

MINUTES
Michigan Association of Municipal Clerks
Membership Meeting
June 17 and 19, 2009
Bavarian Inn, Frankenmuth

Call to Order:

President Ulrich called the meeting to order at 12:05 PM, June 17, 2009. There were approximately 200 members in attendance.

Color Guard:

American Legion Post 150

Pledge of Allegiance:

Ann Ulrich, CMC, MAMC President

Invocation:

Lori Vondette, Deputy Clerk, Saginaw Charter Township

Welcome:

Ann Ulrich, CMC MAMC President – Ann mentioned the benefits of attending conference and other MAMC educational opportunities such as networking, points toward certifications and hospitality.

Jeff Hawkins, CMC, MAMC Conference Chair – Jeff thanked all of the volunteers who helped plan the conference on all committees. He asked everyone to support the vendors because they are a big financial support to MAMC. The Golf outing was cancelled; however, the walk/run did happen. Next years conference is at the Soaring Eagle Resort in Mt. Pleasant.

Joel Hondorp, CMC, Education Chair – Joel requested that everyone fill out an evaluation of the classes offered. This helps to plan for future class offerings.

City of Frankenmuth Welcome – Jamie Furbush, President/CEO of the Frankenmuth Chamber of Commerce welcomed everyone to Frankenmuth and gave a brief history of the area.

Guest Speaker – Joyce Weiss “Take the Ride of Your Life”

Break 2:15 – 3:15 pm

Roll Call

Motion by Sue Hillebrand, support by Nancy Weiss to suspend the roll call. By voice vote the motion carried.

Approval of Minutes – Carolyn Boersma, Secretary

Motion by Jeff Hawkins, support by Chris Swope to approve the minutes of the January 27, 2009 General Membership meeting. By voice vote the motion carried.

Report of the Executive Committee

President’s Report – Ann talked about accomplished goals that the Board of Directors had achieved, two of which are significant. The first is the application and submission to the IRS to become a 501c3. This is a non-profit status that allows the MAMC to be tax exempt.

The second goal was a request from the Past Presidents Committee which is to tweak the City/Township rotation of our 2nd and 3rd vice president this year, which will allow a City Clerk, who is usually an appointed position to be the MAMC President, during the Presidential Election year, rather than a Township Clerk. Simply put, the second and third VP's would switch this year, which would allow Townships as President two years in a row and then the regular rotation would again be in place. This would allow a City or Village to be President during our nation's Presidential election year. Township Clerks are also running for re-election at that time.

CEO Report – Counsel of Election Officials – Todd Blake, 1st VP, mentioned that certain election Bills have passed the House, but the Senate election committee, which Senator McManus chairs will not even discuss the issues.

The Legislative Reception will be on September 16, at the Capitol Building. All members were encouraged to call their respective Legislators and let them know of individual attendance.

Legislative Report – Evan Hope, 2nd VP reiterated that all bills have passed the House but nothing will even go to committee in the Senate.

Two bills before the House now are: allowing voters to go to any local or County Clerk's office to fulfill the must vote in person law for first time voters who have registered online; and registering 16 year olds when they go to apply for their first license.

Post cards were placed in the welcome packets for the purpose of sending to each members respective Senator to encourage discussion on the election issues that is important to the MAMC.

Website/Newsletter – Nancy Weiss, 3rd VP encouraged the membership to send documents to be placed on the website so that everyone can benefit.

Treasurer's Report – Betty Kennedy, Treasurer A Copy of the Treasurer's report and the 2009/10 Budget was given to each member for review.

After a brief overview of the Treasurer's report it was motioned by Sharon Tischler, and supported by Jan Uglis to receive the report as submitted. By voice vote the motion carried.

Betty explained some changes to line items in the 2010 Annual Budget. It was suggested that previous year budget and actual apportionments would be helpful to have when considering the new budget. Betty commented that the software that the MAMC uses does not allow for that function. Copies of the previous fiscal year will be handed out and action on the budget will be taken on Friday when the General meeting reconvenes.

Conference Committee – Jeff Hawkins, Chair, Dan Kasunic, Co-Chair Dan stated that the 2010 Conference would be June 22 thru 25.

Education Committee – Joel Hondorp, Chair, Laura Caterina, Co-Chair Institute completed its third year at CMU with Lew and Mary Bender. They have agreed to another 3 year contract. The 3 day Masters Academy was very well received and will again be held the 2nd week of March in 2010. Education Day will be September 7 or 8 and will be a Masters level Class.

Membership – Chris Swope Currently the MAMC has 759 members. There are approximately 1500 Clerks and most have Deputy Clerks. Chris encouraged everyone to solicit neighboring Clerks who are not members and make them aware of the many benefits of membership.

Ways & Means/ Media – Sue Hillebrand – There are no By-Law changes proposed for this year. Clerk of The Year award ballots were sent to 534 Member Clerks

Site Selection – Dana Muscott, Immediate Past President –

The Past Presidents are looking at Great Wolf Lodge in Traverse City as a possibility to bring to the Board for approval.

Report of Nominating Committee – Dana Muscott, Immediate Past President

This years' slate of candidates for the Board of Directors is as follows:

3rd VP – Jeff Hawkins, Plainfield Charter Township
Township Director – Terry Bennett, Canton, Sue Hillebrand, Northville, Joel Hondorp, Byron
City/Village – Lisa Hathaway, Grosse Point Woods, Betty Kennedy, North Branch, Cherilynn Tallman,
Ferndale

There were 7 absent voter requests for the upcoming election of officers.

Motion by Ellen Marshall, support by Kathy Dornan to approve the slate of President, Todd Blake, 1st VP, Evan Hope, 2nd VP, Nancy Weiss for the 2010 year. By voice vote the motion carried.

Dana opened the floor for nominations for 3rd VP. Hearing none, Motion by Joel Hondorp, support by Sue Hillebrand to close the nominations and cast the ballot for Jeff Hawkins as 3rd VP. By voice vote the motion carried.

Dana opened the floor for nominations for Township Director. Hearing none, motion by Chris Swope, support by Sue Hillebrand to close the floor to nominations. By voice vote the motion carried. The slate stands as presented.

Dana opened the floor for nominations for City/Village Director. Hearing none, motion by Joel Hondorp, support by Chris Swope, to close the floor to nominations. By voice vote the motion carried. The slate stands as presented. Each Candidate spoke for 2 minutes.

Recess of Business – President Ulrich recessed the meeting at 4:00pm until Friday morning at 9:00am.

Reconvene Business Meeting – Friday, June 19, 2009

Guest Speaker – Chris Thomas

Chris acknowledged Ann and her service to the MAMC. He talked about the Steering Committee that was set up to look at Election Day issues, E-wizard, and various other topics of interest.

Budget Approval

On Wednesday Treasurer Betty Kennedy was asked for more information on the budget which was given to the members.

Motion by Chris Swope, support by Joel Hondorp to approve the budget for the 2010 Annual year. By voice vote the motion carried.

Installation of Officers

Dana Muscott gave the oath of office to the newly elected officers as well as the rest of the Board of Directors.

The new Directors are as follows: Township – Joel Hondorp and Sue Hillebrand, City/Village – Betty Kennedy and Cherilynn Tallman.

Old Business – None

New Business – None

Closing Speaker – Tom Deluca

Adjournment: Closing remarks by Todd Blake, President. The meeting adjourned at 11:15am.

Respectfully submitted,
H. Carolyn Boersma,
MAMC Director, Secretary