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Meridian Leaders Attend Mississippi Municipal League Conference

Elected officials of Meridian recently attended three days of training and leadership development presented at the Mississippi Municipal League’s 86th Annual Conference at the Mississippi Coast Coliseum & Convention Center.

This year, the League celebrated 86 years of service to Mississippi’s cities and towns and welcomed many newly elected officials attending the conference for the first time. “The MML Annual Conference allows municipal elected officials from across the state to participate in education sessions taught by subject matter experts on topics critical to the operation of municipal government. We also have the opportunity to network and share ideas with each other, “said Magee Mayor Jimmy Clyde, 2016-2017 MML President.

An estimated 3,000 municipal elected officials, municipal employees, state agency representatives, legislators, exhibitors and others attended this annual event. Many state and federal agencies provided speakers for the educational sessions. They included the Attorney General’s office, State Auditor’s office, Mississippi Development Authority, Mississippi Planning and Development Districts and MDEQ, among others. Topics included state law updates, grant writing, community health initiatives, municipal liability issues, community and economic development, retail development, disaster recovery, and water and sewer issues.

Other conference highlights included the presentation of the 2017 Municipal Excellence Awards, an induction ceremony for the 2017 Municipal Hall of Fame and an expo show, showcasing over 200 businesses, state
agencies and other organizations. Also at the conference, the Certified Municipal Official graduation took place, recognizing over 200 municipal officials for their achievement in the program.

Established in 1931, MML represents 295 city, town and village governments in Mississippi. The mission of the MML is helping cities and towns excel through training, lobbying at the state and federal level and providing resources and networking opportunities with state, federal and private entities.

For more information about the Mississippi Municipal League, visit www.mmlonline.com.