



Welcome New Board Members

During the February 8, 2022 Board of Directors mid-year meeting, three new board members were appointed along with a new member of the executive committee and a new Vice-Chair.

Mayor Billy McKinney of Zion, IL was appointed as the organization's Vice-Chair. He continues to serve as Chair of the Mayors Commission on Water Equity. Mayor McKinney is a retired American professional basketball player and radio broadcaster. A graduate of Northwestern University, he later served as Assistant Vice President of Basketball Operations for the Chicago Bulls and in other management positions throughout the NBA. Mayor McKinney was elected Mayor of Zion, IL in April 2019.

Mayor Gino Moretti, of Saint-Anicet, QC was appointed the organization's Secretary. Mayor Moretti joined the Board in 2021. He has a particular interest in assisting the organization in the recruitment of new members from Quebec. He will also be co-chairing the organization's membership committee along with Mayor Ryan Sorenson of Sheboygan, WI. Mayor Moretti was elected mayor in 2017 and re-elected in 2021. He served in the Army for 36 years.

Vice Mayor Catherine Vallières-Roland of Québec City, QC is joining the board as Delegate for Mayor Bruno Marchand for the Communauté métropolitaine de Québec. Deputy Mayor Vallières-Roland and Mayor Marchand took office in 2022. Since 2004, she has held various positions at the Ministère des Relations internationales et de la Francophonie and contributed to the development of Québec's relations with countries in Latin America, the Caribbean and Asia-Pacific, as well as with the United States. Since 2018, she has been Team Leader for Human Rights and Indigenous Affairs. In this capacity, she represented the Government of Québec at the United Nations.

Borough Mayor Maja Vodanovic of Montréal, QC is joining the board as Delegate for Mayor Valérie Plante. Mayor Vodanovic was born in Split in former Yugoslavia and emigrated to Canada in 1975. She has been actively involved in environmental issues which led her to enter the political scene in 2013 when she was elected borough councillor for the Canal District of Lachine 3. In November 2017, she was elected Mayor and served as a representative of the Montreal Metropolitan Community on the National Zero Waste Council. Following her re-election in 2021, Mayor Vodanovic was nominated by the Mayor of Montreal to the Executive Committee with responsibility for water-related issues and borough consultation.

Councillor Brad Bradford of Toronto, ON is joining the board as Delegate for Mayor John Tory. Prior to his election, Councillor Bradford worked as an urban planner for the City of Toronto. He was first elected to Toronto City Council - the Beaches-East York ward - in 2018 as one of the youngest elected councillors. He currently serves as the Vice-Chair of Toronto's Budget Committee, as a Board Member of the Toronto Transit Commission, as a member of Toronto's Planning and Housing Committee, a Toronto representative for the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, as well as several other committee and board duties.