

# Councilmember Thomas Moore Elected President of the Alabama League of Municipalities

On June 27, 2011, **Councilmember Thomas Moore of Demopolis** was elected by his municipal colleagues to serve as President of the Alabama League of Municipalities for 2011-2012. Councilmember Moore was elected during the Business Session of the League's annual convention, which was held in Huntsville June 25-28, 2011.

Newly appointed League Executive Director Ken Smith looks forward to working with Councilmember Moore over the next year. "Thomas has served on the League's Executive Committee and has been actively involved with the League for many years," Smith said. "As League Vice President, he attended numerous League meetings and training sessions as well as workshops hosted by the National League of Cities. He has a great deal of municipal knowledge and his leadership skills will serve us well as League President."

Councilmember Moore also serves on the Board of Directors for the Municipal Workers Compensation Fund, Inc. (MWCF), a program developed by the League to provide workers compensation insurance, loss control and risk management services to Alabama's municipalities and municipal entities such as utility boards and industrial development boards.

In addition to his committee involvement, Councilmember Moore has attended many League workshops and training sessions and has completed the League's Basic and Advanced Certified Municipal Official (CMO) programs. Both the Basic and Advanced programs, which were begun in 1994, require 40 hours each of training through a series of one-day continuing education programs designed especially for mayors and councilmembers who voluntarily wish to receive formal training in municipal government. Through these programs, Councilmember Moore has received formal classroom training in subjects such as council meeting procedures; parliamentary procedure; the Open Meetings Law; public records; ordinance drafting; conflicts of interest; the State Ethics Law; duties of the mayor and council; tort liability; the competitive bid law; zoning and planning; annexation; municipal regulatory powers; municipal revenues and expenditures; personnel actions; and leadership development.

**Mayor David Bradford of Muscle Shoals** was elected League Vice President during the Business Session. Mayor Bradford is a member of the League's Executive Committee and serves on the Board of Directors for the Alabama Municipal Insurance Corporation (AMIC), a program founded by the League in 1989 to provide property and casualty insurance to municipal entities.

The Alabama League of Municipalities was organized in 1935 and has served since that time as the recognized voice of the cities and towns in Alabama. Through the years, the organization has steadily grown and now serves more than 440 municipalities. This voluntary membership brings officials of cities and towns together in fellowship of public service – which strengthens and guides local government in a progressive, responsible fashion. The League conducts continuing studies of the legislative, administrative and operational needs, problems and functions of Alabama's municipal governments; holds conferences and meetings at which views and experiences of officials may be exchanged; encourages in the people of Alabama a sympathetic appreciation of the duties, responsibilities and rights of both municipal government and the citizen; and works to secure enactment of legislation which will enable all cities and towns to perform their functions more efficiently and effectively.