Present:  
County Clerks: Laurie Braid (Shiawasee), Mary Hollinrake (chair, Kent), Sue Kaltenbach (Saginaw), Larry Kestenbaum (Washtenaw), Tina Leary (Van Buren), Tim Snow (Kalamazoo); Local Clerks: Kathy Dornan (Farmington Hills), Chris Swope (Lansing), Sharon Tischler (Southfield Twshp), Janice Vedder (Delta).

Also Present: Connie Spak (Oakland), Chris Thomas (BOE), Bill Zaagman (GCSI)

1) Meeting called to order by Chair Hollinrake at 12:35 p.m.
   • Chair indicated that this year, it will be the obligation of any member who cannot attend to find an alternate.
   • To make CEO more effective, let’s list our priorities, work on those items we can come to consensus on and advocate with the SOS & legislature one united position.

2) Approval of Minutes from last meeting postponed until 2/20/08 meeting.

3) Reports
   A) Mary Hollinrake – Meeting with Sen. McManus, 1/30/08
      • Her report on her 2007 hearings around the state will be published on the web next week listing “findings.”
      • She does not call them “recommendations,” but will introduce a package of bills to support her “findings” pertaining to:
         i. initiative petitions
         ii. school election dates (she wants 1)
         iii. super precincts – pilot
         iv. term limits (relevant to CEO?)
         v. early voting – pilot
         vi. robo calls
         vii. constitutional cleanup (relevant to CEO?)
         viii. e-poll book
         ix. inactive voter file
      • In spring, she plans to hold hearings on campaign finance
      • CEO might want to see what on the McManus list syncs up with what Corriveau in the House wants.
      • Clerks will meet with McManus the morning of CEO each month at 8:30 in the Capitol. (We need 2 MAMC clerks to attend.)

   B) Chris Thomas (BOE)
      • Expect legislative gridlock again in 2008
• So, CEO should decide what is absolutely necessary for ’08 elections such as:
  i. Permanent AV lists
  ii. Allow 1st time voters to appear in front of any clerk in order to be allowed to vote absentee.
  iii. Move forward with Corriveau’s No Reason/Early Voting work group
  iv. Some sort of In-person AV so that those voting in the clerk’s office may put AV ballot through the tabulator.
  v. Monitor, have input on federal legislation
     o revised Holt bill is incentive based. It concerns paper audit trails & post-election hand counts.
     o Lofgren bill: have emergency paper ballot available in touch screen prcts.
     o If Dems win presidency, there will be more legislation in 2009

• *Indiana Voter ID Supreme Court Case* - from the oral argument, it appears as if the justices do not have a problem with requiring ID at the polls.

C) Bill Zaagman (GCSI)
• agrees with Chris that it may be slow going in the legislature this year. Anything we want for 2008, must be through the legislature by June.
• He surmises that they will wrap up the budget by early July, return in Sept, then break in Oct.
• He met with Rep. Corriveau who wants to move on a) early voting & b) the Melton bill (*4774*) allowing 1st time voters to appear in front of any clerk.
• MAMC school dates survey results:
  o First choice - Nov odd/Aug even,
  o Sec choice - Nov even

4) Miscellaneous
• School Election Days Ad Hoc Committee: Tim Snow will convene another meeting before the 2/20 CEO meeting.
• ES &S Ballots: Voters complained about the oval line on ballots being too fine. Can ES&S do anything about the thickness of the line?

Adjourned at 2:05 p.m. on motion of Larry Kestenbaum, seconded by Sharon.

**Next Meeting:** Noon, Wednesday
February 20, 2008
Delta Township Hall, Lansing, MI