

MICHIGAN ASSOCIATION OF MUNICIPAL CLERKS  
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING  
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2005  
LANSING CENTER  
LANSING, MICHIGAN

Present: Terri Kowal, President  
Janet Santos, 2nd Vice-President  
Betty Kennedy, Treasurer  
Marge Rama, Secretary  
Ann Ulrich, Director  
Evan Hope, Director  
Terry Bennett, Director  
Todd Blake, Director  
Linda Shannon, Director

Absent: Gail Kunding, 1st Vice-President  
Kathy Dornan, 3rd Vice President  
Tonni Bartholomew, Past President  
Dana Muscott, Director

CALL TO ORDER:

President Kowal called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. at the Lansing Center in Lansing, Michigan. She asked for a moment of silence for one of our members, Rae Oldaugh, whose son was killed in Iraq.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion by Mary Ann Cornelius, seconded by Mary Kotowski, to approve the minutes of the June 23, 2004 General Membership Meeting, as presented. Motion carried.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

- President's Report - President Kowal reported that this year's summer conference will be in Frankenmuth. There was discussion at the MTA meeting in Detroit, about continuing to have a membership meeting in conjunction with the MTA and MML. The costs are very high to have a luncheon/meeting in conjunction with those conferences due to the rental of the rooms. A show of hands seem to favor having a mid-winter education workshop, with lunch on your own, at no charge to the members instead of having a meeting with the MTA and MML.

- CEO Report - Due to the absence of Gail Kundinger 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, Janet Santos reported on both CEO and Legislation. She highlighted several items that the committees have been working both with legislation and with the Secretary of State. Next CEO/Legislative meeting is February 16 at Delta Township. Members are invited to attend and to advise members of these committees of any issues they may have concerning legislation.
- Technology/SOS Liaison - Due to the absence of Kathy Dornan, 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President, President Kowal reported that the website is up and we still have a lot of work to do on it. Putting e-mail back up so that you can e-mail to the entire membership is still a priority. You can also opt of e-mail if you so desire. 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President Santos reported that the address is still [www.michiganclerks.org](http://www.michiganclerks.org). A new design is still being worked on. She added that she is working with SAMSA on a bulletin board for announcements, a calendar for upcoming events, workshops and educational sessions. Picture will be added, so don't hide from the camera at the Summer Conference. She also stated that they will be redesigning the membership directory to search by name, city, and township, county.

#### REPORT OF THE TREASURER:

Treasurer Kennedy presented a trial balance to the membership indicating a balance of \$85,501.75. She added that additional expenses this year will be a Legislative Get Together with the county clerks and our membership. There also will some costs incurred with updating the website.

Motion by Janet Santos, seconded by Ann Ulrich, to receive and file the Treasurer's report. Motion carried.

#### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEES:

Conference Committee - The 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference (KLERKFEST) will be held June 21 thru 24<sup>th</sup> at the Bavarian Inn, Frankenmuth, Michigan. To honor last year's request, classes will be longer. Clerking 101 and the Master Class will be on Tuesday. The registration fee is the same \$200.00 and the rooms are \$99.00 per night. If you would like to help on the Conference Committee, contact Evan Hope or Todd Blake or go to the web site.

Education Committee - Terry Bennett reported that the State will be conducting a session on March 3, 2005 here at the Lansing Center dealing with election consolidation and other issues. The MML Conference will be on March 23, 2005, also here at the Lansing Center and there will be a Clerk's Roundtable Discussion for Clerk's attending the conference at 1:00 p.m. We hope to have a new person in place soon for the April and December Institute at MSU. She added that there are scholarships available for both the Institute and the Summer Conference. Applications are on the website.

Membership Committee - It was noted that unfortunately, the membership renewals went out with the wrong dollar amount. If you already paid your membership, there is an additional \$10.00 due. The Board apologizes for this, and hopes that those members who responded quickly to the notice, will forward an additional \$10.00 to the Treasurer.

Newsletter - Linda Shannon brought extra copies of the latest Newsletter for those new clerks who might not have received one, due to updating the membership info on the website. She would appreciate any address change you might have, as well as suggestions or comments about the Newsletter.

Ways & Means - Ann Ulrich commented that she will be working on keeping the Standing Rules and the Rules & Regulations current on the website. You can contact her for a hard copy of those items if you do not have access to the internet.

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A member commented that he noticed that approximately \$2600.00 was budgeted for the last newsletter. He suggested sending the newsletter electronically, to help keep costs down. Since there are a lot of part-time clerks, the Board would look at the issue of supplying both electronic copies and hard copies of the newsletter to those members whose needs are different. The suggestion was welcomed and would be pursued by the Board.

Another suggestion was for Election Inspectors to be treated similar to someone on Jury Duty by their employers.

It was also suggested that past recipients of the Clerk of the Year Award be posted on the website.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

Linda Shannon urged the Legislative Committee to pursue the matter of school elections and election consolidation in order to get that legislation amended and take it back to the pre-watered down version. The object of election consolidation was to reduce the costs of elections; however, since most of the school districts chose May over November, there is in fact no cost savings at all. She further commented that by electing one or two trustees every year is costing the school districts more money.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Ann Ulrich, seconded by Evan Hope, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned. Time: 2:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marge M. Rama, Secretary  
Michigan Association of Municipal Clerks