Letter from the President

This is my final newsletter article as President, and I would like to say, it has been an honor serving as President (again) of an organization that has a strong belief in education, participation and excellence in all aspects of all the different jobs we do. I have a deep appreciation of everyone’s commitment to excel. I would also like to thank the MAMC board for all of the work they have done.

The Board has continued to work towards our Strategic Plan as we continue to work to provide support for Institute and Masters Classes and in bringing fresh ideas for this year’s Conference. With all of the changes with Proposal 3, MAMC will continue to work with the BOE the have every clerk understand the new law and as they implement additional rules to work within the law. I thought just working with new election equipment was a challenge.

In regards to our conference theme, my thought came during the November Election when I was hoping for a break so we could regroup, learn and reenergize for the next major election, and it was a happy thought. Trying to make it an enjoyable event. So please attend the classes, learn, and enjoy the networking and topics.

I have enjoyed my time as the Grover Cleveland of the Michigan Association of Municipal Clerks.

Sincerely,

Dan Kasunic, CMMC/MMC
MAMC President

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It’s 5 O’Clock Somewhere

This Conference is shaping up to be a fun, educational, and great networking experience for our attendees! The MAMC Summer Conference will be here before you know it from June 17-21, so make sure you get online to check out the information and registration materials available at www.michiganclerks.org and then make sure to register online at https://mamc.eventbrite.com. We are embracing our theme of “It’s 5 O’Clock Somewhere” and we encourage you to do the same by sporting your favorite tropical clothing throughout the week. So dust off those Hawaiian shirts you’ve been dying to wear all winter and join the fun!

Pre-conference sessions are being offered once again with a revamped Clerking 101 2-DAY BOOTCAMP on June 17 & 18 and a Master Class on Tuesday, June 18. Then Tuesday night- don’t miss a great networking opportunity with a Kalamazoo Growlers Baseball Tailgate party and game. Drinks and food will be served during the tailgate. The party will start at 6pm with an all you can eat ballpark buffet and the game starting at 7pm. You must register through Eventbrite by May 27th to attend.

Wednesday morning will have an optional 5k walk/run and then we’ll start with the opening session and MAMC meeting. Wednesday afternoon we are offering an educational session followed by the Vendor Showcase with drinks and appetizers

Thursday is going to be filled with education topics such as:
• FOIA Law Changes
• No Reason AV/Same Day Registration Implementation
• Records Management
• Being a Dynamic Leader
• Recreational Marijuana- The Employers Impact
• Archival- How and what do you preserve?

You will also have more time to check out the vendors and bid on fantastic items in the silent auction. Thursday night will be the Clerk of the Year/President’s Dinner beginning at 6pm. Themed dress is encouraged!

Friday is filled with more updates and information from Bureau of Elections, Sally Williams, and our MAMC Lobbyist, Bill Zaagman. The closing MAMC meeting will be held beforehand.

Conference registration ends May 27, so don’t delay… register today!

We look forward to seeing you at the Kalamazoo Radisson!

As always you can email questions, comments, suggestions, or concerns to us at cityclerk@williamston-mi.us and awit@harrison-township.org.
2019-2020 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 MAMC Board of Directors to be elected at our June 2019 Annual Conference.

2019 MAMC Slate of Candidates:

President - Township - 1 Year Term
Jennifer Venema, Caledonia Charter Township, Kent County

1st Vice President - City/Village - 1 Year Term
Jeremy Howard, City of Mt. Pleasant, Isabella County

2nd Vice President - Township - 1 Year Term
Robert Crawford, Fort Gratiot Charter Township, St. Clair County

3rd Vice President - City/Village - 1 Year Term
Chris Swope, City of Lansing, Ingham/Eaton/Clinton Counties

2019-2021 Director Slate of Candidates:

Director-City/Village - 2 Year Term (Vote for no more than TWO)
Holly Thompson, City of Williamston, Ingham County
Stephanie McMillen, City of Grand Rapids, Kent County

Director-Township/County - 2 Year Term (Vote for no more than TWO)
Adam Wit, Harrison Charter Township, Macomb County
Lanie McManus, Charter Township of Garfield, Grand Traverse County

Voting will take place in person at the 2019 Summer Conference held in Kalamazoo. Proxy ballots are allowed for any members not able to attend the conference. Proxy forms are available at: www.michiganclerks.org: the form must be emailed to scourtade@eastbaytwp.org by 5:00 P.M. on Thursday, June 13, 2019 to be accepted.

Susanne (Sue) Courtade CMMC/MMC
East Bay Charter Township, Grand Traverse County
Immediate Past President
IF YOU ARE NOT YET A MEMBER – COME JOIN US!

2019 MAMC Membership Applications are available on our website.

We encourage new Clerks and Deputy Clerks to become a member and gain the benefits of belonging to an organization that works hard for its members to provide for and encourage continued education and training. The functions of our jobs are ever changing so join us and let us continue to work together toward common goals and being the best Clerks we can be!

CMMC PROGRAM AND CERTIFICATION

REMINDER to all 3rd year graduates of the MAMC Institute that you now qualify to obtain your Certified Michigan Municipal Clerk (CMMC) Certification. Applications are coming in strong but we do not want anyone to miss out! Send your application in today.

Visit the MAMC website for more information or contact Pam Smith, Membership/CMMC Director, at 248.871-2420 or psmith@fhgov.com

The following Clerk’s have recently been awarded the prestigious designation of Certified Michigan Municipal Clerk. Congratulations to all!

Andrea Anderson, Fruitport Charter Township
Karon Barbour, City of Chelsea
Kristine Bolzman, City of Saginaw
Scott Borling, City of Kalamazoo
Justin Breyer, City of Dexter
Laurie Burns, City of Sandusky
Kathleen R. Case, Pennfield Charter Township
Chelsea Cox, City of Leslie
Tami Flowers, Charter Township of Highland
Kathy Funk, Charter Township of Flint
Diane Giska, Charter Township of Grayling
Sheila Grandison, City of Pontiac
Miranda Gross, City of Pontiac
Caitlin Holdorf, Rose Township
Carrie Howe, City of Leslie

Rebecca Johnson, Cedar Springs
Dan Kasunic, City of Kentwood
Marcy Kimball, City of Burton
Natalie Marshall-Harris, Garden City
Dawn Mecklenborg, Charter Township of Highland
Theresa L. Paddock, Richland Township
Kayla Randle, Village of Farwell
Kelly M. Richter, Charter Township of Oxford
Debbie Sewers, Dorr Township
Holly Shroyer, Village of Dryden
Lori S. Stewart, Richmond Township
Sarah Ann Stoltzfus, City of DeWitt
Betty Tezak, Charter Township of Garfield
Sue Walsh, City of Fenton
If you are looking for information on the many changes facing Clerks in Michigan, our 2019 Summer Conference is the place for you to be!! We used to say if education and training were on your bucket list we had you covered. This year we are really setting you up for success!!

Wednesday will kick off with Mimi Brown presenting on “Slaying the Demanding Dragons.”

Conference breakout sessions will focus on Election Law changes, FOIA Law changes, Recreational Marijuana, Election Audits, Liquor Licensing, 2020 Census - just to name a few.

Clerking 101 has been expanded to a two day Bootcamp that will delve deeper into the basic functions of a Clerk’s Office. This change was made to accommodate the significant number of Clerks and Deputy Clerks that were not able to be accommodated in the 2019 Institute. Clerking 101 will be Monday, June 17th and Tuesday, June 18th. Single day registrations will not be accepted.

Masters will be Tuesday, June 18th and will feature Delilah Reynolds “Serving for Leadership.”

Please mark your calendars for 2019 Free Education Day, which will be Thursday, September 12th. We will still be at Soaring Eagle in Mt. Pleasant. Watch for registration information after conference. The curriculum is still being developed. Please remember, you must be a member of MAMC to attend Free Education Day for free!

It’s time to do some spring cleaning with the MAMC website. When you have a moment, log in and look around. If you see something that’s been there forever and you have something newer, send it to me in a PDF please. Please use my new email address, rcrawford@fortgratiot.us

Recently there was a forum conversation about the new FOIA changes. The FOIA law was changed in December 2018. I was able spring clean the FOIA file under Municipal Operations. I had the older policies removed and replaced them with two new FOIA policies. One policy is from Buchanan Township and the other is from the City of Ann Arbor. Thank you both for sharing.
2019 MAMC Clerk of the Year

It’s time to cast your vote for Clerk of the Year!

Please take a few minutes to cast your vote for a fellow Clerk. Voting is quick and easy to do electronically!

The Clerk of the Year program is designed to honor municipal clerks who demonstrate professional and personal qualities representing the best of our profession. Biographies and photos for all candidates can be found on the MAMC website at www.michiganclerks.org.

You should have received an email from smcmillen@grcity.us, via Survey Monkey, inviting you to vote electronically for the MAMC Clerk of the Year. Subsequent reminders are sent for anyone that has not yet voted. If you did not receive an email, please contact Stephanie McMillen at smcmillen@grcity.us.

Voting will close May 10, 2019 at 5pm with the winners being announced at the June Conference.

Updates to the MAMC Standing Rules

The following amendment to the Standing Rules has recently been approved by the Board and the full language can be found in the updated Standing Rules on the MAMC website.

SR-17 Event Registration/Cancellation/Extenuating Circumstances – SR-17, section titled Extenuating Circumstances, has been amended to include the following language “Requests will be considered by the Conference and Education Directors.” (March 11, 2019)
**2019-2020 Elections Committees Announced**

Earlier this year, the House and Senate announced members of their respective elections committees. In the House, Republicans maintained a lopsided 5-2 split of the 7-member committee. Representative Julie Calley (R-Ionia) was named the chair. Representative Calley, serving her second term in the State House, was member of the committee last session. Minority Vice-Chair Vanessa Guerra (D-Saginaw) is the only other member of the committee from last session returning to it this session. First-term legislators named to the committee are Representatives Brad Paquette (R-Niles) and Kara Hope (D-Delhi Township). Ms. Hope is the spouse of Delhi Township Clerk Evan Hope, MAMC Past President. Former township clerk, Rep. Ann Bollin (R-Brighton Township), also serving her first term, was not named to the committee. She was named to the powerful House Appropriations committee. Other members named to the committee include: Representatives Jason Sheppard (R-Lambertville); Pamela Hornberger (R-Chesterfield Township) and Steve Marino (R-Mt. Clemens).

The Senate panel retains its lopsided 4-1 Republican split on a completely new membership. The committee is chaired by former Secretary of State Ruth Johnson (R-Holly). She is joined on the committee by for Warren City Clerk Paul Wojno (D-Warren), who happens to be the only Democrat

**House Elections & Ethics Committee**

Julie Calley (R) Committee Chair, 87th District (Ionia County)
Jason Sheppard (R) Majority Vice-Chair, 56th District (Monroe)
Pamela Hornberger (R) 32nd District (Macomb)
Steve Marino (R) 24th District (Macomb)
Brad Paquette (R) 78th District (Berrien/Cass)
Vanessa Guerra (D) Minority Vice-Chair, 95th District (Saginaw)
Kara Hope (D) 67th District (Ingham)

**Senate Elections Committee**

Ruth Johnson (R) Chair (Oakland/Genesee Counties)
Ed McBroom (R) Vice Chair (Upper Peninsula except Luce, Chippewa & Mackinac Counties)
Pete Lucido (R) (Macomb)
Curt VanderWall (R) (Leelanau, Benzie, Manistee, Mason, Lake, Osceola, Wexford, Missaukee, Kalkaska, Crawford, Roscommon, Ogemaw)
Paul Wojno (D) (Macomb)
Upcoming Events

June 18
MAMC Preconference Masters & Clerking 101
Radisson Hotel - Kalamazoo

June 19-21
MAMC Annual Conference
Radisson Hotel - Kalamazoo

September 12
MAMC Free Education Day
Soaring Eagle - Mt. Pleasant

September 19
MAMC Free Education Day
Soaring Eagle - Mt. Pleasant