



**G. Lawrence "Larry" Merrill, CAE**  
*Executive Director*  
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Larry Merrill, CAE, was appointed by the Michigan Townships Association (MTA) Board of Directors to the chief executive officer position in 2000 after having been on the MTA staff since 1980. He is responsible for providing policy recommendations to the board and overseeing day-to-day administration. Merrill's areas of expertise include organization governance and administration, public finance, public safety services and land use regulations.

Merrill coordinated the development and adoption of the Grand Ledge Public Schools Policy Governance process that remains in effect today; coordinated the development and adoption of MTA strategic governance plan, operational policies and procedures; and has developed an education assessment survey for MSAE in 2007 to collect data on association executive education preferences, to guide MSAE education opportunities.

Merrill has a Bachelors Degree with Honors from Michigan State University in Multi-Disciplinary Social Science with study areas of political science and economics and Masters Degree in Public Administration from Michigan State University with a study area of public policy analysis and program evaluation.