As President of our Association, it has been an honor to serve this organization and I want to personally thank everyone for this opportunity!

Our organization has had a great year! We had record attendance at the Institute, Master’s Academy and Free Education Day!

Grand Rapids Michigan was host to the Region V Conference, where we had great attendance from all five states!

CMMC is in its first renewal stages which is continuing to keep us busy. Reminder, please keep track of your certificates in your me file and be sure to apply for your renewal before the deadline.

The IIMC has selected the Amway Grand Plaza in Grand Rapids MI for their 2021 Conference. This is a great opportunity for us to showcase our great state of Michigan!

Your Board of Directors are very excited for the Summer Conference in Kalamazoo Michigan in June! They have great new things planned for this year, including a conference app for your phone or tablet!

The theme is Roaring 20’s, so pick out your Roaring 20’s party dress or suit for a great evening with great entertainment.

Sarah Bydalek
MAMC President
Conference Update

From the 1920s to the 2010s
Embracing the changes of tomorrow

June 20-23 and the MAMC Summer Conference will be here before you know it, so make sure you get online to check out the information and registration materials available at [http://www.michiganclerks.org/Events/SummerConference.aspx](http://www.michiganclerks.org/Events/SummerConference.aspx) and then make sure to register online at [https://2017mamcmemberregistration.eventbrite.com](https://2017mamcmemberregistration.eventbrite.com).

Tuesday pre-conference sessions are going to be exciting and educational as always. Clerking 101 is designed for new clerks and will feature topics like Ethics and Codes of Conduct; Governing Laws; Open Meetings Act; Parliamentary Procedure; Agenda and Resolutions; Minutes; Records Retention and Management; Freedom of Information Act; Oaths of Office and Web Resources; and Government Accounting. The Tuesday Master Class will be conducted by Randy Dean who will be speaking on the topic of “From Distracted to Productive: Finding Your Focus in a Hyper-Interrupted, e-Distracted World” in the morning and “Smart Phone Success & Terrific Tablets: Getting More Productivity from Your Devices” in the afternoon. Then Tuesday night don't miss a great networking opportunity with a Social Gathering at Bell's Brewery - Hosted by Burnham & Flower Insurance Group, Kalamazoo, MI from 6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

On Wednesday get ready to laugh, be entertained and relieve some stress with this year’s opening speaker Scotty Gunther. Then in the afternoon we have Michelle Steffes to educate us on the Brain Science of Greatness. After a morning of laughter and an afternoon of education, you will not want to miss the Vendor Showcase where you can meet with all of the spectacular vendors and enjoy hors d'oeuvres and drinks and then a night on your own to explore Kalamazoo.

Thursday is going to be filled with education topics like • Cyber Security/Virus Protection • Empowering Leadership • GASB 75 • Complete Streets • Ballot Presentation • Notary • Agendas/Minutes • Mastering Energy/Focus & Time, and many more. You will also have more time to check out the vendors and bid on fantastic items in the silent auction.

Friday is filled with more updates and information from Secretary of State, Ruth Johnson, Bureau of Elections, Chris Thomas, and our MAMC Lobbyist, Bill Zaagman.

Conference registration ends May 24, so don't delay… register today! We look forward to seeing you in Kalamazoo!

As always you can email questions, comments, suggestions, or concerns to us at jhoward@mt-pleasant.org and cityclerk@williamston-mi.us.
2017 Slate of Candidates for MAMC Board of Directors

As Immediate Past President and Chair of the MAMC Nominating Committee, I am pleased to announce the following slate of candidates for the MAMC Board of Directors to be elected at our conference this summer.

2017 MAMC Board of Directors Slate of Candidates:

**President – Township – 1 position for 1 year term**
Susanne Courtade, East Bay Charter Township, Grand Traverse County

**1st Vice President – City/Village – 1 position for 1 year term**
Dan Kasunic, City of Kentwood, Kent County

**2nd Vice President – Township – 1 position for 1 year term**
Jennifer Venema, Caledonia Charter Township, Kent County

**3rd Vice President – City/Village – 1 position for 1 year term**
Jeremy Howard, City of Mt. Pleasant, Isabella County

Director positions currently available:

**Director – City/Village – 2 positions for 2 year terms**
Stephen French, City of Hillsdale, Hillsdale County
Anna Perales, City of Holland, Ottawa/Allegan County
Amy Salowitz, Village of Pinckney, Livingston County
Holly Thompson, City of Williamston, Ingham County
Renee Wilson, City of Fenton, Genesee/Oakland County

**Director – Township – 2 positions for 2 year terms**
Adam Wit, Charter Township of Harrison, Macomb County
Lanie McManus, Charter Township of Garfield, Grand Traverse County

Members are reminded that voting will take place at the MAMC Summer Conference.

Proxy ballots are allowed, for those not able to attend the Conference. Proxy Form are available at [www.michiganclerks.org](http://www.michiganclerks.org); the form must be received by **June 16, 2017**.

Joe Bridgman, MMC/CMMC
Immediate Past President
Clerk of the Year Update

I would like to thank you for taking the time to vote for Clerk Of The Year 2017 at the MAMC Institute and Master classes held in Mt. Pleasant this past March. We had a nice turnout at these two events!

Also to those who have mailed in your votes, “Kudos”!

For those who have not responded and wish to have a voice in the 2017 Clerk of the Year selection you have until May 11, 2017.

We have some great candidates on the ballot. The Clerk of the Year program is designed to honor municipal clerks nominated by their Mayors, Managers, Supervisors, Board Presidents, co-workers and fellow clerks.

Below I have listed just a few of the criteria that each candidate should demonstrate as selected:

- Years of experience as a municipal clerk;
- Greater than average performance in the position;
- Active in county, state and national associations.

Every MAMC active member has a right to cast one ballot for each category listed - City, Township and Village Clerk.

Last day to cast your ballot is May 11, 2017. Mail to: Anna Perales, 270 S River Avenue, Holland, MI 49423.

It is important that on the return envelope you indicate this is a MAMC Ballot and include your name and municipality to ensure your ballot will count. I look forward to seeing you at the MAMC Annual conference in June with announcements of the winners on June 22, 2017 at the Radisson Hotel in Kalamazoo.

Questions please feel free to contact me by email a.perales@cityofholland.com or by phone 616.355.1304.

Financial Report

Lanie McManus
Garfield Charter Township
MAMC Treasurer

MAMC Financial Report for March 31, 2017

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Education Update

WOW! Get ready to be energized, educated, and enthused. Summer Conference is just two months away. Your conference committee has been hard at work putting together a great curriculum – something for everyone for sure. Cyber Security – yikes! Has your municipality been tested? We will be offering classes on how to best protect yourselves and ultimately your residents.

Michelle Steffes, a dynamic presenter from IIMC Region IV meeting will be with us for an education session on Wednesday afternoon and two breakouts on Thursday.

New offerings include Complete Streets, GASB 75, Empowering Leadership and Medical Marihuana. Tried and true topics of Notary Information and Minutes & Agendas will also be available.

Master’s Class on Tuesday will feature Randy Dean presenting on how to keep YOUR SANITY IN AN OUT OF CONTROL WORLD – MY WORDS NOT HIS!!

Clerking 101 is a great add on class on Tuesday for newer clerks. It covers the A-Z’s of the clerking world.

We hope you all will join us in Kalamazoo!

MAMC Website & Social Media

Are you having issues receiving your Forum email notifications? If you are not receiving the forum email notifications, please be sure to check your profile and make sure you have selected to receive the notifications. If you have, double check with your IT department that your municipal firewall is set to allow all emails from @michiganclerks.org.

Have you requested a password reminder and aren’t getting the email? If you selected the ‘forgot username” or “forgot password” links and have not received your email, double check your spam and junk folders. These emails frequently get caught in the spam filters!

Did you know???

If you forget your password to login to the MAMC webpage, your password can be emailed to you. Just click “forgot password” in the login box.
Meet the House Elections & Ethic Committee

The House Election and Ethics Committee has been seated for the 99th Legislature. Representative Aaron Miller (R-Strugis) has been named chair of the committee. A teacher by trade, Rep. Miller is serving his second term in the State House. He holds a B.A. from Western Michigan University and a M. Ed from Bethel College. Other members of the committee include:

- **Aaron Miller** (R) Committee Chair 59th District St. Joseph County
- **Vanessa Guerra** (D) Min. Vice-Chair 95th District Saginaw County
- **Jeremy Moss** (D) 35th District Oakland County
- **Julie Calley** (R) Maj. Vice-Chair 87th District Ionia County
- **Klint Kesto** (R) 39th District Oakland County
- **Daniela Garcia** (R) 90th District Ottawa County
- **Michael Webber** (R) 45th District Oakland County
- **Jim Lilly** (R) 89th District Ottawa County
- **Adam Zemke** (D) 55th District Washtenaw County
- **Juliette Haigh**
- **Michael Webber**
- **Julie Calley**

Contact information for the members of the committee can be found at [www.house.mi.gov](http://www.house.mi.gov).

House Committee Moves to Strike Vignettes

Voters looking for the familiar vignettes to help guide them on the ballot may soon be out of luck under bills reported from the House Elections and Ethics Committee. House Bills 4177 and 4178, sponsored by Rep. Hank Vaupel (R-Howell) and Rep. Ned Canfield (R-Sebewaing), would remove them effective 90 days following signature. The bills were reported from committee along party-lines and have not yet been voted on by the full House.

MAMC Bills Being Introduced

Two priorities of the MAMC have already been drafted and introduced. We are working diligently to find sponsors and get other legislative priorities drafted and introduced in the near future. Stay tuned!

1. **Senate Bill 290:** Would create a new fee of $250 per precinct for any recount requested by a candidate who lost by more than five percentage points over the top finisher. Introduced by Sen. Dave Robertson (R-Grand Blanc) and referred to the Senate Elections and Government Reform Committee.

2. **House Bill 4459:** Would allow any clerk to verify identity for the purpose of removing the MVIP flag for a first-time voter who registered by mail if the voter presents photo ID. Introduced by Rep. Mike Webber (R-Rochester) and referred to the House Elections and Ethics Committee.
The Michigan Legislature is in full swing with many new and revised bills being discussed. Members of the MAMC and the MACC met with Lobbyist Bill Zaagman and members of the Bureau of Elections teams to discuss the priorities list adopted by each organization.

**Michigan Association of Municipal Clerks 2017-2018 Adopted Legislative Priority List**

- Any Clerk can register anyone
- First time voter ID verified by any Clerk
- Recount dollar threshold
- Changing the deadline to deliver election materials to the County Clerk to the Wednesday after the election providing that your results were submitted electronically
- Precinct delegates: eliminate “day of election” filing, County verifies results or at a minimum is allowed to make corrections
- No reason AV
- remove the ability to challenge a voter that has been issued an Absentee Voter ballot but chooses to vote in person because they either destroyed, lost or never received their ballot
- Allow MOVE ballots to be returned electronically
- Make election day School in-service days so schools are available to use as precinct locations
- Allow the use of the new voter registration form for election day voter information changes
- Appropriate funds for election equipment
- Eliminate the refunding of candidate filing fees
- Letter of Opposition to issuing provisional ballots to voters who are not in possession of photo ID

Priority list adopted by the MAMC Board of Directors February 15, 2017

Sue and Dan have had a great team of fellow Clerks to work with this year and want to say: “Thank You for putting in the time and effort. You are appreciated!” We’d like to take a moment to recognize them here: Mary Clark, Terri Kowal, Jan Roncelli, Chris Swope, Sarah Bydalek, Lisa Hathaway, Linda Kingston, Michelle LaVoy, Joe Bridgman, Rob Crawford, Lanie McManus, Kim Meltzer, Sharon Tischler, Jennifer Venema, Ann Bollin, Debbie Miller.

If you have an interest in serving on the 2017-18 CEO and Legislative Committees, make sure to fill out an application after the 2017 Conference in completed. The 1st and 2nd Vice Presidents will be selecting their committee members and expect to have a September 2017 next meeting date. All meetings are held at Delta Charter Township in the Board Chambers.

Have a warm and enjoyable summer!