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Press Release

City manager named president of Kansas professional group

Hernandez new president of Kan. Association of City-County Management

ARKANSAS CITY, Kan. (December 14, 2015) — City Manager Nick Hernandez is the newest president of the Kansas Association of City-County Management (KACM).

Hernandez, who had been serving as vice president, was inducted as KACM's new president during its fall conference Dec. 4 in McPherson. He will serve a term of one year, through January 2017.

"I appreciate the trust my professional colleagues have shown in me with this appointment," he said.

"I look forward to continuing the good work that KACM does, and growing as both a leader and a peer of other administrators who face the same challenges I do each day."

The KACM president is elected by the organization's board of directors, and is responsible for administering meetings of the board and of the entire KACM membership.

The position also is responsible for appointing members to standing committees and selecting three members of the board of directors to serve as a nominating committee for a full slate for that board.

Other 2016 executive committee officers elected Dec. 4 were:

- Doug Bach, Wyandotte County administrator, as vice president;
- Rebecca Anderson, Atchison finance director and assistant city manager, as secretary;
- Donald Cawby, Osawatomie city manager, as treasurer.

Diane Stoddard, Lawrence assistant city manager, will serve as past president. There are nine other city managers and administrators who serve on the KACM board of directors.

Hernandez also is a member of the International City-County Management Association (ICMA). He received ICMA's Credentialed Manager designation earlier this year.

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He is one of more than 1,300 local government management professionals currently credentialed through the ICMA Voluntary Credentialing Program, and one of just 28 currently serving in Kansas.

Hernandez has more than eight years of professional local government executive experience.

Prior to his appointment in 2011 as city manager of Arkansas City, he served as city manager of Osage City from 2008 to 2011. Before that, he was a management intern and management assistant from 2007 to 2008 with the City of Salina.

Hernandez received his bachelor of science degree in justice studies, with a minor in political science, from Fort Hays State University in 2005. He later earned a master of public administration degree from Wichita State University in 2007, with certificates in public finance and city management.

About the Kansas Association of City-County Management

The Kansas Association of City-County Management is an organization of local government management officials working together since 1951 to support and promote professional management and high ethical standards for effective democracy in local city and county governments in Kansas.

KACM seeks to support member managers, administrators, and assistants through the interchange of ideas and information for professional development, and through support of the individual.

The purpose of KACM is to enhance the quality of local government, and to support and assist local government professionals in Kansas. To further its mission, KACM:

- Supports and actively promotes council-manager government and professional management in all forms of local government.
- Provides training programs and publications for local government professionals that improve their skills, increase their knowledge of local government, and strengthen their commitment to the ethics, values and ideals of the profession.
- Supports members in their efforts to meet professional, partnership and personal needs.

The organization sponsors several awards, such as the Virgil Basgall Scholarship and the Buford Watson Jr. Award for Excellence in Management.

KACM comprises various committees that oversee awards, conference planning, ethics, the “Life, Well Run” campaign, membership, mentoring and planning the organization’s 100th anniversary in 2017.

For more information about KACM, visit <http://www.kacm.us>.