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Coral Gables Mayor Leads Prestigious Mayors Association

Mayor Donald Slesnick ascends to presidency of the Florida League of Mayors

Tallahassee—Mayor **Donald Slesnick** was sworn in Friday for his one-year term as president of the Florida League of Mayors (FLM) during the Florida League of Cities (FLC) 83rd Annual Business Meeting and Educational Conference in Orlando.

“I am honored to have been selected by my fellow mayors to lead the League during this coming year. All cities in Florida face a challenging time of declining revenues, public resistance to taxation, a private sector economic recession and legislative attacks on the constitutional concept of Home Rule,” said Donald Slesnick, mayor, City of Coral Gables and president, Florida League of Mayors. “League members are dedicated to continuing our cooperative efforts to craft solutions which will insure that constituents can always count on good local governance and outstanding municipal services.”

The FLM is the official non-partisan organization of mayors in the State of Florida. The FLM was created in 2005 to provide a platform of outreach for a powerful tier of established and emerging leaders and to be a voice for the citizens in their cities.

The FLM is governed by a 21-member Board of Directors. The Board serves a two-year term with elections held each August during the FLC annual conference.

Mayor Slesnick is serving his fourth term on the Coral Gables City Commission. Prior to being elected to office in 2001, he served 12 years on the Planning and Zoning Board and previously served on the City’s Emergency Management Board.

Mayor Slesnick is a Vietnam veteran and a former U. S. Army advisor to NATO forces in Germany. The Mayor has served on a number of government committees at the county level. He served as chairman of the Miami-Dade County Cultural Affairs Council. He served on the Miami-Dade Mayor’s Aviation Blue Ribbon Panel and received the Miami-Dade County 1998 Medal of Merit for Leadership for chairing the task force that helped attract the U. S. Southern Command to South Florida.

Mayor Slesnick is the managing partner for Slesnick & Casey, a law firm representing public sector employee organizations. He holds a B.A. from the University of Virginia, a J.D. from the University of Florida and a M.P.A. from Florida International University.

“The League continues to grow its influence and impact, and I look forward to a productive year of moving our agenda forward on behalf of the people of Florida,” Slesnick said.

The FLM works closely with the Florida League of Cities, Inc., the association of Florida’s cities that advocates municipal issues before the state Legislature and Congress.

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