

**MICHIGAN ASSOCIATION OF MUNICIPAL CLERKS
ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 22, 2005
BAVARIAN LODGE
FRANKENMUTH, MICHIGAN**

CALL TO ORDER: President Kowal called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

HONOR GUARD PRESENTATION: The American Legion Post 150 from Frankenmuth, Michigan presented the colors and led the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance.

INVOCATION: The invocation was lead by Margaret Goodmonson from Ashland Township.

WELCOME: President Kowal welcomed the membership to the beautiful city of Frankenmuth. She introduced Phil Kerns, Clerk of Frankenmuth who in turn introduced the Saginaw County Clerks. Wallace Bronner, originator of Bronners Christmas Wonderland greeted the clerks with his humor and wit.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER:

President Kowal introduced the keynote speaker, David Lallier, whose topic is The “Don’t Forget” Memory Workshop.

ROLL CALL: Motion by Mary Kotowski, seconded by Ann Ulrich, to waive the roll call. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion by Tonni Bartholomew, seconded by Ellen Marshall, to waive the reading of the minutes. Motion carried.

Motion by Todd Blake, seconded by Sue Hillebrand, to approve the minutes of the February 11, 2005 meeting, as presented. Motion carried.

REPORTS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

- President Kowal reported on a year of “whatever could go wrong did”. She thanked the membership for the opportunity to meet a lot of nice people. She advised the membership of the new electronic newsletter, in an effort to save the association money since the newsletter is a big expense. The newsletter will continue to be in printed format for those clerks who do not have access to the internet. No one will be left out. She commented that election consolidation went through last and the legislature is working on clean up legislation right now. She was putting together a committee of the past five (5) presidents to look over

the rules and regulations of the organization and to make sure that this association was working toward the goals that were set up five years when this organization was first formed. The Past President's committee will be an advisory committee only and will bring their thoughts/recommendations back to the MAMC Board.

She expressed a deep gratitude to outgoing Board members Tonni Bartholomew and Kathy Dornan, who bring over ten years of experience to this Board. Kathy stepped in the middle of the year, when the 3rd Vice-President had to leave due to a career change. Tonni leaves as Immediate Past President and has been on this Board since 2000.

- **CEO Report** - 1st Vice-President Gail Kunding advised that the CEO has met all year long working on legislation regarding election consolidation. In everyone conference packet there are a list of bills for your information. The CEO's main goals are: no reason AV, early voting, notarization on Federal Post Cards, voter registration at any clerk's office, working with the State Elections Division to improve communication not only to the public, but also to the clerk's office in a timely fashion, QVF concerns and digitized signatures.
- **Legislative Committee** - 2nd Vice-President Janet Santos discussed HB 513, introduced by Senator Hammerstrom, which is part of the consolidation clean up bill. The language in the bill includes digitized signatures once in place by the Secretary of State's office and also having to have notices of elections published only one (1) time in the newspapers, which is a cost saving for the clerks; and also, community proposals on the ballot could be summarized in publication in the newspaper and do not have to include the entire language. Senate Bill 4801 deals with recount fees being increased to \$50.00 per precinct. Other proposals include changing the May school election to either Aug/Nov of even numbered years and to delete the need for a marking device for absentee ballots. She advised that these bills can be accessed on www.michiganlegislature.com.
- **Technology/SOS Liaison** - 3rd Vice-President Kathy Dornan reported that the website is "still a work in progress". Software has been purchased to allow the Board to update the site on a regular basis. The list serve is up and running and soon a calendar will be available to keep the membership informed of upcoming events.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER - Treasurer Betty Kennedy presented proposed budget. Motion by Janet Santos, seconded by Ellen Marshall, to adopt the 01/01/05 – 12/31/05 Budget, as presented. Motion carried.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEES:

- Conference Committee - Director Hope noted that we are keeping with Bavarian theme, except for Thursday night, when we switch to a Jimmy Buffet theme. Evaluation forms for the conference are in your notebook. The Conference Committee relies heavily on those evaluations to help us organize next year's conference. Please turn them in. He also noted that we have a record number of attendees this year and expressed his thanks to his Co-Chair, Todd Blake and to the Conference Committee for their hard work in planning this conference.
- Education Committee - Director Bennett commented that the February general meeting and education day will be held in Lansing. The institutes will be held in April and December at Michigan State University. She noted great success with the education at this conference adding that the Clerking 101 class has 80 attendees and the Master Class had 76.
- Membership Committee - Director Muscott reported that we have 933 paid members at this time and we are up from last year and memberships are still coming in. The list serve on the website is up and running and you will only be included in that if you furnished an e-mail address with your membership application. If you change your e-mail address, you must notify the membership chair so we can keep you current on the list serve.
- Newsletter - Director Shannon reported that the next newsletter will be in electronic format in order to save this association some money in printing, mailing and postage costs. Those who do not have access to the internet, please advise Linda Shannon and we will make sure that you get a hard copy of the newsletter.
- Ways & Means - Director Ulrich reported that she has been working on the Rules of Order and By-Laws of the organization in order to make sure that they are all current and correct. They will soon be available on the website.
- Site Selection Committee - Immediate Past-President Tonni Bartholomew reported the following upcoming conference sites:

2006 – Grand Lodge, Boyne Mountain, Boyce City, MI
2007 - Troy Marriott, Troy, Michigan
2008 - Crystal Mountain, Thompsonville, Michigan

She reported that the slate of officers for this upcoming year is as follows:

President	Gail Kundering
1st Vice-President	Janet Santos
2nd Vice-President	Dana Muscott

3rd Vice-President	Ann Ulrich
Director-Treasurer	Betty Kennedy
Director-Township	Evan Hope
Director-Township	Bob Schockman
Director-City	Debbie Miner

She inquired three (3) times if there were any nominations from the floor. There being none, a motion was made by Nancy Weiss, seconded by Ellen Marshall, to close the nominations and accept the slate of officers, as presented as the new officers for the 2005-06 year. Motion carried.

The meeting was recessed at 4:10 p.m. and will reconvene on Friday, June 24, 2005 at 8:30 a.m.

Motion by Gloria Maichele, seconded by Terry Bennett, to reconvene the General Membership meeting on Friday, June 24, 2005 at 8:30 a.m. Motion carried

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

The unopposed slate of officers was sworn in by IIMC President, Sue Morrow.

President Gail Kunding welcomed the membership and expressed her hopes for a great upcoming year

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS - None

CLOSING SPEAKER - Chuck Cote' - Expect the Best.

President Kunding thanked everyone for attending this year's conference and encouraged them to keep active in this organization. She looked forward to this year and asked the membership to give their ideas and suggestions for next year's conference.

ADJOURNMENT - Motion by Kathryn Decker, seconded by Jill Bastian, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 10:05 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marge M. Rama, Secretary

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