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League of Wisconsin Municipalities Welcomes President Berge

The League of Wisconsin Municipalities welcomes Emily Berge as the newest president of the League Board.

Berge is the current City Council President of Eau Claire. She was elected to the City Council in 2018 and re-elected in 2021. She was then elected as the City Council President in 2023 for a three-year term.

Berge earned her undergraduate degree from UW-Stout and went on to receive her master's degree in mental health counseling. She currently works as a Licensed Professional Counselor in Eau Claire.

As an active member with the League for many years, Berge was appointed to the League Board in 2020 and elected as the 2nd Vice President the next year in 2021.

Berge was appointed the League's 102nd President at the 125th annual conference in Green Bay this past October. She formally took on her role as the League's 10th female president from her predecessor, Maureen Murphy. This is the second time in League history to have back-to-back female presidents.

"Council President Berge is one of the best 'listeners' I have ever met. She has a unique capacity for taking in the ideas and inputs from the people around her and helping shape those inputs into real progress," said League Executive Director, Jerry Deschane. "The League will make significant forward progress under her leadership."

After many years on the board, Berge is looking forward to her new role.

"As League President, I will be working with League staff and the board to implement a structure of regional meetings as part of the League's strategic plan," stated Berge. "As a mental health counselor and Council President, I know how important relationships are. In my role as League President, I will do what I can to strengthen relationships between municipalities as well as connections with our partners."

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