From the President

Helen Keller once said, on the topic of happiness, “most people have the wrong idea of what constitutes true happiness. It is not attained through self-gratification but through fidelity to a worthy purpose.”

I am truly happy to be serving as your President! As I look back at our June conference, I remember eager “first-time” municipal clerks learning all they could to make their life and their citizens’ lives run smoothly. I remember seeing “old” friends and making “new” friends as the week progressed. I remember being proud of our MAMC Board for all their insight and wisdom while they reported the news of our organization to you…..and, I remember the fantastic conference that the conference committee pulled together and made it a huge success.

The Board met on August 22, 2007, to discuss an array of items. Each board member will be busy this upcoming year as we embark on the 2nd year of our Institute, website changes coming forward, Senate and House bills being approved, a push for higher membership numbers, changes to Standing Rules, site selection for future conferences, and many more duties that are being worked on.

I look ahead with anticipation and faith that we will continue to be “HAPPY” and to make a difference in the lives of each other and our citizens that we serve. I believe that we all have a ”WORTHY” purpose as we all serve our Cities, Villages and Townships.

Warmest regards,

Dana L. Muscott, MMC
MAMC President

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Time to Renew Your Membership

This year, we are encouraging membership to register by completing the electronic form found on the MAMC website, printing it and mailing it in, rather than having to send applications to all members by first class mail. The membership form is also included in this newsletter. The new deadline to avoid paying a late fee is January 31, 2008.
Clerk of the Year Awards

The awards for City, Township and Village “Clerk of the Year” were presented at MAMC’s annual conference on June 27th at the Troy Marriott.

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
Mary Therese Hegarty
Clerk of Grand Rapids

Township Clerk of the Year
Evan Hope
Clerk of Delhi Charter Township

Village Clerk of the Year
Lonna M. Fisher
Clerk of the Village of Elkton

2008 Clerk of the Year Nominations

Nominations for the Michigan Association of Municipal Clerks “2008” Clerk of the Year nominations are being accepted until March 7, 2008

Nomination forms are available on line at: www.michiganclerks.org

or contact:
Sue Hillebrand, Clerk of the Year Committee Chairperson at:
phone: 248-662-0491

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The MAMC Legislative Committee has been meeting monthly to review proposed legislation affecting local clerks and the election process. CEO meets to coordinate election issues between MAMC and the Michigan Association of County Clerks (MACC.)

MAMC/MACC Lobbyist Bill Zaagman has kept both committees up-to-date on issues regarding permanent AV lists, no reason AV’s, early voting, precinct delegates, the Presidential primary, school election dates and QVF/Drivers License address differences. When important issues come up, we’ve kept the membership informed via the listserve and will continue.

You can visit the MAMC website (www.michiganclerks.org) to review 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. Bills that should be of interest to you are:

- HB 4048 Provides for issuance of AV ballot without justification
- HB 4090 Provides for early voting
- SB 135 Provides for permanent absent voter file
- HB 4507 / Requires school board elections to be held in November
  SB 663-4

HB 4048 & 4090 have recently been sent to a sub-committee comprised of legislators, Bureau of Election officials and local & county clerks. The first meeting is schedule for December 5th. MAMC representatives will also be meeting with Secretary Terri Lynn Land in December to review legislative priorities.

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 send it in.

Ann Ulrich, CMC, CEO Chair
Todd M. Blake, CMC, Legislative Chair
MAMC - Financial Report for October 2007

Bank Statement
Beginning Balance $ 42,180.86
Deposits/Credits 60.00
Interest 100.70
Withdrawals 8,416.10

Ending Balance
*Main Bank Account 33,925.46
*Investment Account 25,977.94
Total Funds $ 59,903.40

Betty L. Kennedy, MMC, MAMC Treasurer

Benjamin Marentette
Deputy City Clerk of Traverse City

The Traverse City Business News named Benjamin Marentette, Deputy City Clerk of Traverse City, in the “40under40” awards. Recognition is given to “influential leaders” in the Greater Traverse City region that are under the age of 40 years, and contribute to their community - by being heavily involved professionally and personally. “He is a gentleman, infinitely kind and patient, equipped with knowledge and commitment,” said City Clerk Deb Curtiss. Ben’s commitment goes beyond his work in the Traverse City Clerks Office. He volunteers at the Traverse City Senior Center, Boardman River cleanup days and for the Michigan Youth Opportunities Initiative. Ben is an active member of the Michigan Association of Municipal Clerks. Congratulations Ben!
The following individuals have earned the prestigious Certified Municipal Clerk (CMC) designation from the International Institute of Municipal Clerks (IIMC) in the following months:

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Please join us in congratulating these individuals for their achievements.

2008 MAMC INSTITUTE

The Institute begins on the weekend that we change to Daylight Savings time so “Spring Forward” seemed like an ideal theme for the Institute. The heart of the mission for the MAMC is to promote and encourage the professional development through communication, education and training. The Institute is an ideal opportunity to “Spring Forward”, educate and regenerate ourselves and get ready for a busy election year.

The Institute has always been at the center of the educational experience for Clerks. On behalf of the MAMC Board of Directors, we are pleased to offer the upcoming Institute from March 9-14, 2008 at the Comfort Inn and Conference Center located on the Campus of Central Michigan University in Mt. Pleasant.

Mary A. Kotowski, CMC
Education Committee Chairperson
Well the 2007 conference has come and gone. Clerks from across the State of Michigan gathered in June to attend the 8th Annual MAMC Conference at the beautiful Troy Marriott Hotel & Conference Center. This year’s conference theme “An Odyssey of Education” was fitting, considering we were in the City of Troy. Hundreds of clerks from across the state took part in the numerous education sessions and special events that had been planned. In all, 163 attendees, a new record, attended Clerking 101 and the Master Academy Classes on Tuesday. The 5K walk/run and golf outing had a great morning for their events, not to hot and no rain this year. As usual, the conference offered many networking opportunities as well as some good laughs and great entertainment. Keep an eye on upcoming newsletters, as the location of the 2010 MAMC Conference will soon be revealed.

I would just say thank you to everyone on the Conference Committee, the City of Troy and everyone else that pitched in to help make this another great conference. I had very strong legs this year to help make this the conference what it was. Thank you again!

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