

MINUTES
Michigan Association of Municipal Clerks
General Membership Meeting
June 19 and June 21, 2013
Bavarian Inn, Frankenmuth, Michigan

Call to Order:

Dan Kasunic CMC, MAMC President, called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM, June 19, 2013. Approximately 180 members were in attendance.

Pledge of Allegiance: was recited by those in attendance

Roll call: Motion by Judy Bigney and second by Penny Schultz to dispense of roll call. Motion carries by voice vote.

Welcome:

D. Kasunic, CMC, MAMC President – welcomed all attendees to the Conference. Sarah Bydalek, MAMC Conference Director, Judy Bigney, MAMC Conference Co-Chair welcomed everyone to the 2013 conference, The Clerk is Right. Phil Kerns, Frankenmuth City Clerk along with Sheila Stamiris, the DDA Executive Director welcomed everyone to their community.

Keynote Speaker:

Tim Cusack was introduced and entertained the crowd with humor, positive perspectives and audience participation.

A break for lunch was called at 11:54 A.M. and reconvened at approximately 1:00 P.M.

Guest Speakers

Ruth Johnson, Secretary of State provided an update of services in her office. Also, noted that Chris Thomas has been appointed to the Presidential Election Commission.

Chris Thomas, Director of Bureau of Elections (BOE Update) discussed various election updates and changes to QVF made possible by grant funding.

Bill Zaagman, GCSI Lobbyist (Legislative Update) over 1100 new bills were introduced this past year with 52 affecting Elections. Zaagman provided a highlighted review.

New Business: Bylaw Amendments

Article IV, Section 4, to eliminate Board of Directors term limits.

Motion by: Chris Swope, second by: Sarah Bydalek to approve bylaw change to Article IV Section 4. Motion carries by voice vote of the attending membership.

Article IV, Section 6, to allow the President more flexibility in role assignments

A brief explanation was presented by S. Bydalek.

Motion by: Benjamin Marentette, second by: Sue Halberstat to approve amendment to Article IV, Section 6. By voice vote the motion fails.

Article V, Section 3, limit the number of conference calls of directors permitted for attendance at board meetings; therefore encouraging greater participation by board members in representing the membership.

After much discussion by those in attendance providing background to why this has been brought before the membership statements for and against the amendment were heard.

After two failed motions, a call to question was placed before the board. The Board will take this conversation under advisement and a recommendation to postpone was approved.

Clarification on who is eligible to vote-contradicting sections within the bylaws page 2 section 1 and, page 9 article 6 section 4 is needed and will be reviewed by the directors.
Motion to postpone the vote to allow board to review and bring back to the Membership in 2014 carries.

Board of Directors Nominations:

Introduction of Candidates: Past President, Terri Kowal presented the slate of candidates for the Board of Directors:

1 year term 2014 3rd VP- Sarah Bydalek CMC, City of Walker

Kowal asked for any nominations from the floor:

Motion by: D. Kasunic and second by: C. Swope to close nominations. Motion carries.

Candidates for Directors presented:

2 year term 2015 City/Village Director- Cherilynn Brown CMC, City of Ferndale

Kowal asked for any nominations from the floor:

Motion by: C. Swope second by: S. Hillebrand to close nominations. Motion carries.

2 year term 2015 Township Director – Susanne (Sue) Courtade CMC, East Bay Charter Township
Dawn Walker CMC, Lapeer Township
Lorna Wilson, Castleton Township

Kowal asked for any nominations from the floor:

Motion by: S. Hillebrand and second by: C. Boersma to close nominations. Motion carries.

Membership adjourned to the Vendor Showcase Showdown at 2:21 PM to reconvene Friday, June 21, 2013 at 9:00AM.

Business Meeting – Friday, June 21, 2013

D. Kasunic called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M.

C. Brown handed out vendor giveaway prizes.

Report of the Secretary: Secretary Director Sue Courtade CMC.

D. Kasunic asked if there were any changes to the minutes from the Board or Members in attendance- Hearing none, Kasunic requested a motion to approve the June 20 and 22, 2012 General Membership Minutes. Motion by: S. Hillebrand second by: T. Kowal to approve the minutes of the June 20 and June 22, 2012 General Membership meeting. By voice vote the motion carried.

Treasurer Report: Treasurer Director Betty Kennedy MMC, presented the Treasurers report to the membership. Kennedy also reported that the Audit is on the MAMC website. Motion by Mary Katowski and second by Janet Santos to accept the Treasurers Report as presented. Motion carries by voice vote.

Installation of Officers: J. Hondorp received the Election Results.

Candidates Elected: Sarah Bydalek, 3rd Vice President; Cherilynn Brown, Director City; Susanne Courtade, Director Township; Dawn Walker, Director Township.

Motion by J. Hondorp with a second by: T. Kowal to destroy the ballots carried by voice vote.

Hondorp gave the oath of office to the newly elected officers as well as the Board of Directors.

Education Committee- Director Cherilynn Brown, CMC/Co-Director Jennifer Christian- gave thanks to the Education Committee for putting together the strong selection schedule of classes presented this week.

Membership-Director Lisa Hathaway, MMC- Current membership count so far in 2013 is at 869 in comparison to 833 in 2012.

Ways & Means-Director Dawn Walker CMC-improving COTY communications with the membership for a larger voting response will be important moving forward.

Adjournment: Closing remarks by Carolyn Boersma CMC, President. The meeting adjourned at 9:21am.

Respectfully submitted,

Susanne Courtade, CMC MAMC Director, Secretary