



Metro Cities Mourns Loss of LMC's Tom Grundhoefer

Metro Cities was deeply shocked and saddened to learn of the passing of Tom Grundhoefer of the League of Minnesota Cities. The Board and staff of Metro Cities express their deepest sympathies to Tom's family, and all our colleagues and friends at the League of Minnesota Cities.

Over the years, Tom was immeasurably helpful to this organization, on a wide variety of issues. Always, he responded to questions and asks for legal guidance, with deep knowledge, wisdom, often humor, and always, with kindness. For all of Tom's talents and breadth and depth of knowledge – and these are too great to count – what will always stand out, will be his kindness. This quality, along with his gentle smile and quiet but solid wisdom and advice, came with Tom's counsel no matter the issue or question at hand. For Tom's many wonderful personal and professional qualities and his assistance to this organization on many issues, we express our deep and lasting gratitude to Tom.

A funeral service is scheduled for 11 a.m. on March 6 at the Church of St. Joseph, 1154 Seminole Avenue, West St. Paul. On March 5 from 3-7 p.m., a visitation will be held at the NET Center, 110 Crusader Avenue West, West St. Paul.

Legislative Update

Due to the legislative schedule today, a newsletter with up to date legislative news and alerts will be sent first thing Monday morning.

Openings on Metro Cities Board of Directors—Please Reply by Monday

Metro Cities will have openings on the Board of Directors for terms beginning July 2017. Members serve two, two year terms. The Board is responsible for overseeing Metro Cities' budget, strategic plan and legislative priorities. The Board makes appointments to the Met Council Transportation Advisory Board (TAB), Technical Advisory Committee (TAC), Grant Evaluation and Ranking System (GEARS), and Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Boards. The Board meets the third Thursday of each month at 6:00 p.m.

Metro Cities' by-laws require that the slate of board members be balanced with regard to geography and city population. Interested candidates are asked to provide a cover letter, resume and to complete this application form. Candidates may also provide letters of reference.

Please submit application information to Kimberly Ciarrocchi at Kimberly@metrocitiesmn.org by **5:00 p.m. this coming Monday, March 6**. If you would like additional information, please contact Patricia Nauman at 651-215-4002 or email: patricia@metrocitiesmn.org.

A Nominating Committee will meet in March to make recommendations to the Metro Cities membership for Board elections in April.

Mark Your Calendars---Metro Cities Annual Meeting!

Metro Cities' 2017 Annual Meeting, at which new Metro Cities Board members and officers are elected, will be held on Thursday, April 20, 2017 at the University Club in St. Paul. The evening will begin with a social hour at 5:00 p.m. Our guest speakers for this event are Briana Bierschbach, *MinnPost* and Patrick Condon, *Star Tribune*, who will discuss the latest action at the Capitol. The evening will conclude with a brief business meeting and the election of members.

Please register with Kim Ciarrocchi at Kimberly@metrocitiesmn.org. More information to follow!

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