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### [MMWEC Annual Conference](#)

## **Lt. Gov. Polito praises public power; Director and officers elected**

LUDLOW, Mass. – May 13, 2015 – Members and directors of the Massachusetts Municipal Wholesale Electric Company (MMWEC) elected company officials and Massachusetts Lieutenant Governor Karyn Polito praised the accomplishments of public power at MMWEC’s annual conference, conducted May 7 and 8 in Southbridge, Mass.

Peter D. Dion, general manager of the Wakefield Municipal Gas & Light Department, was re-elected by the MMWEC membership to his seventh one-year term as president of MMWEC.

Michael J. Flynn, a gubernatorial appointee and Town of Wilbraham representative to the MMWEC Board, was elected by the board to a full one-year term as chairman. Flynn, elected chairman to fill a vacancy in December 2014, also served as chairman in 2006 and 2007.

Representatives of MMWEC’s 21 member municipal utilities also re-elected Groton Electric Light Department Manager Kevin P. Kelly to a three-year term on the MMWEC board.

As an honored guest at the first day of the conference, Lt. Gov. Polito commended MMWEC and its municipal utility members for providing excellent service at competitive rates to the communities they serve. Polito resides in Shrewsbury, where she and her family have close ties to Shrewsbury’s municipal utility, Shrewsbury Electric and Cable Operations (SELCO).

SELCO General Manager Michael R. Hale introduced Polito, who cited the need for new energy infrastructure, including gas pipelines and electric transmission lines, to ensure electric system reliability and contain energy price spikes for consumers.



From left, SELCO General Manager Michael R. Hale, Lt. Gov. Karyn Polito, MMWEC CEO Ronald C. DeCurzio.

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Additional MMWEC officers for the coming year, as elected by the board, are Ronald C. DeCurzio, chief executive officer and secretary; Matthew J. Ide, treasurer; Stephen J. Smith, assistant treasurer; Peter H. Barry, general counsel; and Nancy A. Brown, assistant secretary.

Other MMWEC directors, elected previously by the membership, are James M. Lavelle, Holyoke Gas & Electric Department general manager; Glenn Trueira, Peabody Municipal Light Plant general manager; Gary R. Babin, Mansfield Municipal Electric Department director; Jeffrey R. Cady, Chicopee Electric Light manager; Sean Hamilton, Sterling Municipal Light Department general manager; and Jonathan V. Fitch, West Boylston Municipal Light Plant manager.

Also, Charmaine White of Springfield is a gubernatorial appointee to the MMWEC board. Other town representatives on the board are Luis Vitorino, representing the Town of Ludlow, and Cornelius Flynn, representing the Town of Hampden.

The MMWEC board consists of 12 director positions, with seven directors elected by the MMWEC membership, two appointed by the governor of Massachusetts, and three representing the towns of Ludlow, Wilbraham and Hampden.

MMWEC, a non-profit, public corporation and political subdivision of the Commonwealth, is the joint action agency for public power in Massachusetts, providing a variety of power supply, financial, risk management and other services to the state's consumer-owned, municipal utilities. MMWEC was created in 1969 and became a non-profit, public corporation and political subdivision of the Commonwealth in 1976, empowered to issue tax-exempt bonds to finance energy facilities for the benefit of municipal utilities and their customers.