I attended the IIMC Conference in Portland, Oregon in May. I found the conference very rewarding and learned a great deal.

Now that I have returned, I am getting ready to “GO FOR THE GOLD”. I hope you will be joining us at the Great Wolf Lodge this year. The Conference and Education Committees have put together a great conference.

I have truly enjoyed my year as president of the MAMC. I know the association will be in good hands with Dan Kasunic as president. I also want the membership to know how much work your Board of Directors do on your behalf. I hope you will take time to thank them at the conference or if you see them in another setting.
Voting Instructions Removed from Ballot Under New Law

The Act eliminates the requirement that ballot marking instructions be printed on the ballot. Under the new law, ballot marking instructions must appear on the ballot secrecy sleeve. This can be accomplished in one of two ways: directly printed on the sleeve or attached to the sleeve in a clear plastic sleeve. The bill takes immediate effect.

Law Lifts Poll Worker Residency Restriction

Poll workers are no longer required to be a resident of the county in which they serve under a new law signed by the Governor. Public Act 157 of 2012 amends the Michigan Election Law by eliminating the residency restriction limiting poll workers to the county of their residence. The bill takes immediate effect.

Public Official Names in Polling Locations Prohibited Under New Law

Public Act 156 of 2012 amends the Michigan Election Code to prohibit the name of an elected or appointed official of the State or a political subdivision from appearing on any material that is temporarily posted, displayed, or distributed in a polling place or polling room on any election day, unless otherwise required by law.

The intent is to make sure that incumbent public officials whose names appear on the ballot are not temporarily posting materials in the polling location with their name on it. Violators would be guilty of a $100 misdemeanor on a first offense. The bill takes immediate effect.

Changes to Use of Common Law Names

Public Act 128 of 2012 also made changes to use of common law names on the ballot. Under the change to MCL 168.560, a candidate may specify that a common law name used in accordance with the Department of State guidelines for use of a common law name on a state driver license or personal identification card appear on the ballot.

One time Change Allows State Conventions to be Held Later this Year

Under a change included in Public Act 128 of 2012, political parties will be permitted to hold a convention as late as 58 days before the election. This would only apply to 2012 and the law reverts back to 60 days for future conventions. During testimony, a spokesperson for the Michigan Republican Party noted that the change was necessary this year because of the Summer Olympics and the Labor Day Holiday occurring on September 3rd.

Bill to Prohibit Officials’ Names on Ballot Materials Set to pass

Legislation amending the Michigan Election Code to prohibit appointed or elected officials’ names on “election-related” materials is set to pass the Senate and be presented to the Governor for signature. Under the bill, House Bills 4656, introduced by Rep. Anthony Forlini (R-Harrison Township), prohibits the name of an elected or appointed official from appearing on “election-related” materials, defined as the following four items: any material provided with an AV ballot; AV ballot instructions; an envelope used to mail an AV ballot; and an AV ballot return envelope.

Under an agreement with the Senate Committee Chair, David Robertson (R-Grand Blanc), the legislation will not be granted immediate effect. This means that the bill, if enacted, will take effect 90 days after the Legislature adjourns sine die for the year, which occur the last week of December. This means that the legislation will most likely not take effect until roughly April 1, 2013. However, it will be in place for the May elections.

Under the final substitute, clerks are not required to destroy existing stock of any election-related materials
2012 Educational Conference

J. Cherilynn Tallman, CMC
City of Ferndale
Education Committee Chair

If you have not already registered for the MAMC Annual Conference in Traverse City at the Great Wolf Lodge, we strongly encourage you to do so. We know that it is Election season and many of us are on the Ballot this August but remember: Education (Knowledge) is power.

We have worked hard to ensure that the Education is top notch again this year; we start off with Clerking 101 and Master Academy (“Managing Change and Stress”) on Tuesday. On Wednesday morning, conference attendees can participate in the Golf Outing, the 5K Run/Walk, or choose to attend classes on creating test decks, a QVF Refresher, or “Calling a Truce: Making Friends with the AutoMark”.

Thursday is the main education day at conference with 14 different classes being presented. Because 2012 is a major election year we have the Michigan Bureau of Elections and member clerks teaching classes on Counting Boards, Receiving Boards, Precinct Delegates, training workers and challenged/provisional ballots. And since we all wear multiple hats classes on a variety of other topics are being offered: Effective PowerPoint Presentations, Labor Laws, Liquor Licenses, Lawsuits, Robert’s Rules, Professional Etiquette, and Internal Controls/Budgeting/Ask the Auditor. In addition we are proud to be bringing back Cheri Najor who will spend three hours giving us a more in-depth look at Emotional Intelligence, a class that was hugely popular last year. In keeping with the “Go for the Gold” Olympian theme, mind and body fitness classes are on the schedule.

A detailed class schedule and down-loadable course materials will be available on the website the week before conference. This is the inaugural year of this green initiative. Hope you enjoy the ability to look over the hand-outs before conference and to “go green”!

Other exciting Education items to report are that we had a great Institute and Master Academy again this year. Mark your calendars for 2013, the dates are March 12 – 14 for Master Academy and March 17 – 22 for Institute. We really do need to hear from you on potential classes that you would like to have at these events.

2012 Clerk of the Year Nominees
The MAMC Board & Clerk of the Year Committee congratulate our nominees. You are all “Clerks of the Year” in our eyes!

Christine Benson, City of Cadillac
Walter Blessed, City of Sterling Heights
Ellen Craig-Bragg, City of Romulus
Suzanne Dobson, City of Croswell
Susan Halberstadt, City of Farmington
Dianne Hill, City of Saline
Kristy Reinecke, City of Eaton Rapids
Paul Wojno, City of Warren
Beth Caswell, Adams Township
Samantha Coron, Breitung Charter Township
Pamela Mazich, Groveland Township
Brenda Meek, Cohoctah Township
Janet Roncelli, Bloomfield Township
Leon Wright, Van Buren Charter Township
Eileen Pulker, Village of Franklin

Please join us on Wednesday, June 20th at the “Clerk of the Year” Banquet for the election results and to honor the 2012 MAMC Clerks of the Year.

Sue Hillebrand, Chair
Clerk of the Year Committee

Legislative Report, cont.

that may not be in conformance with the bill. Existing supplies could be used until they are exhausted. However, once the bill takes effect, those materials could not be used in any election where the clerk also appears on the ballot as a candidate.

As many of you know, the MAMC did NOT support the bill as introduced because of its overly broad language. Through my efforts with the bill sponsor and the House and Senate Chairs, we were able to significantly minimize the impact of the legislation on clerks.

Joe Bridgman, CMC
Charter Township of Plymouth
Education Committee Co-Chair

Michigan Association of Municipal Clerks
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Spring 2012
If you haven't registered for the 2012 MAMC Conference yet, just wondering . . . What are you waiting for??

We have a "winning" conference planned at Traverse City's Great Wolf Lodge from June 19 - 22, 2012. MAMC is "Going For the Gold" with our Summer Olympics - Health and Wellness theme and classes include a multitude of topics including elections, legal, management, health and wellness, budgeting, liquor licensing and Roberts Rules. Recently added, a third class on Wednesday morning, "Calling a Truce - Making Friends with the AutoMark."

Come be inspired by our two Olympian keynote speakers . . receive updates directly from your Secretary of State's office, join in our Clerk of the Year Celebration (business attire) and President's Dinner – dress in your athletic-wear or Team USA garb. Let us not forget the 5K walk/run and golf outing, vendor exhibits, silent auction and door prizes, with plenty of other surprises in store too.

Although additional rooms have been added to our block, the Great Wolf Lodge is running low on rooms so books yours soon. Alternative housing includes:

- Fairfield Inn & Suites
  3701 N. Country Dr.
  Traverse City, MI 49684
  1-231-922-7900

- Courtyard by Marriott
  3615 S. Airport Rd W.
  Traverse City, MI 49684
  1-231-949-1808

- Baymont Inn & Suites
  2326 U. S. 31
  Traverse City, MI 49684
  1-231-933-4454

You'll find the registration brochure on the MAMC website.

On behalf of the Conference Committee, we hope you "run" to the phone and "jump" at the chance to attend. See you at the "finish line."

FORE One and FORE All...

Warm weather has arrived! Time to think golf.

Start practicing your swing and golfer stance. Grab your MAMC conference brochure to see details for the June 22nd Wednesday morning golf scramble. Join us at the beautiful Summit Golf Course. This is a great way to de-stress and share mentorship with fellow clerks. Our golf scramble is designed for EVERY level of golfer. You don’t have to be good, you don’t have to be somewhat good...you don’t even have to have ever golfed before!!

This is a 4-person team scramble that includes different techniques of connecting with that little round ball! Shot-gun start at 7:00 a.m. - Nine holes of golf, cart, brown bag breakfast and prizes, all for $25.00 per person. (18 holes for $35) We guarantee fun, sun and lots of laughs.

Send in your golf registration fee with your conference registration!
We are ready for a “winning” conference! The MAMC Torch will be lit and burning from June 19 – 22, 2012, at the Great Wolf Lodge in Traverse City, Michigan, and we will be “Going for the Gold.” The dress code for the week is business casual or athletic/Olympic Team USA attire with the exception of Clerk of the Year when business dress is requested. Save your best themed attire for Thursday’s President’s dinner!

Registration Information:

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See you at the "finish line."
Lisa Kay Hathaway
MAMC Director/Chair - Conference Committee

MAMC 5K/WALK/RUN

Get out those walking and running shoes and join us for the 7th Annual MAMC Walk/Run at the June Conference held at Great Wolf Lodge in Traverse City, Michigan on Wednesday, June 20th, 2012 at 7 a.m. This is a 3.1 mile walk/run. Your registration includes a t-shirt, refreshments and a lot of EXERCISE. Awards and prizes will be given out.

Remember: mark the Walk/Run box and your t-shirt size on the MAMC Conference Brochure. Send the registration form along with the fee.

HURRY, DON’T WAIT, REGISTER EARLY!
Hope to see you there!

Betty L. Kennedy, MMC
Village Clerk
Village of North Branch
810.688.2620
## Financial Report

### Financial Report for April 2012

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## Membership Report

### MAMC Membership Status, June 11, 2012

- 1,011 Total members in the new database:
  - 2012 membership = 823
  - Primary memberships = 569
    - Population Greater than 5000 = 285
    - Population Less than 5000 = 284
  - Secondary memberships = 244
    - Population Greater than 5000 = 174
    - Population Less than 5000 = 70
  - Life members = 1
  - Honorary members = 4
  - Associate members = 5
  - 2011 membership = 869 + 8 honorary/life members
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