



MAMC Board

Wednesday, June 24, 2015 1:00 pm

Mackinac Island, Mission Point Resort

1. **Call to Order**-The meeting was called to order at 11:00 AM by President Chris Swope
2. **Roll Call - Motion by Mary Kotowski , second by Terry Kowal to suspend the Roll Call at this time. Motion carried without opposition.**
3. **Approval of Minutes June 25-27, 2014 - Motion by Joel Hondorp, with support from Judy Bigney, to approve the annual meeting minutes of June 25-27, 2014 as presented. Motion carried without opposition.**
4. **Report of the Executive Committee** – President Swope reported there was a record turnout for Free Education Day. Special training was held in the Upper Peninsula for the Clerks in that area. MAMC membership numbers are strong. A legislative reception was held at GCSI on June 3rd with 40 legislators in attendance. He thanked the Board for their work this year and gave a special thank you to Director Kennedy for her 15 years of service on the Board. She has done a great job and will be missed.

1st Vice President Bridgman and 2nd Vice President Bydalek distributed Certificates of Recognition to the members of the CEO and Legislative Committee.

5. **Report of the Treasurer – Audit/Annual Financial Statement** – Treasurer Kennedy presented the financial audit to the membership.

Motion by Deborah Cwiertnewicz, with support from Terry Kowal to receive the audit. Motion carried without opposition.

6. Committee Reports

- a. **Conference** – Director Venema reported there are 232 registered for conference. She also thanked the Mission Point Resort staff for all of their hard work. She announced the next conference is at the Lansing Radisson and Lansing Center.

Director Howard and Director Venema distributed Certificates of Recognition to the members of the Conference Committee. They also thanked GCSI for all of their work with the conference.

Tara Packsi of GCSI explained how important it is to support the PAC fund. Money raised goes to buy tickets to the legislative fundraiser dinners for lobbyists to attend on the MAMC's behalf.

- b. **Education** – Director Clark commented there will be training on 9/11/15 in the Upper Peninsula. They are also working on a 3-day parliamentary course.

Director Clark and Director McManus distributed Certificates of Recognition to the members of the Education Committee.

7. Report of the Nominating Committee & Election of Officers:

- a. **Election of Officers** – Past President Boersma introduced the candidates on the ballot for the 3rd Vice President, City Directors, and Township Directors. She announced the location and times the members can cast their ballots during the Conference and encouraged everyone to vote.

Past President Boersma announced the nominees for President, Joe Bridgman, 1st Vice President, Sarah Bydalek, and 2nd Vice President Susanne Courtade. She called for any other nominations from the floor at this time.

Motion by Joel Hondorp, with support from Terry Kowal, to close the nominations for President, 1st Vice President, and 2nd Vice President. Motion carried without opposition.

Past President Boersma announced the nominee for 3rd Vice President, Dan Kasunic.

Motion by Joel Hondorp, second by Pamela Smith, to close the nominations for 3rd Vice President. Motion carried without opposition.

Past President Boersma announced the nominees for City Directors, Cynthia Bower, Linda Kingston, Anna Pereles, and Holly Thompson and called for any other nominations from the floor at this time.

Past President Boersma announced the nominees for the Township Directors Lanie McManus, Kim Meltzer, and Leon Wright.

Motion by Joel Hondorp, second by Pam Smith, to close the nominations at this time. Motion carried without opposition.

8. New Business:

- a. ***Proposed Dues Change - Motion by Diana Lowe, second by Debby Frazer, to approve the change in Standing Rules regarding Membership Dues. Motion passed by voice vote.***
- b. ***By-Law Amendment- Motion by Terry Kowal, second by Janet Santos, to approve the Ethics Policy for the MAMC Organization as presented. Motion passed by voice vote.***

9. Recess –Meeting was recessed at 11:43 PM.

10. Reconvene- Meeting was reconvened at 8:45 AM on June 26, 2015.

11. Committee Reports (Continued)

Legislative: Joe Bridgman and Sarah Bydalek reported the legislative committee is made up of the 1st and 2nd MAMC Vice Presidents and other MAMC Member volunteers. They meet on the 3rd Wednesday at 9:30 AM. CEO is the Council of Elected Officials made up of MAMC members and County Clerks. Secretary of State Employees provide reports to the CEO Board. Updates on legislative issues are often sent by e-mail to the entire membership.

Membership: Lisa Hathaway reported MAMC membership has really grown in the past few years and is up to 943 members. The membership form has been changed to include a signature line attesting to the Ethics Policy. There are 158 CMMC and the MAMC now has a color brochure with the applications and details on how to obtain your CMMC.

Ways & Means: Holly Thompson reported she worked on the Clerk of the Year Awards honoring the outstanding efforts made by Clerks in Cities, Townships, and Villages. Nominees are submitted by Supervisors, Managers, Co-Workers, and Councils with questionnaires being completed by the candidates. The questionnaires are then reviewed by previous Clerk of the Year recipients and up to five are chosen for the ballot to be voted on by the entire MAMC membership. The 2015 Clerk of the Year recipients were Dana Muscott, City of Bay City, Chelsea Mikel, Sharon Township, and Kathryn Arledge, Village of Fowlerville.

Publications/Website: Sue Courtade reported the newsletter goes out to the membership quarterly and includes articles from each of the board members. She encouraged everyone to “Like” the MAMC on Facebook to get updates and photos of what is happening in the Clerking world. She gave kudos to Hillary Waliiko of GCSI for working on and keeping up the MAMC website. She has worked with her extensively this year to get everything up to date.

Site Selection & Past Presidents: Carolyn Boersma announced the 2016 MAMC Conference will be in Lansing, the 2017 Conference will be in Kalamazoo, the 2018 Conference will be in Grand Traverse, and the 2019 Conference will be in Kalamazoo. She asked the other past presidents in the room to stand up and be recognized.

Unfinished Business continued:

Receive Election Results: Past President Carolyn Boersma announced there was an 81% voter turnout. The 2015-16 Board was reported as:

Chris Swope- Past President

Joe Bridgman-President

Sarah Bydalek- 1st Vice President

Sue Courtade- 2nd Vice President

Dan Kasunic- 3rd Vice President

Jennifer Venema- Township Director

Mary Clark- Township Director

Lanie McManus- Township Director

Leon Wright- Township Director

Jeremy Howard- City Director

Lisa Hathaway- City Director

Holly Thompson- City Director

Anna Pareles- City Director

Authorize the Destruction of Ballots:

Motion by Mary Kotowski, second by Sue Hillebrand, to authorize the destruction of the ballots. Motion carried without opposition.

Installation of Officers:

Carolyn Boersma led the Oath of Office for the new MAMC Board of Directors.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 9:02 AM.

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

Holly M. Thompson, Ways & Means Director