They say all good things must come to an end, and as of this
June my turn on the MAMC board is over. Now, some of you
may be thinking, “FINALLY!”, and some of you may be think-
ing, “Boy, the time flew by”, but for me it will be a very bitter-
sweet time.

My first year on the board was in 2000, as a Director to re-
place a wonderful, enthusiastic man who had to resign due to
increased work commitments. (Don’t we Clerks know about
that, Curt Flowers?)

Since that time, our newly formed organization has grown
into a living, breathing association with Clerks from all sizes
and shapes of municipalities. We’ve taken baby steps and
huge leaps, all with one goal in mind – to make life better for
all Clerks.

It has been a great experience to serve on this Board for the
last 6 years. Many friends have been made, much knowledge
has been gained, and a whole range of emotions have been
shared (remember Consolidation, ADA, HAVA???).

Thank you, from the bottom of my heart, for giving me the
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The upcoming board will do a wonderful job, and there are
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and, so it is with your editor, too, as this is my final newsletter.

Serving on the Board is not something I had planned to do; it is just something I felt obli-
gated to do when I received a call asking me to serve the organization I had been a part of
for over 15 years. Ultimately, it is something I found very rewarding.

However, recent changes in office structure, responsibility and a number of new commit-
ments will not allow time or energy for dedicated service on the Board. And, I wouldn’t
hurt-change this Association by serving any other way.

I want to thank you for accepting and, ultimately, embracing the E-Letter concept. The
project began as an attempt to reduce printing costs by creating camera-ready publications.
This accomplishment saved the Association approximately $1,500 per publication. With that
availing, came the desire to eliminate the remaining costs of paper, postage and copying,
and, reasoning that it would be a short step from camera-ready to web-ready, the electronic
newsletter was conceived.

I have spoken with members who would still prefer to have a hard-copy newsletter in hand.
But, each has conceded that saving $10,000 a year makes it pretty easy to log on. Support
for and through this transition has been remarkable and is very much appreciated. Thanks
to all those who contributed and to those who generously shared kind words.

Linda Shannon
In-depth planning continues for the 2006 MAMC Annual Educational Conference scheduled for Tuesday, June 20th through Friday, June 23rd at Boyne Mountain Resort in Boyne Falls, Michigan. As is our goal every year, the Conference Committee hopes to provide a wide range of relevant educational opportunities in an environment that promotes socialization, networking and an enjoyable learning experience.

Pre-Conference offerings on Tuesday, June 20th include:

**Advance Classes** which qualify for Master Clerk Accreditation or **Clerking 101**, which provides an overview of the duties and responsibilities of municipal clerks. This class will provide the “basic clerking skills”, essential information for new clerks and a great refresher for experienced clerks.

Each of these additional **full-day sessions** is offered for only $70.00, which includes refreshment breaks and lunch!

As in the past, we will hear some great speakers like Secretary of State Terri Lynn Land, State Bureau of Elections Director Chris Thomas, IIMC President Sue Morrow (a Michigan clerk) and our very own MAMC President Gail Kundinger. We have scheduled the annual Clerk-of-the-Year Awards Dinner on Wednesday evening, followed by the President's Dinner, Thursday night. We have some exciting entertainment is planned, as well.

The Conference brochure has been mailed out to all Michigan clerks, members and nonmembers, detailing many educational classes and events that will be offered this year. If you haven’t received your brochure, please visit the MAMC website at michiganclerks.org and click on the Conferences section for printable forms and brochures.

If you have questions or concerns regarding the Conference, please do not hesitate to contact me at tblake@cityoffremont.net. We look forward to seeing you at Boyne Mountain, where you can expect an “Avalanche of Education!”
Fritz, Friends & Fun right here at Boyne Mountain Resort

**Fritz & Friends!**

SAY BRING THE WHOLE FAMILY

THEN . . . READY, SET, GET WET!
M A M C Legislative Committee
2006 Priority List

- No Reason AV
- Early Voting
- Remove requirement for Federal Post Card Applications
- Allow for voter registration at any clerk’s office
- Address required retention periods for election materials
- Standard/Uniform petitions. AV envelopes, print name line on AV applications
- Recall process
- Revise Absentee Ballot Application Form to use for all elections in a year
- Election Consolidation clean-up to include “split cost” language
- Election Consolidation – move to November or August even year

Please visit the MAMC website at www.michiganclerks.org to view the Secretary of State’s Election Reform List.

MAMC

Financial Report
March 2006

Betty L. Kennedy, CMC
Clerk, Village of North Branch
MAMC Treasurer

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Linda Shannon, CMC, Clerk
City of Auburn Hills
Publications Director

For many of us, everything to be moving faster since we entered the 21st Century. As you know, that goes for the roles and responsibilities of municipal clerks, as well. Election and voter registration procedures seem to be changing daily.

Providing relevant and accessible support, information and education is essential to our organization, but doing so in this fast-paced, ever-changing environment can be a challenge.

In all walks of life we have a tendency to do something simply because it’s what we’ve always done or to do it the way we’ve always done it.

You can help us greatly in this area. Please share your thoughts, suggestions, and, yes, even your complaints with us. We welcome your input and encourage you to participate in the “change” process.

Keep us current. Keep us relevant. Keep us on our toes!

Remember, we asked for it!
Motivated by a desire to promote the professional and personal growth of municipal clerks, the International Institute of Municipal Clerks (IIMC) provides a wide range of educational and professional development opportunities.

The Institute has supported local clerks since 1947. Furthering their involvement in 1969, IIMC designed and implemented the first Certified Municipal Clerk (CMC) Program, which recognizes municipal clerks who have met the Institute’s requirements and have achieved basic levels of professional competency.

Meeting these high standards and attaining this distinguished designation are:

- Susan K. Halberstadt, CMC  
  Deputy Clerk, City of Farmington
- Mary M.G. Helmbrecht, CMC  
  Clerk, Meridian Charter Twp.
- Jon Schneider, CMC  
  Clerk, City of Newaygo

Recognizing the need for continuing professional education, the IIMC established the Master Municipal Academy (MMCA) as a means of providing advanced training, monitoring professional participation and offering an even greater level of certification. Pursuing such, the following designations have been achieved:

CMCs accepted as members in the Master Municipal Clerk Academy Program:

- Donna L. Cronce, CMC  
  Clerk, City of Lapeer
- Sandra A. Wisniewski, CMC  
  Clerk, City of Walker

MMCA members achieving First Level Membership:

- Linda M. Kerr, CMC  
  Clerk, Texas Charter Twp.
- G. Machele Kukuk, CMC  
  Clerk, City of Clawson
- Cynthia A. Sink, CMC  
  Clerk, Marshall Township
- Kristin R. Vogel, CMC  
  Clerk, City of Springfield

MMCA members achieving Second Level Membership:

- Maryanne Cornelius, CMC  
  Clerk, City of Novi

Congratulations, one and all!

A New Face on the Board

The Board lost a director when Debbie Miner was unseated as Lansing City Clerk in a tough election last November. We will miss Deb and hope that pending employment opportunities will soon return her to our Association.

On the up side, we are very pleased to announce that Birmingham City Clerk, Nancy Weiss, has been appointed to fill this Board vacancy and will serve until expiration of the existing term in June, 2007.

Nancy has a degree in Public Administration and has achieved Level One MMC certification. She has been the City Clerk in Birmingham since 2001, having worked for the City for over 32 years. In addition to MAMC, where she had been serving on the Conference Committee and the CEO/Legislative Committee, Nancy is a member of the IIMC and the Oakland County Clerks Association.

Welcome aboard, Nancy!
As some of you may have heard, early this year Michigan State informed the MAMC that the University Department that has for years administered the Michigan Clerks’ Institute had recently changed direction. As redefined, the Department would focus on research and publication of works done by the University, and, in fact, staff had already been reassigned to meet the needs reflected above. Needless to say, this change directly and dramatically impacts the Institute.

Throughout the discussion period, MSU continually assured the Association that, under no circumstances, would the University abandon the Institute or leave us without options and/or resources. However, they also made it clear that they could not continue to administer the program without additional staff, the substantial cost of which would be borne by enrollees. Ultimately, Michigan State felt it would be in the best interest of all concerned for the MAMC to investigate alternative four-year universities and, upon finding an acceptable school, transfer the program to the new institution.

The Education Committee and the Board of the MAMC have chosen to move in that direction, transferring the educational program to Central Michigan University. Meeting the IIMC requirements, CMU has agreed to become the sponsoring four-year university. Under a recently drafted contract, Lew and Mary Bender, as contractors for the MAMC, will be responsible for the day-to-day administration of the program, and the MAMC, itself, will provide oversight and will be responsible for the program’s financial administration, as well as its successes and challenges.

Under the new program, the Michigan Clerks Institute will be held one time per year. It will be held in Mount Pleasant, Michigan at the Comfort Inn. As we are still working out scheduling details with the Comfort Inn, a definitive date for the annual Institute has not yet been confirmed. We are relatively certain, however, that the program will be held in either late March or early April.

Many of you already know Lew and Mary Bender and know that their credentials are very strong. They presently provide this same administrative function for the Michigan Treasurers’ Association, and the reviews of their program have been outstanding. You may also be aware that Mary has served our organization for many years, assisting the Board and the Conference Committee with planning and administration of the Annual Education Conference.

The transfer document is presently being reviewed by our attorneys. When sanctioned by the attorneys and after final review by the Board, the document will be submitted to the IIMC for approval, probably at the end of April. Preliminary discussion with the new Educational Director of the IIMC has been positive. Until the transition is complete, MSU will continue to sponsor all MAMC programs related to the CMC and MMC certification programs.

Be assured that all points and credits earned by those currently pursuing CMC or MMC certification will be honored and will be transferred to the new program.

In addition and as an exciting benefit, the CMU-sponsored program will also offer undergraduate and graduate credits for qualifying classes taken as part of the Michigan Clerks’ Institute.

I will be happy to answer any question that you have…….Please contact me at 734-394-5122 or tbennett@canton-mi.org.

The MAMC Board of Directors and the Education Committee is committed to providing quality educational programs for its membership.
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Just a few reminders before you “click” us off!

If you haven’t already done so, please send in your membership renewal and applicable membership fee.

And, if you’re thinking about joining the Association for the first time, we cordially invite you to do so. It is not too late to join and participate in the June Conference.

Don’t forget to register for the Annual Education Conference, June 20 - June 23 at Boyne Mountain Resort.

Please share your comments and suggestions with us at michiganclerks.com.

Check the MAMC Website often. The site is ever-evolving, and efforts to improve its appearance, usability and relevance continue to be a Board priority.

Information, applications and registration forms are available online at www.michiganclerks.org