and, Lois Shelton, Mayor of Wayne.

Representatives on the board are the following: Joe Patterson, City Administrator of Hastings; Lea Ann Doak, Clerk of McCook; and Ty Abernethy, Utility Superintendent and City Administrator of Mitchell.

The 15-member Executive Board is the governing body of the League of Nebraska Municipalities. The group formulates the policy and philosophy of the League. Each year the board approves a budget, which determines how much revenue is necessary and available and where it will be allocated. Board members also set policy concerning League programs and legislation.

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The League of Nebraska Municipalities is a nonprofit organization of cities and villages that was established in the early 1900s to represent municipalities in the Legislature. The League's functions include sponsoring educational seminars, publishing a magazine and newsletters, representing its member cities and villages on state advisory boards and answering technical questions. The top priority is representing its members in the legislative process.