Present:  
County Clerks: Mary Hollinrake (chair, Kent), Larry Kestenbaum (Washtenaw), Diane Zuker (Clinton), Joyce Watts (Allegan), Karen Buie (Muskegon)  
Local Clerks: Todd Blake (Fremont), Sharon Tischler (Southfield Twp), Janice Vedder (Delta Twp), Tonni Bartholomew (Troy), Heidi Isakson (Wyoming), AnnMarie Becker (Muskegon)  
Also Present: Kathy Dornan (Farmington Hills), Terri Kowal (Shelby Twp), Betty Morlock (Lowell), Joan Raap (Egelston Twp), Evan Hope (Delhi Twp), Connie Spahe (Oakland Co), Chris Thomas (Bureau of Elections) and Bill Zaagman (GCSI)  

1) Meeting called to order by Chair Hollinrake at 11:10 p.m.  

2) Minutes from 2/20/08 meeting were approved with minor changes, from motion by Tonni, seconded by Janice.  

3&4) Legislation Review: Chris Thomas & Bill Zaagman  
Bill noted Senator McManus (Chair of Campaign & Elections Oversight Committee) is pushing hard to get the following two bills passed and has scheduled a hearing this day to consider:  
S1086 - petition signatures (MCL 168.471&2a) are good for 210 days versus the current 160, giving more realistic time to verify signatures and address challenges.  
S1087 – petition circulators (MCL 168.480 & .544c) requiring petition circulators to be qualified electors. This will eliminate roaming ‘bounty hunters’ from being contracted to circulate petitions for recalls on Michigan legislators and elected officials.  
Bill also noted HB 4774 & 5739 are still in Senate Committee awaiting Senator McManus’ consideration and that he will contact her office to express our concerns for the tie-barred bills approval.  
Chris Thomas noted McManus’ joint resolution will require a 2/3rd vote of approval from both legislative houses.  
Chris also reported there may be five ballot questions on the November General Election.  

5) Kathy Dornan reported testifying against Representative Vagnozzi’s most recent version of his bill to allow for early voting. House Ethics & Election Committee Chair Corriveau was not pleased with the lack of coordination with local clerks as had been agreed on by
Rep. Vagnozzi’s office and sent the bill back to sub-committee with stipulations that local clerks must be involved in the revised legislation.

Kathy noted that since the hearing, several clerks and she coordinated the drafting of proposed legislation to change various sections of election law to allow “Early In-Person Voting.” She also noted “No Reason AV’s” would not be a part of the new bill, as to not bring too much opposition to this important issue.

6) New Business.

7) Miscellaneous.

8) **Next Meeting**: 11:00 am, Wednesday, 5/21/08 @ the Delta Township Hall, Lansing, MI

9) Adjourned at 11:54 p.m. on motion of Janice, seconded by Sharon.

Respectfully submitted,

Todd Blake
MAMC Legislative Chair