

MINUTES
Michigan Association of Municipal Clerks
General Membership Meeting
June 20 and June 22, 2012
Great Wolf Lodge, Traverse City, Michigan

Call to Order:

Joel Hondorp CMC, MAMC President, called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM, June 20, 2012. Approximately 170 members were in attendance.

Presentation of Flags: Traverse City Police Department

Pledge of Allegiance: was recited by those in attendance

Invocation: Larry Inman, Grand Traverse County Board of Commissioners

Welcome:

J. Hondorp, CMC, MAMC President – welcomed all attendees to the Conference.

Hondorp introduced Benjamin Marentette CMC, City Clerk, Traverse City.

Marentette introduced the Mayor of Traverse City, Michael Estes. Mayor Estes gave a warm welcome to all and thanked Marentette for his role as City Clerk. Estes also offered a sail on Grand Traverse Bay aboard his sailboat to anyone that was interested.

Lisa Hathaway MMC, MAMC Conference Director- Hathaway addressed the membership and welcomed Sheila Taormina keynote speaker to the podium.

Keynote Speaker:

Sheila Taormina, 1996 Olympic Gold Medalist-Woman's 4 x 200 Meter Freestyle Relay event. Topic: Productivity and Performance.

Taormina gave an inspiring message of perseverance. Taormina passed her Gold Medal around the room for all to hold and shared her message beyond the Olympic competition.

A break was called at 2:13 P.M. and reconvened at 2:27P.M.

Roll Call:

Motion by: Sue Hillebrand, second by: Terry Bennett, to dispense of the roll call. By voice vote the motion carried.

Report of the Secretary: Secretary Director Sue Courtade CMC.

S. Courtade asked if there were any changes to the minutes from the Board or Members in attendance- Hearing none, Hondorp requested a motion to approve the June 22, 2011 General Membership Minutes. Motion by: T. Bennett second by: S. Hillebrand to approve the minutes of the June 22 and June 24, 2011 General Membership meeting. By voice vote the motion carried.

Report of the Executive Committee:

President's Report: President Joel Hondorp CMC-Hondorp reflected on his year as President of the MAMC and gave thanks to the Board for all of their support. Hondorp recognized Past President Evan Hope CMC, for all that he has done while on the Board and looks forward to working on the Past Presidents committee with him and the other Past Presidents as they determine the future conference sites for 2015 and 2016. Hondorp also recognized Terry Bennett MMC, Membership Director for all the

dedication she has shown throughout her time on the MAMC Board. Bennett has chosen to step down from the board directing her efforts toward other worthy causes. Hondorp introduced GCSI- our Administrative Assistant; Tara Paksi, and Lobbyist Staff that we share costs with the County Clerks Association. Hondorp discussed reaching out to Regional Clerk Associations visiting a number of Clerk Association meetings. Hondorp introduced IIMC President Brenda Cirtin and Region V Director Terri Kowal. Each woman took a moment to recognize the association and the board.

CEO Report: 1st Vice President, Dan Kasunic CMC /**Legislative Committee:** 2nd Vice President, Carolyn Boersma CMC- gave a summary of the Legislative meetings this year. They turned the mike over to Bill Zaagman, lobbyist with CGSI for a report of the 179 Election related bills that have come before the House, Senate, and where they are at in respects of passage and in effect dates. (This report will be posted on the MAMC website for viewing. In closing, Zaagman gave out his contact information zaagman.w@cgsionline.com 517-484-6216 and recommended any questions for Chris Thomas, speaking Friday morning be written down and presented to Dan Kasunic who will submit them to Thomas.

Technology/Website: 3rd Vice President, Chris Swope, CMC- Swope reported that the newsletters are posted electronically on the website with a mail chimp process to notify membership that they are available. Swope and Hondorp briefed the organization of the PAC efforts.

Report of the Treasurer: Treasurer Director Betty Kennedy, MMC-

- Financial Reports- B. Kennedy provided the Trial Balance Report. Motion by C. Swope second by Sarah Bydalek file as presented. Motion carries by voice vote.

B. Kennedy took a moment to announce the 5K Walk/Run results. The top runners/walkers were each presented with medals.

Report of Committees

Conference Committee-Director Lisa Hathaway MMC, Co-Director Sarah Bydalek CMC- Thanks to both the Conference Committee, and the Education Committee, for all the work to provide the Conference/Education opportunities. A review of the week's activities and events were presented.

Education Committee- Director Cherilynn Tallman, CMC/Co-Director Joe Bridgman MMC- Tallman and Bridgman gave thanks to the Education Committee for putting together the strong selection schedule of classes presented this week. Tallman also took a moment to recognize Sherri Kesterke who was selected and the 2012 Notary of the Year by the National Notary Association.

Membership-Director Terry Bennett, MMC- Current membership count so far in 2012 is at 823. This number is down slightly from 2011.

Ways & Means-Director Sue Hillebrand, MMC- Hillebrand went over the Clerk of the Year "COTY" program and process for selection. Selection was voted on by secret ballot and will be announced at the Dinner this evening. All those nominated were congratulated. Resolutions for Retiring Clerk/Deputy Clerk can be found on the website.

Site Selection Committee-Past President, Dana Muscott-this committee made up of the Past Presidents of the MAMC. They have chosen Frankenmuth as the 2013 location and Downtown Grand Rapids, Amway Plaza for the 2014 Annual MAMC Conference. Terri Kowal, and Janet Santos members of the Past Presidents were in attendance.

Report of Nominating Committee – D. Muscott presented the slate of candidates for the Board of Directors as follows and asked for any nominations from the floor:

1 year Term each:

President-Dan Kasunic CMC, City of Kentwood

1st VP- Carolyn Boersma CMC, Spring Lake Township

2nd VP – Chris Swope CMC, City of Lansing

Seeing none, Muscott asked for a motion to approve.

Motion by B. Kennedy, second by S. Courtade to approve the Election of the Officers for 2012-13 as presented carries by voice vote.

Candidates for Directors presented:

1 year term 2013 3rd VP-Joe Bridgman MMC, Township of Plymouth

2 year term 2014 City Director- Lisa Hathaway MMC, City of Grosse Pointe Woods

Sarah Bydalek CMC, City of Walker

2 year term 2014 Township Director – Jennifer Christian, Caledonia Township

Judy Bigney, Algoma Township

Muscott opened the floor for nominations from the floor. Hearing none, motion by Kasunic, support by T. Kowal to approve Bridgman as 3rd VP for one year. Motion carried by voice vote; motion by Kasunic second by Bridgman to approve Hathaway and Bydalek as City Directors for a 2 year term, motion carries by voice vote. Motion by Kasunic second by Hathaway to approve Bigney and Christian as Township Directors for a 2 year term, motion carries by voice vote. Congratulations to all.

Recess of Business – President Hondorp recessed the meeting at 4:00 P.M.

Reconvene Business Meeting – Friday, June 22, 2012

Hondorp called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. It was announced that the Silent Auction raised \$2,025.00 the live auction painting raised \$280.00 and the various MAMC items raised \$496.00. All of these funds will be put towards future PAC efforts.

Guest Speaker: Chris Thomas- Director-Bureau of Elections Michigan Secretary of State- gave his sincere appreciation to J. Hondorp and to our new President Dan Kasunic for all that they do. Thomas gave updates to various Election issues such as removing instructions from Ballots and the provision allowing the instructions to be placed on the secrecy sleeves; increasing the minimum requirement of one voter booth per 300 registered voters in the precincts. E poll book roll outs and the MOVE Ballot requirements.

The Clerk of the year winners were awarded a plaque from the Secretary of State office by Barb VanderVeen the SOS West Michigan Liaison.

Brenda Cirtin IIMC President awarded J. Hondorp and D. Kasunic with an IIMC token of appreciation.

Installation of Officers: J. Hondorp received the Election Results of MAMC Candidates Elected. Terri Kowal gave the oath of office to the newly elected officers as well as the Board of Directors.

Unfinished Business – None

New Business – None

Closing Speaker – Sarah Bydalek gave a warm welcome to our guest speaker Judith Brown Clarke, PhD in Public Policy and Administration and five-time USA National Champion and silver medalist in the 1984 Olympic Games in the 400-Meter Hurdles event.

Topic: Leadership and dealing with difficult times in this economy. Brown Clarke spoke to the group about her experience and relating what athletes do to prepare to what we as clerks do in our professions.

Adjournment: Closing remarks by Dan Kasunic CMC, President. The meeting adjourned at 11:01am.

Respectfully submitted,

Susanne Courtade, CMC MAMC Director, Secretary