



# MEMBER ADVISORY

## ELECTION INFORMATION – AMM ANNUAL CONVENTION

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**November 17, 2014** - We have recently been asked some questions about the impact of amalgamations on the timing for the filling of the AMM's Board of Directors vacancies, and the election for the Executive positions at this year's Annual Convention.

### 1. Board of Director Vacancies

The AMM Board of Directors has eight vacancies to be filled following this fall's municipal election. While not a requirement in the AMM's By-law, past practice has been to have the District in which the vacancy occurs hold a special meeting at the Convention and elect the Director to fill the position for the remainder of the unexpired term of the vacant Director, which for this term is June 2015.

This year, the AMM's legal opinion is that Districts not hold a special meeting at the Convention, but instead wait until after January 1, 2015 to hold the special meeting and elect the Director. This delay will give those newly elected municipal officials in amalgamating municipalities the opportunity to have a say and to be eligible to be elected as a Director.

The AMM Board of Directors will consider this issue at our planning session in January 2015 and advise our members at that time.

### 2. Executive Positions

At the 2014 AMM Annual Convention, elections will be held for the AMM's Executive positions for President and two Vice-Presidents. As we explained in our [September 4, 2014 Member Advisory](#), newly elected officials (those who did not serve during the 2010-2014 term) in amalgamating municipalities are not eligible to run for an Executive position until after January 1, 2015.

However, the election for the AMM's Executive positions *cannot* be delayed until after January 1, 2015 because the AMM's By-law sets the Executive's term at two years, which expires every two years at the Annual Convention. The current Executive's term expires at this year's Annual Convention and the By-law provides that the Executive elections are to take place at the Annual Convention. There is no provision to extend the current Executive's term beyond the Annual Convention or to hold the Executive elections at another time.

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