MAMC General Membership Meeting  
Wednesday June 15, 2016 10:00 a.m.  
Lansing, Michigan

1. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 10:09 a.m. by President Joe Bridgman.

Motion by Carolyn Boersma, seconded by Betty Kenney to suspend the roll call. Motion carried without opposition.

2. Approval of Agenda and Minutes: Motion by Cindy Bower, seconded by Sue Hillebrand to approve the agenda and minutes with the following correction: Change “Approval of June 24-26, 2014 General Membership Minutes” to “Approval of June 24-26, 2015 General Membership Minutes on the agenda Motion carried without opposition.

3. Report of the Executive Committee-Presidents Report: President J. Bridgman reported the MAMC is a thriving organization; recognized the membership, the current MAMC board members, and those who served on the MAMC board in the past; announced 15 members earned CMC Certification, 4 earned MMC Certification and 213 currently hold CMMC Certifications.

4. Report of the Treasurer-Audit/Annual Financial Statement- Treasurer M. Clark presented the financial audit to the membership and thanked past Treasurer Betty Kennedy in assisting with the banking transition.

5. Committee Reports

   A. Conference- Director’s J. Venema and A. Perales presented Certificates of Recognition to members of the Conference Committee and thanked them for their service.

   B. Education- Director’s J. Howard and L. McManus provided an update of Institute and free education day; presented Certificates of Recognition to the members of the Education Committee and gave thanked them for their service.

   C. Legislative- Director S. Bydalek and Director S. Courtade thanked the members of the CEO and Legislative committee. Certificates of Recognition will be mailed to recipients. Application to serve on the 2016/2017 CEO and Legislative Committee will be available on the website. The next meeting will be held September 21st, 2016 at Delta Township.

   D. Membership /CMMC Program- Director Hathaway reported membership currently stands at 877 and 213 members hold CMMC Certification. Those who received their CMMC certification in 2014
are required to re-certify this year. She encouraged those recertifying to provide substantiation of attendance in training and number of course hours.

E. Ways and Means- Director H. Thompson presented Certificates of Recognition to the members of the Ways and Means Committee, thanked them for their services and announced the Clerk of the Year candidates would be announced tomorrow.

F. Website and Publication- Director D. Kasunic announced the MAMC newsletter is produced quarterly and encouraged members to like the MAMC Facebook page.

G. Past President- Past President C. Swope announced the following sites for the MAMC annual conference will be at the following locations: 2017-Kalamazoo Radisson, 2018-Grand Traverse Resort and 2019-Kalamazoo Radisson and the slate of candidates on the ballot for the following positions: President City/Village-Sarah Bydalek, 1st Vice President Township-Susanne Courtade, 2nd Vice President City/Village-Dan Kasunic, 3rd Vice President Township-Jennifer Venema, Director City/Village-Cynthia Bower, Stephen French, Lisa Hathaway, Jeremy Howard, Renee Wilson, Tema Lucero and Director Township-Mary Clark, Robert Crawford and Susan McCullough.

Motion by Sue Hillebrand, supported by Mary Kotowski to open the nominations. Motion carried without opposition.

Candidates were afforded the opportunity to address the membership. Voting will be held between 12:45 and 1:00 p.m. at the registration desk, voting closes at 3:30 p.m. June 16, 2016.

Motion by Ann Bollin, supported by Sue Hillebrand to close the nominations. Motion carried without opposition.

Motion by Cindy Lear, supported by Ellen Bragg to recess the meeting until June 17, 2016 at 8:30 a.m. Motion carried without opposition. Meeting recessed at 11:46 a.m.

Motion by Joanne Montgomery, supported by Ann Bollin to reconvene at 8:32 a.m. on June 17, 2016 at the Radisson. Motion carried without opposition.

6. Unfinished Business-

A. Receive the Election Results- Past President C. Swope announced the winners of the election. President City/Village-Sarah Bydalek, 1st Vice President Township-Susanne Courtade, 2nd Vice President City/Village-Dan Kasunic, 3rd Vice President Township-Jennifer Venema, Directors City/Village- Lisa Hathaway and Jeremy Howard and Directors Township-Mary Clark and Robert Crawford.

B. Bill Zagman from CGSI Lobbyist presented an update of legislative action and bills that passed in 2015 (Elimination of Straight Party Voting, Elimination of February elections, PA269 Local Gag Order (which received a permanent injunction) and PA142 eliminating the rebuttal presumption (hard 180 day window for petition signatures maintained). Focus remains on funding for new equipment in 2017. Clerks were encouraged to set aside funds in the estimated amount of $2000.00 for each precinct within their jurisdiction. Efforts continue to secure no reason Absentee Voting and consideration of movement of the Primary Election from August to June. Additional voting instructions regarding the inability to straight party voting prior to the November 8th election.
c. Secretary of State Ruth Johnson announced that there are 1,599 Clerks in Michigan who employ over 30 thousand poll workers for each election; congratulated 2016 Clerk of the Year recipients: Tina Barton, Sue Courtade, Tina Sauve; a decline in unemployment from 15% to 4.8%, a 32% increase in home values, 460 thousand new voter registrations in 2016; 24 naturalization ceremonies in 2016; mobile Secretary of States offices have been frequenting Colleges and Universities; Michigan has registered 96% of the total number of eligible voters Michigan; Michigan ranked #1 in USA today for voter registration; there was a 63% voter turnout in the March Presidential Primary Election; 884 thousand voters were removed from the voting records during the voter roll clean-up which included removal of 660 non-citizens and 184 thousand registered in two states. She continues to advocate for no-reason Absentee Voting, on-line voter registration, express sos.com and the “MI-TIME line” mobile app.

Motion by Ann Bollin, support by Ellen Bragg to destroy the ballots.

7. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 9:25 a.m.