

MUNICIPAL CLERKS' ASSOCIATION OF NEW JERSEY, INC.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE by Joanne Kwasniewski, 2011 President



I cannot believe that summer is over - the days really flew by and now fall is in full swing. While some of you look forward to cooler days and falling leaves, I always dread the end of summer. I love the sun and the way that life seems to slow down just a bit for all of us – traffic is less, residents take vacations and there are fewer Council meetings. Fall always means that Election Day and the League of Municipalities Conference are right around the corner. I hope you all enjoyed your summer whether you like the heat and humidity or not!

As I mentioned in my previous President's messages, I have been participating in quarterly teleconferences with Representatives of the Department of Health and Senior Services Cathleen Bennett; Emmanouil Skoufos and Colette Lamothe-Galette; Lori Buckelew, League of Municipalities and Lynn Minetti, President of the Registrars Association of NJ to discuss the training requirements for Registrars, safety paper and tracking CEU's. A task force has been formed to create core courses and identify specific topics for additional training. I was very pleased by the response to my request for those who would like to serve on this task force and work with the Department of Health and Senior Services and other Registrars. It is always critical that our voice be heard. We have been offered that opportunity and it is gratifying to have our members agree to serve. I am hopeful that the task force will work through the fall and complete their objectives by January. It is an excellent opportunity to shape the future for those of you who also serve as

Registrars. For once we will be a participant and contributing right from the start rather than playing catch up after the fact.

I have been advised by Lori Buckelew of the NJLOM that Senator Weinberg is ready to introduce an amended OPMA bill. (By the time you read this, we may have the actual bill before us.) Senator Weinberg has indicated that she has listened to our comments and taken them into consideration in the amended bill. Only time will tell, but I am cautiously optimistic that some of the more onerous provisions will be changed.

Speaking of Senator Weinberg - in what I can only call a miracle - she has agreed to participate in our League Session entitled "What is the Confusion over the Open Public Meetings Act (OPMA)?" Mark your calendar for Tuesday, November 15, 2011 at 2:00 p.m. in Room 417 at the Atlantic City Convention Center for a session that is bound to be informative and exciting. We also have scheduled a session entitled "Drafting Legislation: The Right Way and the Wrong Way" for Wednesday afternoon. Please be sure to take advantage of all the educational opportunities the League of Municipalities Convention offers. My thanks to Louise Palagano, Jennica Bilecki and Nenette Perry for working so hard to put these two sessions together.

Our Annual Meeting will be held this year on Wednesday, November 16th in the Royal Swan Ballroom of the Tropicana Hotel. Breakfast will begin at 8:30 a.m. with the meeting starting at 9:30 a.m. Tickets for the Annual Breakfast can be obtained from your County Advisory Board Member. If you haven't received them yet, please contact 2nd Vice President Nancy Saffos, Municipal Clerk, Cherry Hill. We are fortunate that International Institute of Municipal Clerks (IIMC) President Colleen Nicol will be speaking during the Annual Meeting. 2013 is not that far away and everyone is excited that New Jersey will be hosting the 67th Annual Conference of the IIMC.

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A MESSAGE TO MUNICIPAL REGISTRARS OF VITAL STATISTICS

By Yamileth Contreras, M.S.W.

Acting State Registrar of Vital Statistics

NJDHSS-Office of Vital Statistics and Registry

The New Jersey Office of Vital Statistics and Registry (OVSr) has established a Local Registrar Liaison Unit to better serve the local registrar community. This unit will be the single point of contact for the local registrars when they have questions on any subject matter, or they need any help from the OVSr. The services provided by the unit are:

Education of Local Registrars

Laws, regulations, and policies must be interpreted accurately. Whenever there is a question about the interpretation, locals may contact the liaison unit to better understand what the law states and how to apply them in the local registrar's office. The Unit provides classes free of charge for the certified municipal registrar training to the newly appointed local registrars and any interested party. It also assists in offering recertification classes to maintain the CMR certificate. New material is offered annually at no cost and a plan is underway to gradually move more of the courses offered on-line.

Registration of Local Registrars

OVSr maintains a database of all approved local, deputy, alternate, and sub registrars. The Unit is responsible for assuring that all locals and deputies keep their CMR certification current. It is also the responsibility of the Unit to provide the registrars with updated recertification credits.

Local Outreach

OVSr implemented an audit to evaluate the cohesiveness of each local office. Auditors make a scheduled visit to the local office to provide direct assistance to the local office. The audits are educational in nature, allowing the local registrars to ask questions and bring up concerns to the attention of the State auditor who will provide hands on assistance.

Logistics

The Liaison Unit is the point of contact to receive all forms, pamphlets, and supplies provided by OVSr. This includes ordering blank licenses, applications, or forms. Many of these forms can be found on OVSr web page for the local's convenience.

Software Assistance

With the implementation of the EDRS, local registrars need a direct contact when there is a problem with the system. Log in questions, system errors, and registration questions will be addressed by this Unit.

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**ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING AND BREAKFAST OF THE
MUNICIPAL CLERKS' ASSOCIATION OF NEW JERSEY
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2011
8:30 a.m. - Tropicana - Royal Swan Ballroom**

BUFFET BREAKFAST 8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

Call to Order and Welcome: JOANNE M. KWASNIEWSKI, President MCANJ, Municipal Clerk, Borough of Fair Lawn

Roll Call of Officers: KEITH KAZMARK, Secretary, Municipal Clerk, Borough of Elmwood Park

Flag Salute: JOEL POPKIN, MCANJ Executive Director

Invocation: THOMAS J. DUCH, ESQ., City Manager, City of Garfield

Approval of Minutes: Annual Meeting of November 17, 2010

Reports:

Treasurer: JOHN M. MITCH, Municipal Clerk, Township of Woodbridge

Legal Update: RICHARD LUSTGARTEN, Esq., MCANJ Legal Counsel, Goodman & Lustgarten

Introduction of Candidate for 2012 Secretary:

KEITH KAZMARK, 2011 Secretary, will introduce PATRICIA L. HUNT, Moorestown Township

Proposed Constitution and Bylaw Amendments

Recognition of 2011 Committee Chairs: Joanne M. Kwasniewski, President, MCANJ, Municipal Clerk, Borough of Fair Lawn

- Constitution and Bylaws: → HAROLD WIENER, Chair, Municipal Clerk, Irvington Township
- Education: → ELAINE JASKO, Chair, Municipal Clerk, Perth Amboy City
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- Elections: → { HEATHER MAILANDER, Co-Chair, Municipal Clerk, Ridgewood Village
- Fundraising: → { JANE WILLIAMS-WARREN, Chair, Municipal Clerk, Paterson City
- Information Technology/Web Page: → { DOREEN CALI, Co-Chair, Municipal Clerk, Roselle Park Borough and
- Legal Defense Fund: → { ADDIE HANNA, Co-Chair, Midland Park Borough
- Legislative Committee for Laws Pertaining
To the Municipal Clerk's Profession: → DAINA DALE, Chair, Municipal Clerk, Harvey Cedars Borough
- Legislative Review: → SHARON BRIENZA, Chair, Municipal Clerk, Branchburg Township
- Manual Review: → { SHARON YOUNG, Chair, Municipal Clerk, West Windsor Township
- Membership North: → { DWAYNE HARRIS, Chair, Municipal Clerk, Atlantic Highlands Borough
- Membership Central: → { JOEL POPKIN, Exec. Bd. Coordinator, and
- Membership South: → { DEANNA BENNETT, Editor, Municipal Clerk, Haddonfield Borough
- Past Presidents' Council: → { SALLY BLEEKER, Chair, Municipal Clerk, Franklin Lakes Borough
- Professional Development and Mini Conference: → { CECILIA COVINO, Chair, Municipal Clerk, Clinton Town
- North: → { CYNTHIA DALESSIO, Chair, Municipal Clerk, Woodstown Borough
- Central: → { JOAN MORELAND, Chair Municipal Clerk, Retired
- South: → { SUSAN WITKOWSKI, Municipal Clerk, Hawthorne Borough and
- Public Relations/MCANJ Booth: → { AMY LOBBAN, Municipal Clerk, Sandyston Township
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- Raffles: → { SHARON YOUNG, Municipal Clerk, West Windsor Township
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- DEBRA HECK, Chair, Municipal Clerk, Hackensack City
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- MARIE ELENA MACARI, Co-Chair, Municipal Clerk, Saddle River Borough
- KAREN HUGHES, Municipal Clerk, Westwood Borough

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Announcement of Scholarship Winners: KAREN HUGHES, Municipal Clerk, Westwood Borough

Tribute to Retired Members: MARIE ELENA MACARI, Municipal Clerk, Saddle River Borough

Tribute to Deceased Members: SANDRA BOHINSKI, Municipal Clerk, Helmetta Borough

Introduction of Speaker: COLLEEN NICOL, President, International Institute of Municipal Clerks

State of the Association Address: JOANNE M. KWASNIEWSKI, 2011 President, MCANJ, Municipal Clerk, Fair Lawn Borough

Recognition of 2011 CMC and MMC Awards: VINCENT BUTTIGLIERI, IIMC Region II Director;
Municipal Clerk, Ocean Township

Recognition of Instructors of Municipal Clerks Courses: PAMELA MORLEY-CHAPPELLE, Associate Program Specialist,
Rutgers University

Announcement of 2010/2011 Registered Municipal Clerks Certification Recipients: ELAINE JASKO, Municipal Clerk,
Perth Amboy City

*(Reminder: RMC/CMC/MMC Recipients Please Remain after the meeting for pictures and pins)

Presentation of the 2011 Municipal Clerk of the Year Award: HAROLD E. WIENER, 2010 Municipal Clerk of the Year,
Municipal Clerk, Irvington Township

2012 Slate of Officers: KEITH KAZMARK, 2011 MCANJ Secretary, Municipal Clerk, Elmwood Park Borough

Motion to Cast Ballot for Slate of Officers:

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Immediate Past President	JOANNE M. KWASNIEWSKI, Fair Lawn Borough

Administration of Oath to Officers: FRANK J. CALANDRIELLO, Mayor, City of Garfield

Introduction of President's Guests: JOANNE M. KWASNIEWSKI, President, MCANJ,
Municipal Clerk, Borough of Fair Lawn

Acknowledgements to President Joanne M. Kwasniewski: ANDREW J. PAVLICA, President-Elect, MCANJ,
Municipal Clerk, City of Garfield

Remarks by President-Elect ANDREW J. PAVLICA, President-Elect, MCANJ, Municipal Clerk, City of Garfield

Introduction of President-Elect's Guests: ANDREW J. PAVLICA, President-Elect, MCANJ, Municipal Clerk, City of Garfield

Acknowledgements to President-Elect Andrew J. Pavlica: JOANNE M. KWASNIEWSKI, 2011 President, MCANJ,
Municipal Clerk, Borough of Fair Lawn

Adjournment

Visit the League of Municipalities website to see a list of seminars being offered at the League Convention:

<http://www.njslom.org/96thconf/CEU-List.pdf>

PEOPLE PAGE

by Sharon Brienza



CONGRATULATIONS

RETIREES

Ann Nolan, Piscataway Township (Middlesex County) retired after 40 years of service.

Carol Ashley, Borough of Butler (Morris County) retired in March after serving as Borough Clerk since August 1987.

Judy Silver, Parsippany-Troy Hills (Morris County) retired on June 1, 2011.

Mary Cilurso, Township of Rockaway (Morris County) retired on July 1, 2011.

Joe Falca, formerly of the Division of Archives and Records Management, asked everyone to remember that he has retired and is no longer with the Division.

We wish all of our retirees the best of luck and happiness in their new ventures - whatever they may be!



KEEPING UP WITH CLERKS: HO-HO-KUS

Ho-Ho-Kus Borough Clerk Laura Borchers gets a cuddle hug from her Godson.

“Brandon is not only my Godson but my Grand Nephew.

I love that boy tremendously and he me. From the time he was born and from the first time I held that little boy I felt that bond and its been there since.”



KEEPING UP WITH CLERKS: BRANCHVILLE



Speaking of getting a cuddle, it seems like Billy Leissler, the son of Branchville Borough Clerk Kate Leissler, has grown somewhat attached to his 5-foot tall furry friend named Warren.



TRANSITIONS

DEPUTY MUNICIPAL CLERKS

Michelle DeRocco was promoted from Deputy Municipal Clerk under Reenie Fellin to Municipal Clerk of Watchung Borough (Somerset County) as of June 1, 2011.



Effective May 1, 2011, Melissa Seader was also promoted from Deputy Municipal Clerk to Municipal Clerk as Ann Nolan's replacement in Piscataway.

Mary O'Keefe left her job as Deputy Clerk in Parsippany-Troy Hills to become the Borough Clerk in Butler Borough (Morris County) in March.

Congratulations to every one and good luck in your new positions!

CERTIFIED MUNICIPAL CLERK

Paul V. Margiotta, Township of Wayne (Passaic County) has earned the prestigious Certified Municipal Clerk (CMC) designation from the IIMC. Way to go Paul!

PEOPLE PAGE

by Sharon Brienza

MASTER MUNICIPAL CLERK



Past MCANJ President Vinny Buttiglieri has had a busy few months. Not only was he elected as the International Institute of Municipal Clerks (IIMC) Region II Director, he has also earned the prestigious Master Municipal Clerk (MMC) designation from the IIMC.



CONDOLENCES

Members of the MCANJ were saddened to learn of the recent passing of Judy Tripodi. She worked for Andover and Green Townships as the Treasurer, then for the State of New Jersey as an Assistant Director in the Department of Community Affairs for 25 years, retiring in August 2009. As an Assistant Director with DCA, she was a fixture at several MCANJ conferences where she was always welcome.

Patricia Graham, Deputy Municipal Clerk, Borough of Madison, (Morris County) passed away on July 26, 2011. She worked for the Borough for the past 20 years.

We also learned that League of Municipalities Past President Barney Wahl passed away suddenly, shortly after he learned he had cancer. Barney was formerly Mayor of Bernard's Township (Somerset) and was league President in 1988. During his long career in government, he was also the Clerk/Administrator in High Bridge (Hunterdon County).

Our condolences are with all the families.



HURRICANE IRENE

Please know that the entire MCANJ family is hoping that any issues you and/or your municipality are facing will soon be a thing of the past and that things will get back to some sort of normalcy by the time this issue of the Quill is delivered.

KEEPING UP WITH CLERKS: LAFAYETTE



Lafayette Township Clerk Anna Rose Fedish shares some quality time with her daughter Nicole and granddaughter Megan Rose



NEWS FROM SOMERSET COUNTY

Taking their lead from the Bergen County Clerk's Association, Somerset County held a Food Drive at their June meeting in conjunction with Somerset County's "Curbing Hunger" Campaign. According to the press release from Somerset County, the Clerk's Association added 120 pounds to the 46,000 pounds collected throughout the County



KEEPING UP WITH CLERKS: HALEDON

Haledon Borough Clerk Allan Susen is shown surround-



ed by his family. "Miles of Smiles" on display!



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE
by Joanne Kwasniewski,
2011 President



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I am pleased to announce that Patricia Hunt, Municipal Clerk of Moorestown, will be sworn in as the newest member of the Executive Board. I know that she will serve the MCANJ with distinction and all of us on the Executive Board look forward to her joining us.

We will also be voting to amend our Constitution and By Laws at the meeting. Please make sure you attend the meeting to see Patricia take her place on the Executive Board and to discover who will be the 2012 Municipal Clerk of the Year. The Municipal Clerk of the Year is probably the best-kept secret in history. It is exciting to try to figure out who has been chosen by listening to the biography of the person. Please don't miss it.

MCANJ has had a booth at the League of Municipalities Conference for many years. It is an excellent opportunity for us to be seen by elected officials throughout the State. We need volunteers to man the booth. If you can volunteer for an hour or two during the Conference, please let me know.

1st Vice President Drew Pavlica has already been working on the 2012 Conference which will be held March 27 to 30 at the Taj Mahal Casino/Hotel in Atlantic City. He and the Conference Committee have already had several meetings and plans are underway to ensure that the 2012 Conference provides the best possible educational opportunities.

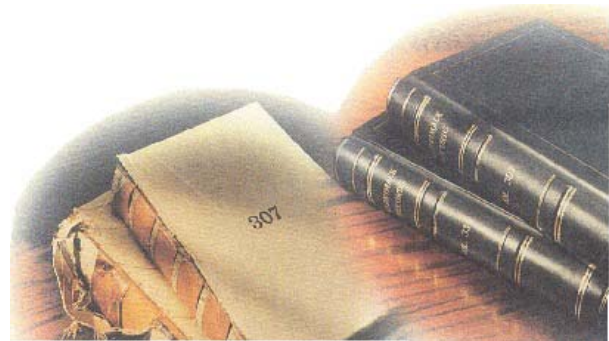
As you can see, it has been a busy few months. If you have questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at (201) 794-5340 or by email at muncclerk@fairlawn.org.

See you in November at MCANJ's Annual Business Meeting and at the education sessions during the NJ State League of Municipalities Conference!

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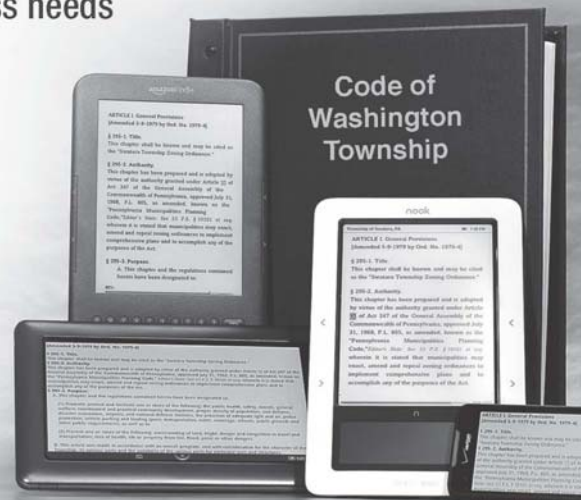


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TREASURER'S REPORT

by John Mitch, MCANJ Treasurer

MCANJ, INC MEMBERSHIP SUMMARY (Reported August 12, 2011)



CATEGORY

TOTAL

MUNICIPAL CLERKS	502
DEPUTY MUNICIPAL CLERKS	231
ACTING MUNICIPAL CLERKS	8
ASSISTANT MUNICIPAL CLERKS	15
COUNTY CLERKS	8
DEPUTY COUNTY CLERKS	3
CLERK TO FREEHOLDER BOARD	3
AFFILIATE MEMBERS	17
GRAND TOTAL	787

Reported August 12, 2011

COUNTY	TOTAL #		% Paid
	Municipalities	Municipalities Paid	
ATLANTIC	23	20	86.96%
BERGEN	70	64	91.43%
BURLINGTON	40	36	90.00%
CAMDEN	37	33	89.19%
CAPE MAY	16	14	87.50%
CUMBERLAND	14	11	78.57%
ESSEX	22	21	95.45%
GLOUCESTER	24	22	91.67%
HUDSON	12	10	83.33%
HUNTERDON	26	26	100.00%
MERCER	13	13	100.00%
MIDDLESEX	25	23	92.00%
MONMOUTH	53	48	90.57%
MORRIS	39	34	87.18%
OCEAN	33	31	93.94%
PASSAIC	16	16	100.00%
SALEM	15	13	86.67%
SOMERSET	21	20	95.24%
SUSSEX	24	20	83.33%
UNION	21	20	95.24%
WARREN	22	17	77.27%
	566	512	90.46%

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2012 IIMC Region II Meeting

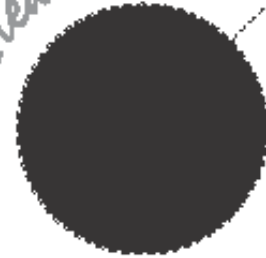
Host: Prince William County
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PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS
WORDING SHOWN IN BLUE REPRESENT PROPOSED AMENDMENTS

ARTICLE IV
COMMITTEES

Section 4. Standing Committees

Functions and Responsibilities of Standing Committees.

16. The Records Committee shall review pertinent decisions of the Government Records Council regarding the Municipal Clerk's responsibility in complying with the Open Public Records act and amendments and supplements subsequently enacted thereto, and report back to the Executive Board with their findings and recommendations on a regular basis. The Records Committee shall, in addition thereto, offer any practical recommendations to the Executive Board regarding problems that have been encountered or other foreseeable problems that may be expected in order for Municipal Clerks to comply with OPRA, as well as any pertinent issues dealing with records management. **The Chairman of the Records Committee shall be the MCANJ representative to the Government Records Council.**

ARTICLE VI
ELECTIONS

Section 1. Nominations

- D. If the filing date for receipt of applications for candidates for the office of Secretary expires and no qualified applications have been received by the current Secretary, the office of Secretary **shall be filled in the manner provided in paragraph E of this Section.**

Within 30 days after the filing date, the Executive Board shall choose a nominee from the qualified general membership for the office of Secretary for the ensuing year. The Executive Board shall notify the general membership that interested persons will be considered based on resumes and personal interviews. Interested persons must submit their resumes to the current Secretary by the deadline established in the notice distributed to the general membership. The Immediate Past President shall not vote to fill any vacancy on the Executive Board. In the event of a vacancy during the term, the same procedure shall be followed.

- E. In the case of a vacancy in the office of Secretary caused by virtue of the fact that the filing date for receipt of applications for candidates for the office of Secretary expires and no qualified applications have been received by the current Secretary, the Executive Board, within 30 days of said filing date, shall notify the general membership of such vacancy and that any qualified, as defined by Section C, interested persons for the office will be considered. The Executive Board shall thereafter fill the vacancy with a qualified person, with the affirmative vote of the majority of the full membership thereof. In the event that a vacancy in the office of Secretary occurs due to any other reason, the provisions for filling such vacancy shall be as set forth in Article VII, Section 6.**

If no applications are received in accordance with Section E, the Executive Board shall have to the power to fill the vacancy with an individual who does not meet the tenure requirement as set forth in Section C for the position of Secretary. However, it shall be required that the applicant seek and receive the written consent of his/her entire governing body of the municipality where he/she is employed on a full time basis setting forth that there are no objections to the individual seeking said position and that it is acknowledged that the position will require the individual to be absent from the office from time to time.

ARTICLE VII
VACANCY ON EXECUTIVE BOARD

Section 6. Other Vacancies

In the event an Officer is absent without an approved excuse by the Executive Board as described and provided for herein from two or more regular Executive Board meetings in one calendar year and/or has neglected or is unable to perform his or her duties of office as set forth in Article III hereof, his or her office shall thereupon be declared vacant and the vacancy filled by the Executive Board in the manner provided herein. Such a vacancy shall be declared by the affirmative vote of 2/3 of the full membership of the Executive Board, with the reasons for declaring the vacancy being set forth in writing at the time of the vote to fill the vacancy and shall be recorded in the minutes of the Executive Board.

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS
WORDING SHOWN IN BLUE REPRESENT PROPOSED AMENDMENTS**

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In the event that an Officer or Committee member is unable to attend all or part of a regular Executive Board meeting, an explanation, in writing, must be submitted in advance of the meeting to the President of the Executive Board providing the reason for the absence. Failure to submit a written explanation shall deem the absence to be unexcused. The Executive Board, at the next regular Executive Board meeting following the meeting at which an Executive Board Member is absent, as the first order of business, vote on the validity of the reason for the absence. For the absence to be considered excused, 2/3 of the full membership of the Executive Board must vote in the affirmative to excuse the absence. The responsibility for deciding what is a valid reason for an absence from a regular Executive Board meeting shall be as the sole discretion of the Executive Board.

Such vacancy as heretofore described shall be filled by the Executive Board by informing the membership, within 30 days of the vacancy, that a vacancy exists, and that all interested qualified persons shall be considered to fill the vacancy based upon an application of the Executive Board, and any further information as may be required by the Executive Board. The Executive Board, by a majority affirmative vote of the full membership thereof, shall thereafter fill the vacancy. Should no qualified applicant apply, then the person serving as the Executive Director shall fill the vacancy for the balance of the term of office at a stipend to be set by the affirmative vote of the full membership of the Executive Board.

In the event that the vacancy still exists at the end of the current term, refer to Sections 1 through 4.

**BYLAWS
REPEALER**

Section 1.

These Bylaws shall become effective **November 16, 2011**.

Section 2.

All laws of this corporation enacted prior to the adoption of these bylaws are hereby repealed.

SLOGANS OF NEW JERSEY

Some municipalities were First. Some are our Favorite. And still others deal with the Past, the Present, or the Future. There are many colorful nicknames and slogans for New Jersey's municipalities and this series celebrates those Slogans. In each edition of the Quill, we'll include some for you to enjoy. Test your knowledge by seeing if you can match the Municipality with the Slogan. **Then turn to page 14 and see how you did!** This issue celebrates slogans that share the message:

“A CAPITAL IDEA”

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| ___ Union City: | A. Airship Capital of the World |
| ___ Vineland City | B. Blueberry Capital of the World |
| ___ Franklin Borough | C. Weakfish Capital of the World |
| ___ Lakehurst Borough | D. Dandelion Capital of the World |
| ___ Hammonton Town | E. Embroidery Capital of the United States |
| ___ Fortescue (within Downe Twp) | F. Fluorescent Mineral Capital of the World |
| ___ West Cape May Borough | G. Lima Bean Capital of the World |

MCANJ HISTORY: CLERKS THROUGH THE DECADES

What Was Happening in the Municipal Clerks' Association of New Jersey:

Ten Years Ago: Sharon Brienza, Municipal Clerk of Branchburg Township, was MCANJ President. Nancy Hatten, who was at that time the Municipal Clerk of Tenafly Borough, was the Quill Editor. MCANJ By Law amendments included a provision to allow absentee ballots to be cast for contested MCANJ officer elections, and the positions of MCANJ Treasurer and Secretary were reversed in order of ascension in the MCANJ Officer hierarchy.

Twenty Years Ago: The late Mildred Bird, who was at that time the Municipal Clerk of Bloomingdale Borough, was serving as the MCANJ President. Janet Lynds, the former Municipal Clerk of Wood-Ridge Borough, held the title of Quill Editor. The Local Government Ethics Law went into effect this year, which introduced the need for Financial Disclosure Forms to be completed by various municipal employees. Do you recognize the person shown in the 20 year old photograph to the right? Although not himself a Municipal Clerk, he has been helping Municipal Clerks stay informed and prepared to meet our professional challenges for decades now (Answer given on Page 14)



Thirty Years Ago: The President of MCANJ in 1981 was L. Manuel Hirshblond, the former Municipal Clerk of Dover Township. Harry C. Kates, who was then the Municipal Clerk of Summit, NJ, was the Quill Editor. 1981 was the first full year under which the term of an appointed Municipal Clerk was set at 3 years, by state law. Also, the position of Quill Editor was removed from the MCANJ Executive Board through a By-law amendment.

Forty Years Ago: In 1971, John ("Jack") Bryan was the Municipal Clerk of Red Bank Borough, and served as MCANJ President. The Quill Editor was Joseph E. Bennett, the Municipal Clerk of Neptune Township, NJ. The major issue being discussed 40 years ago involved tenure rights for municipal clerks, as the Town of West New York attempted to remove a tenured municipal clerk from office based on his having taken a leave of absence, and State Legislators considered a bill that would have changed tenure from "5 years" to "3 years". While that bill did not become law in 1971, the municipal clerk of West New York was reinstated to his position by a decision in Superior Court.

Fifty Years Ago: Charles A. Farley of Harrison Town was the President of MCANJ in 1961. John R. Zellweger, Municipal Clerk of Dumont Borough, was the Quill Editor that year. Membership drives for the State Association were an important goal of MCANJ that year, as was the goal of creating a county-level municipal clerks association for every County of New Jersey. Annual Membership Dues in MCANJ were \$5.00 per year.



1961 officers of the Municipal Clerks Association of New Jersey are shown here with Mrs. Florence Rutan, 1960 president. Seated (left to right) are President Farley; Frank A. Priest, first vice-president; Mrs. Rutan; and Frank P. Robertson, second vice-president; standing are Oscar Kaus, assistant secretary; John Schuster, Jr., secretary; and Frank J. Quigley, assistant treasurer. Not in the picture is Miss Edith M. Marrion, treasurer.

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SLOGANS OF NEW JERSEY

“A CAPITAL IDEA”

Here are the answers to the Matching Challenge shown on page 13

- E. Union City (Hudson County): Two major waves of immigration, first of German-language speakers and then of Spanish-language speakers, greatly influenced the development and character of Union City. The first wave of immigrants founded the European-style lace making industries for which they were famous, earning them the nickname "Embroidery Capital of the United States". The second wave of immigrants led to the nickname "Havana on the Hudson".
- D. Vineland City (Cumberland): The first National Dandelion Festival was held in Vineland in 1973. In subsequent years, Vineland proudly proclaimed itself to be the "Dandelion Capital of the World." Publicity was widespread and immediate, causing quite a sensation. Vineland also happens to be the birthplace of Welch's grape juice, which was created in 1869 by Dr. T.B. Welch.
- F. Franklin Borough (Sussex County) is the "Fluorescent Mineral Capital of the World". The Franklin Mineral Museum is a highly popular destination for class trips from all over the Tri-state area, complete with a tour of a former Zinc mine. Franklinite is a unique mineral found nowhere in the world except the Franklin area. Franklin Borough is a "must stop" for all serious mineral collectors!
- A. Lakehurst Borough (Ocean County): Dirigibles, Airships, Zeppelins and Blimps encompass the rich tradition of "lighter than air" travel. While Lakehurst is sometimes associated with the "Hindenburg Disaster" in which 35 people died on May 6, 1937, Lakehurst eclipses this tragedy to preserve the history of airships, encompassing a rich tradition which continues today to be a popular historical study and current day hobby.
- B. Hammonton Town (Atlantic County): Ronald Reagan visited Hammonton during his 1984 re-election campaign. Reagan's speech highlighted Hammonton's status as the "Blueberry Capital of the World". Due to Hammonton's proximity to the Pine Barrens, the soil is largely sandy, making it ideal for growing blueberries. Once you've driven by the thousands of acres of blueberry fields, and tasted some of the local blueberry pies, muffins, and pancakes, you'll agree that Hammonton NJ is THE capital when it comes to blueberries!.
- C. Fortescue, New Jersey is known as the "Weakfish Capital of the World". Fortescue, an unincorporated area on the southern coast of New Jersey in Delaware Bay, is part of the Fortescue State Wildlife Management Area located in Downe Township, in Cumberland County.
- G. West Cape May Borough (Cape May County), formerly known as Eldredge, is one of four jurisdictions that comprise Cape Island in Cape May County. The area has a rich agricultural history which continues to be celebrated each year with a summer farmers' market, and strawberry and lima bean festivals. It was once known as the "Lima Bean Capital of the World."



FROM PAGE 12: The Photograph shown is a 1991 Photo of William G. Dressell, Jr., the Executive Director of the New Jersey State League of Municipalities.

MEET YOUR CANDIDATE FOR MCANJ SECRETARY: PATRICIA L. HUNT !!



It is my pleasure to submit to the Association my candidacy for Secretary of the MCANJ. I must admit when I was approached about serving on the Executive Board, I was honored that I would be considered for such a position. After great consideration (towards the amount of dedication required), I accepted and it is my hope that I serve the Association in such a manner that promotes the MCANJ's mission of being the best Association there is in municipal government.

I have proudly served as Municipal Clerk/RVS in the Township of Moorestown, Burlington County since 2002. Prior to my appointment in Moorestown, I served as the Deputy Township Clerk (1996-2000) and Municipal Clerk/Administrator (2001-2002) in Lumberton Township, Burlington County. Previous to joining local government, I worked in Trenton as a legal secretary for six years, as well as the Office of Legislative Services, Commerce Section. I have a 21-year old son and have been married for 22 years.

I currently serve or have served in the following capacities:

- 2005 – Present – Member of the MCANJ Advisory Board
- 2008 – Present – Member of Mini-Conferences Committee (Central and South)
- 2010 – Present – Legal Defense Fund
- 2005 – 2010 - President of the Burlington County Clerks' Association

Those of you that know me know that I love my job! I love the challenges that it brings and I love helping others. I take my oath and my responsibilities very seriously and appreciate the opportunity to serve. I have been a part of the MCANJ since 1996 and I look forward to serving the Association over the next several years. I have learned so much from my fellow clerks and value the opportunity to give back.

***The Annual Business Meeting will be held on November 16, 2011 at the
Tropicana Casino and Resort Hotel. Tickets are \$30 each and are
available through your Advisory Board representative.***

MCANJ Breakfast Buffet will be served from 8:30-9:30 a.m.

Annual Business Meeting will begin at 9:30 a.m.

2012 MCANJ Officers sworn in; Newest RMCs, CMCs and MMCs honored

Who will be “Municipal Clerk of the Year”?

DEADLINES FOR NEWS ITEMS: The deadline for the January 2012 issue is December 2, 2011. Please send People Page news to Sharon Brienza, Municipal Clerk, Branchburg Borough, 1077 US Highway 202 North, Branchburg, NJ 08876. Questions or comments regarding this or any issue of the *Quill* should be directed to the Editor, Jim Doherty, Township of Wantage, 888 Route 23, Wantage, NJ 07461 or by calling 973-875-7192 or via email to: administrator@wantagewp-nj.org. Articles for submission should be prepared in Microsoft Word, using Times New Roman 10-point font, and sent as an email attachment by the deadline specified.

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