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Jorissen to serve as secretary of Michigan Townships Association

Delta Charter Township (MI)—Eugene “Gene” Jorissen, supervisor of Pere Marquette Charter Township (Mason Co.), was elected secretary of the Michigan Townships Association (MTA) at the annual business meeting, which was conducted during the 57th Annual MTA Educational Conference & Expo, Jan. 29, at DeVos Place in Grand Rapids.

“I’m honored to serve on the MTA Board, and appreciate the confidence expressed by the Board in making me its secretary this year,” said Jorissen. “MTA is such a valuable asset to local government, with its programs and support network to answer questions and ensure the success of our local township boards.”

Following 30 years as a history/social studies teacher at Ludington Area Public Schools and as co-owner and manager of the Bushel Basket Farm Market (now Orchard Market) from 1985 to 1995, Jorissen was appointed to fill an unexpired term as supervisor of Pere Marquette Charter Township in 1995. He has been elected for successive terms ever since. Previously, he served on the Mason County Board of Commissioners, where he held the position of chairman, vice chairman and finance chair at various points throughout his 10 years of service.

In 2005, Jorissen was elected regional director by area township officials to represent Mason, Lake, and Oceana Counties on the MTA Board of Directors. Last year, he served as member-at-large on the MTA Executive Committee of the MTA Board.

Jorissen is a member the Ludington Optimist Club, the Michigan Association of Township Supervisors, County Political Party (executive board member and past chair), and Michigan Association of Retired School Personnel. Active in his church, Jorissen also volunteers at community charitable events. He and his wife, Carolyn, have two children and five grandchildren.

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The Michigan Townships Association promotes the interests of Michigan townships by fostering strong, vibrant communities; advocating legislation to meet 21st century challenges; developing knowledgeable, township officials and enthusiastic supporters of township government; and encouraging ethical practices of elected officials who uphold the traditions and unique characteristics of township government and the values of the people of Michigan.