



MAMC Newsletter

Michigan Association of Municipal Clerks

From the President

Thank you all from the bottom of my heart. What an incredible honor and privilege it is for me to have the opportunity to serve all of you as the MAMC President. The membership has entrusted me with the responsibility to lead this very talented and experienced Board. I am so excited about the positive changes and new opportunities this Board will be working on. I am looking forward to working with outgoing President Dana Muscat and the other past presidents who consistently provide their knowledge, historical perspective and dedication to MAMC.

We have hit the ground running and already have two Board meetings behind us.

Wasn't that a fantastic Summer Conference at Crystal Mountain Resort? We owe a big thank you to Jeff Hawkins, Dan Kasunic & the Conference committee, along with Joel Hondorp, Laura Caterina and the Education Committee for providing a super Conference, with a great variety of education classes. As we gear up for the Presidential Election we can think back on the Conference theme of "Survivor 2008". Yes, Clerk's are truly survivors, especially during election time, in Michigan.

What great memories we have of the "Survivor Competition", led by Michael Skupin who gave us a true "taste" of an immunity challenge, Survivor style. Our challenge, much to everyone's amazement, was complete with bugs, worms, grasshoppers, minnows and other ghastly creatures....no one wanted to touch, let alone, eat. However, we learned that Clerk's really are team players, who never say never, did what any survivor would do and "ate" their critters so that their team might win. Our own, Region V Director, Kathy Dornan, with true "Team Spirit" ate all of her grasshoppers, with style, grace and a mean right fist, successfully keeping her team in the competition. If I had not seen it with my own eyes, I would not have believed it. A great time was had by all, but now we must gear up and survive the Presidential Election.



Ann Ulrich, CMC
Clerk, Hartland Township

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Thanks to the ListServ we are in almost daily communication with each other and Chris Thomas, sharing all of those tidbits of information that help us do our jobs and not have to re-invent the wheel. I really believe that membership in MAMC is a real asset and a great bargain, especially in these tough economic times.

In closing, I want to give a big thanks to past MAMC Secretary and Canton Township Clerk, Terri Bennett, for your many hours of dedication to the MAMC during the IIMC approval process for certification of our Clerk Institute and your successful coordination of the Non-Profit Status. I also want to welcome our 2 newly elected Board members, Spring Lake Township Clerk, Carolyn Boersma, who was appointed the MAMC Board Secretary and Lansing City Clerk, Chris Swope, who was appointed MAMC Membership Director.

Ann Ulrich, CMC
MAMC President



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2009 Educational Opportunities

Mark your calendars now!

March 3-5, 2009	Master's Academy, Mt. Pleasant
March 8-13, 2009	MAMC Institute, Mt. Pleasant
Spring, 2009	Annual Education Day, Lansing, Michigan (to be announced)

Pre Conference Classes: Tuesday June 16, 2009

Clerking 101 - Topics include: Ethics, Open Meetings Act, Parliamentary Procedures, Agenda, Minutes, Resolutions, Freedom of Information Act, Oaths of Office, Statutes, Charters and Ordinances, Government Accounting and more.

Master Academy Class- (To Be Announced)

Conference Education - June 17-19, 2009 Frankenmuth, Michigan

Joel Hondorp, MAMC Director
Education Chair

Laura Caterina, MAMC Director
Education Vice Chair

CMC & MMC Achievements



Congratulations!

The following individuals have earned the prestigious **Certified Municipal Clerk** (CMC) Designation:

Kim Alexander, CMC - Clerk/Treasurer - Howard City

Amy D. Finch, CMC - Assistant Township Clerk/Deputy Clerk - Charter Township of Delhi

Kris Hazeres, CMC - Deputy Clerk, City of Marquette

Mary E. McRae, CMC - Deputy Clerk - Charter Township of Redford

Karen J. Snider, CMC - Village Clerk/Treasurer - Village of Caro

Chris Swope, CMC - City Clerk - Lansing

Janice Zuhlke, CMC - City Clerk/Treasurer - Imlay City

The following individuals have earned the prestigious **Master Municipal Clerk** (MMC) designation from the International Association of Municipal Clerks (IIMC):

Sandra S. Abrams, MMC - Township Clerk - Charter Township of Commerce

Debra A. Curtiss, MMC - City Clerk - Traverse City

Janice K. Hulbert, MMC - Township Clerk - Charter Township of Grand Rapids

Nancy M. Weiss, MMC - City Clerk - City of Birmingham

Please join us in congratulating these individuals for their achievements.



2008 Clerk of the Year Awards

The awards for "Clerk of the Year" were presented at the 9th annual MAMC conference on June 11 at Crystal Mountain. Please join the MAMC Board in congratulating the following Clerks who were voted by the membership to receive the prestigious honor:

City Clerk of the Year
Nancy Weiss
City of Birmingham

Township Clerk of the Year
Sue Hillebrand
Township of Northville



MAMC Financial Report for July 2008



Beginning Balance	\$ \$ 112,214.16
Deposits/Credits	3,687.00
Interest	90.11
Withdrawals	78,783.57
Ending Balance	
*Main Bank Account	37,207.70
*Investment Account	36,014.76
Total Funds	\$ 73,222.46

Betty L. Kennedy, MMC, MAMC Treasurer

Council of Election Officials/ Legislative Committee Update:

The MAMC Legislative Committee normally holds monthly meetings to review proposed legislation affecting local clerks and the election process. Following, the CEO meets to coordinate election issues between MAMC and the Michigan Association of County Clerks (MACC.) When important issues come up, we keep the membership informed via the MAMC listserv. There has been little activity lately because the Legislature has not been in regular session.

You can visit the MAMC website (www.michiganclerks.org) to review minutes of our meetings, the most recent Bill Matrix summarizing proposed legislation and whether or not the MAMC/CEO has expressed support or opposition! The Matrix is under Committees/ Legislative page.

There are a couple bills of interest that have not moved from Senate Campaign and Election Oversight Committee. These bills are non-controversial and would avoid the unnecessary confusion among young, first-time voters we are likely to see this November. Please call Senator McManus at (517) 373-1725 and ask for these bills to be moved to a vote by the full Senate.

- HB 5739 Enables 1st time voters who registered my mail, to verify their registration in person with photo ID at 'any' clerk's office. *(Passed House and at Senate)*
- HB 4774 Allows voter registration at 'any' clerk's office with photo ID. *(Passed House and at Senate)*

Other bills of interest

- HB 4507 Requires school board elections to be held on either odd November, even November or even August, but not annually. *(You can view the CEO position statement regarding this on the website)*
- HB 5792 Permits pre-registration at age 16
- SB 135 Provides for permanent absent voter file
- SB 1086 Increases the days petition signatures are good for from 160 to 210, giving a more realistic time to verify and address challenges
- SB 1087 Requires petition circulators to be 'qualified' electors, thus eliminating 'cross-state' elected official bounty hunters
- SJR 11 Geographic distribution of signatures required for filing petitions



We're always interested in your help and input, so fill out the Legislative Input form which can be found on the MAMC website under Legislative Committee and email it to evan.hope@delhitownship.com or tblake@cityoffremont.net.

Todd Blake, CMC
MAMC 1st Vice President
CEO Chair / Legislative Co-Chair

Evan Hope, CMC
MAMC 2nd Vice President
Legislative Chair

2008 MAMC Conference Recap

"MAMC Survivor - Outwork, Outlearn, Outplay"



Well the 2008 conference has come and gone. Clerks from across the state gathered in June to attend the 9th Annual MAMC Conference at the beautiful Crystal Mountain Resort & Conference Center in Thompsonville. The conference theme "Survivor - Outwork, Outlearn, Outplay" was fitting, considering we have four elections in 2008. This year 193 clerks, deputies and support staff from across the state took part in the education sessions and special events that had been planned. In all, 119 clerks attended Clerking 101 and the Master Academy Classes; 25 of our athletes braved the 5K

walk/run and 15 battled for that hole-in-one at the golf outing. They had a great morning for their events, not too hot and no rain this year. As usual, the conference offered many networking opportunities as well as some great laughs and good entertainment.

I would just say thank you to everyone on the Conference & Education Committees, the staff at Crystal Mountain and everyone else that pitched in to help make this a great conference. "A chair is only as strong as its legs", and I had very strong legs this year helping make this the conference what it was. Thank you again! Keep an eye on upcoming newsletters, as the location of the 2012 MAMC Conference will soon be revealed...

Upcoming MAMC Conferences:

- 2009 - Bavarian Inn, Frankenmuth - June 16-19
- 2010 - Soaring Eagle Resort, Mt. Pleasant - June 22-25
- 2011 - Shanty Creek, Bellaire - June 21-24
- 2012 - To be announced soon!!!

Work will soon begin on planning the 2009 conference. If you want to volunteer to serve on this committee, please let us know as soon as possible.

If you have any questions or comments regarding the Conference, please do not hesitate to contact us: Jeff Hawkins - Chair, hawkinsj@plainfieldcharterwp.org (616) 364-8466 or Dan Kasunic - Co-Chair, kasunicd@ci.kentwood.mi.us (616) 554-0730. We look forward to seeing you in Frankenmuth - June 16-19, 2009...

Jeff Hawkins, CMC
MAMC Director
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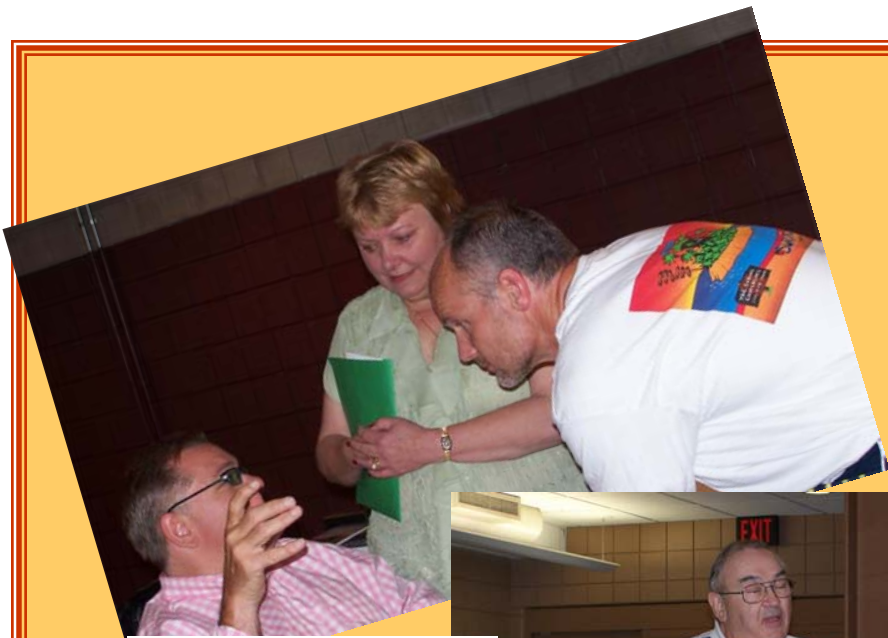
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