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Alan Vanderberg to lead Michigan Local Government Management Association

LANSING, Mich.—Alan G. Vanderberg has been elected as the new president of the Michigan Local Government Management Association (MLGMA).

The Ottawa County Administrator gave his opening remarks on Feb. 5 during the MLGMA's annual winter institute in Grand Rapids. MLGMA is the professional association for local government managers from municipalities, counties and townships throughout the state of Michigan.

"It is a great honor to be selected by my peers to lead this organization for the next year," said Vanderberg.

Vanderberg has been a member of the non-profit organization since 1984. He has more than 20 years experience in municipal government, including as deputy county administrator for Kent County, city manager for South Haven and assistant city manager for Greenville, Michigan.

As president, Vanderberg will help guide the 15-member leadership team for MLGMA and its more than 300 members. (See list at left of the board members).

"City and county services are at great risk and we need strong leadership to make those difficult decisions that lie ahead," Vanderberg said. "But it's also one of the best times to show the state that there are communities that have been managed successfully."

Some of Vanderberg's goals for the year are to actively promote the local government-focused curriculum that MLGMA helped develop for middle school and high school students and to attract new members to the organization.

"We don't have people lining up for municipal jobs as we did before," Vanderberg said. "There are a lot of aspects of what we do as managers that many people don't know about. What they see is what's in the media, but they really don't know about the rewarding parts of our work. All they see is the controversy. But as managers we see the things that happen from all our efforts, whether it's the new business that opened or better services for our citizens. We see the tangible results of our work. Is it easy? No, of course not, but it is a very rewarding profession."

The Michigan Local Government Management Association is the professional association for local government managers and their assistants from cities, villages, townships and counties throughout the state of Michigan. The association was founded in 1927. For more information, visit mlgma.org.

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