

MUNICIPAL CLERKS' ASSOCIATION OF NEW JERSEY, INC.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE by *Drew Pavlica, 2012 President*



Remember the old adage, "The only constant, in life, is change"? I even quoted that traditional saying during my remarks at the MCANJ Annual Business Meeting back in November 2011. Little did I know, at the time, that it would apply to the MCANJ Executive Board during 2012.

For those of you who may not be aware, it is with genuine regret and disappointment I advise you that Patricia L. Hunt, the Municipal Clerk of Moorestown, resigned as MCANJ Secretary, effective July 31, 2012. In her letter of resignation, Patty wrote, in part, that she has "thoroughly enjoyed serving on the MCANJ Executive Board and sincerely appreciate(s) the privilege of serving. However, due to personal and professional obligations, I am unable to continue on the Board." I know you all share my appreciation for Patty Hunt's dedication, time, and effort she has devoted as Secretary, and in other roles, and we all look forward to continuing to work with Patty in other capacities for the good of our Association. We all wish her well in her future endeavors.

Pursuant to the MCANJ Constitution and By-Laws, any interested, qualified MCANJ member could submit resumes and/or letters of interest to serve as MCANJ Secretary for the unexpired 2012 term, with the cut off for submission being thirty days after the start of the notice. A Blast Email Notice was sent out and a Notice was posted for thirty days on the front of the MCANJ Website, www.njclerks.org. The deadline for submissions was August 31, 2012, and quite a few qualified and talented Municipal Clerks expressed an interest, which made the choice a difficult one. In the end, Denise Szabo, the Municipal Clerk of the Township of Bernards, was selected by the Executive Board to succeed Patty Hunt as MCANJ Secretary for the unexpired 2012 term, and to move up the chairs in subsequent years. Denise has been a Municipal Clerk since 1996 and obtained her RMC in 1997, her CMC in 2000, and her MMC in 2006. She has held various leadership positions in the Somerset County Municipal Clerk Association and served as its President in 2001 and 2002. She has served on numerous MCANJ Committees, including Education, Professional Development, Membership, Peer Alliance, Webpage and was the Records Committee Chair in 2007 and 2008. A true professional, she will serve the MCANJ well in her new role on the Executive Board.

This year, there are also two very qualified candidates running for the office of Secretary of the MCANJ for the 2013 term: Ann Marie McCarthy, the Municipal Clerk of Franklin Township (Somerset County), and Dina Zawadski, the Municipal Clerk of Deptford Township. Their profiles are featured on pages 6 and 7 in this edition of the Quill. There will be an election starting at the beginning of the Annual Business Meeting on November 14th, which will be held in the Royal Swan Ballroom of the Tropicana Hotel in Atlantic City, so please plan on being at this entire meeting in order to exercise your right to vote for the next member of the MCANJ Executive Board. All dues-paying MCANJ Members are entitled to vote, but there is only one vote per Municipality.

In the last edition of the Quill, I commented that, at that point, it seemed there would be a respite from the challenging times regarding Legislation, until the Fall. Boy, was I wrong on that count!

In regard to Senate Bills, S-1451 concerning proposed changes and amendments to the Open Public Meetings Act (OPMA), and S-1452 concerning proposed changes and amendments to the Open Public Records Act (OPRA), when these bills were to be scheduled for hearings before the Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee, indications pointed to a Fall hearing before the bills would be voted out of Committee. Appropriate strategies were being contemplated by the MCANJ Leadership concerning these bills, and when these bills were to be posted for a hearing, amongst other things, I wanted to request a Fiscal Note on these bills from the Office of Legislative Services to determine the potential economic impact of the proposed legislation on State, County and Local Government in New Jersey.

There already were newspaper articles detailing the need for the Borough of Longport and the Borough of Flemington to expend taxpayer monies to hire additional personnel to handle OPRA requests, and this was without the additional burdens of the proposed OPRA legislation.

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Unfortunately for my plans to testify and ask for a Fiscal Note, on June 21, 2012, for a 9:30 AM Meeting of the Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee, both bills were posted on the Committee Agenda at 9:38 AM, with little or no notice by the Senate Leadership! Upon hearing this, I was scrambling to suddenly have to drop everything in my Garfield City Hall Office to hurriedly take the two hour drive down to Trenton to testify, but to add insult to injury, both bills were voted out of Committee, without allowing any interested parties to speak! Talk about lack of Openness and Transparency, for legislation on Openness and Transparency! Talk about irony and hypocrisy!

The Senate proponents of this Legislation, have exempted the State Legislature from the requirements of the proposed OPRA and OPMA Legislation because they claim that they are more open and transparent than Counties and Local Municipalities. In a different opinion, I have seen a copy of a letter from James J. McCullough, the Mayor of Egg Harbor Township, in which he questions these Senate "proponents of open and transparent government" as not holding themselves accountable to the residents of our State in the same fashion as they choose to hold Municipalities. He also commented that their approach to "do as I say, not as I do," is an obvious contradiction to a proponent of open and transparent government.

To her credit, Senator Loretta Weinberg, the chief sponsor of the Legislation, committed that the bills would not be posted for a full vote of the Senate until the Fall, so the bills could be further amended after communicating with stakeholders. However, the appropriate forum to ask for a Fiscal Note was before the Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee. The MCANJ Leadership, through its Committees, has continuously worked to vet these bills and communicate our concerns over the Summer. Much thanks goes to the Ad Hoc Committee of Jim Doherty, Harold Wiener, Vinny Buttiglieri and Greg Hart, as well as the Legislative Committee for Laws Pertaining to the Municipal Clerks' Profession, chaired by Kim-Marie White.

In regard to S-533, the Common Sense Shared Services Act, which could adversely affect Tenure for Municipal Clerks, and other Statutory Officers, if two Municipalities enter into certain Shared Service Agreements, I was disappointed that the bill was approved by the full Senate on June 28, 2012, by a vote of 36 to 2.

The MCANJ will stay engaged with the State Assembly in regard to Legislation and continue to communicate with Assembly Speaker Sheila Oliver and other Legislators.

Concerning other June events, but changing the pace to better news, the experimental Conference Call Advisory Board Meeting was held on June 22, 2012 at the Woodland Park Municipal Building and was considered a terrific success. It was a rather thorough and organized meeting with 18 MCANJ members physically in attendance and 9 MCANJ members calling in and listening and participating via Conference Call. A big thank you goes to MCANJ Treasurer, and Woodland Park Mayor, Keith Kazmark, for making almost all of the arrangements.

The Constitution and By-Laws Committee was given the charge to draft proposed Amendments to allow for those MCANJ Advisory Board members, unable to get out of the office, who would like to participate in the Advisory Board Meetings, to count towards being present for the purpose of a quorum, if they call in and participate via Conference Call. The proposed Constitutional Amendments can be seen on pages 8 and 9 of this edition of the Quill, and I ask your support on these Amendments during our November Business Meeting. Electronic Communication is the way of the future, and the Association must remain current and innovative.

Changing to other forms of Electronic Communication, Social Media is another aspect of our day and age in which the MCANJ is attempting to become more involved. Information Technology/Webpage Committee Member Jim Doherty and I have created a Municipal Clerks' Association of New Jersey Facebook Page, and for those of you on Facebook, please seek out the MCANJ Facebook Page and click on the "Like" button. This is yet another useful tool to disseminate pertinent information to our members and I think you will like what we have done.

A change, but yet another piece of good news to relay to you, is when you attend the Annual Business Meeting during the League of Municipalities Conference at the Tropicana Hotel on November 14th, you will receive one contact hour in Professional Development for your RMC License Renewal. This was approved, in part, due to plans for MCANJ Legal Counsel Richard Lustgarten to give us a Legislative Update during his Report, and due to plans for International Institute of Municipal Clerks President Brenda Cirtin to address us on our profession and on other issues.

Diane Pflugfelder, the Municipal Clerk of Liberty Township, and a member of the Education Committee, handled the application for CEU Credits through the Division of Local Government Services. Diane has our gratitude for securing this benefit for all of us attending the "Changing of the Guard" at our Annual Meeting, as the new Executive Board gets sworn in.

It is obvious that change is in the air. It is something that fascinates some people, and causes anxiety in others. If we see only problems, we will be defeated. But if we see the possibilities, we can have victory. As John Lennon said in one of his songs, "There are no problems, only solutions."

The MCANJ Leadership will continue to strive to be a force for positive change and work hard to defeat change that is outright wrong and not beneficial. Let us all aspire to live, and personify, this positive admonishment from Mahatma Gandhi: "Be the change you want to see in the world."

**ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING AND BREAKFAST OF THE
MUNICIPAL CLERKS' ASSOCIATION OF NEW JERSEY
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2012
9:00 a.m. - Tropicana - Royal Swan Ballroom**

Call to Order and Welcome: ANDREW J. PAVLICA, President MCANJ; Municipal Clerk, City of Garfield

Roll Call of Officers: DENISE SZABO, Secretary; Municipal Clerk, Bernards Township

Flag Salute: JOEL POPKIN, MCANJ Executive Director

Invocation: THE REVEREND FATHER EMMANUEL PRATSINAKIS, St. Thomas Greek Orthodox Church, Cherry Hill, NJ

Approval of Minutes – MCANJ Annual Business Meeting of November 16, 2011

Reports:

Treasurer: KEITH KAZMARK, Municipal Clerk, Borough of Elmwood Park

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

Introduction of Candidates & Election for 2013 MCANJ Secretary – DENISE SZABO, 2012 Secretary, will introduce:
ANN MARIE MCCARTHY, Municipal Clerk, Franklin Township (Somerset)
DINA ZAWADSKI, Municipal Clerk, Deptford Township

Proposed Constitution and Bylaws Amendments

Recognition of “2012” Committee Chairs: ANDREW J. PAVLICA, President, MCANJ; Municipal Clerk, City of Garfield

Constitution and Bylaws: HAROLD WIENER, Chair, Municipal Clerk, Irvington Township

Education: HEATHER MAILANDER, Chair, Municipal Clerk, Ridgewood Village

Education Conference: SHARON BRIENZA, Co-Chair, Municipal Clerk, Branchburg Township and
HEATHER MAILANDER, Co-Chair, Municipal Clerk, Ridgewood Village

Elections: JANE WILLIAMS-WARREN, Chair, Municipal Clerk, Paterson City

Fundraising: DOREEN CALI, Co-Chair, Municipal Clerk, Roselle Park Borough and
ADDIE HANNA, Co-Chair, Municipal Clerk, Midland Park Borough

Information Technology/Web Page: DAINA DALE, Chair, Municipal Clerk, Harvey Cedars Borough

Legal Defense Fund: SHARON BRIENZA, Chair, Municipal Clerk, Branchburg Township

Legislative Committee for Laws Pertaining to the Municipal Clerk's Profession: KIM-MARIE WHITE, Chair, Municipal Clerk, Eastampton Township

Legislative Review: DWAYNE HARRIS, Chair, Municipal Clerk, Atlantic Highlands Borough

Manual Review, JOEL POPKIN, Coordinator; DEANNA BENNETT, Editor, Municipal Clerk, Haddonfield Borough

Membership North: SALLY BLEEKER, Chair, Municipal Clerk, Franklin Lakes Borough

Membership Central: CECILIA COVINO, Chair, Municipal Clerk, Clinton Town

Membership South: CYNTHIA DALESSIO, Chair, Municipal Clerk, Woodstown Borough

Past Presidents' Council: JOAN MORELAND, Chair, Municipal Clerk, Retired

Professional Development and Mini Conference:

North: SUSAN WITKOWSKI, Municipal Clerk, Hillsdale Borough and
AMY LOBBAN, Municipal Clerk, Sandyston Township

Central: DIANE PFLUGFELDER, Municipal Clerk, Liberty Township and
ANN MARIE MCCARTHY, Municipal Clerk, Franklin Township (Somerset)

South: PATRICIA FRONTINO, Municipal Clerk, Glassboro Borough and
DINA ZAWADSKI, Municipal Clerk, Deptford Township

Public Relations – MCANJ Booth: CECILIA COVINO, Chair, Municipal Clerk, Clinton Town

Quill: JAMES DOHERTY, Editor, Municipal Clerk, Wantage Township

Raffles: YANCY WAZIRMAS, Chair, Municipal Clerk, Parsippany-Troy Hills Township

Records: ELAINE B. KENNEDY, Chair, Municipal Clerk, Eagleswood Township

Resolutions: SANDRA BOHINSKI, Co-Chair, Municipal Clerk, Helmetta Borough and
MARIE ELENA MACARI, Co-Chair, Municipal Clerk, Saddle River Borough

Scholarship: KAREN HUGHES, Chair, 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

Presentation of Friend of the Municipal Clerk Award, and L. Manuel Hirshblond Distinguished Service Award:
ANDREW J. PAVLICA, President, MCANJ; Municipal Clerk, City of Garfield

Introduction of Speaker:

BRENDA CIRTIN, President, International Institute of Municipal Clerks (IIMC); Municipal Clerk, Springfield, Missouri

State of the Association Address: ANDREW J. PAVLICA, 2012 President, MCANJ; Municipal Clerk, City of Garfield

Recognition of 2012 CMC and MMC Awards:

VINCENT BUTTIGLIERI, IIMC Region II Director; Municipal Clerk, Ocean Township (Monmouth)

Recognition of Instructors of Municipal Clerks Courses:

PAMELA MORLEY-CHAPPELLE, Associate Program Specialist, Rutgers University

Announcement of 2011/2012 Registered Municipal Clerks Certification Recipients:

HEATHER MAILANDER, Municipal Clerk, Ridgewood Village

***(Reminder: RMC/CMC/MMC Recipients, kindly remain after the meeting for pictures and pins)**

Presentation of the 2012 Municipal Clerk of the Year Award:

JAMES DOHERTY, 2011 Municipal Clerk of the Year; Municipal Clerk, Wantage Township

Announcement of Election Results for 2013 MCANJ Secretary

2013 Slate of Officers: DENISE SZABO, 2012 MCANJ Secretary; Municipal Clerk, Bernards Township

Motion to Cast Ballot for Slate of Officers:

President	NANCY L. SAFFOS, Cherry Hill Township
1st Vice President	JOHN M. MITCH, Woodbridge Township
2nd Vice President	KEITH KAZMARK, Elmwood Park Borough
Treasurer	DENISE SZABO, Bernards Township
Secretary	To Be Announced
Immediate Past President:	ANDREW J. PAVLICA, City of Garfield

Administration of Oath to Officers: THE HONORABLE CHARLES M. CAHN, Mayor, Cherry Hill Township

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

Acknowledgements to President Andrew J. Pavlica:

NANCY L. SAFFOS, President-Elect, MCANJ; Municipal Clerk, Township of Cherry Hill

Remarks by President-Elect Nancy L. Saffos, President-Elect, MCANJ; Municipal Clerk, Township of Cherry Hill

Introduction of President-Elect's Guests:

NANCY L. SAFFOS, President-Elect, MCANJ; Municipal Clerk, Township of Cherry Hill

Acknowledgements to President-Elect Nancy L. Saffos:

ANDREW J. PAVLICA, President, MCANJ; Municipal Clerk, City of Garfield

Drawing of Raffles

Adjournment

IMPORTANT NOTICE: MCANJ EXECUTIVE BOARD ELECTION FOR SECRETARY

An Election will take place at the Annual Business Meeting of the MCANJ on Wednesday, November 14, 2012 at the Royal Swan Ballroom of the Tropicana. The purpose of the Election is to determine who will fill the position of Secretary on the MCANJ Executive Board for the year 2013. Only Dues-paying Members are eligible to cast a vote in the Election for Secretary to the MCANJ. The election will be one of the first items on the agenda at the Business meeting. Make sure you get to the meeting early, so you do not miss the election. For a detailed explanation of the MCANJ Election Process, see page 18 of this issue of the Quill.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

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CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE II

MEMBERSHIP

Section 2. President

- B. The President shall appoint the members of all Standing Committees, ~~with the exception of the Legislative Committee, to which the President appoints only the chairperson who shall serve as the Association's representative on the Legislative Committee of the New Jersey State League of Municipalities,~~ and such other committees as the President deems necessary.

ARTICLE IV

COMMITTEES

Section 4. Standing Committees

- A. The following shall be a list of the Standing Committees:

1. Constitution and Bylaws
2. Education
3. Education Conference(s)
4. Elections
5. Fundraising
6. Information Technology
- ~~7. Legislative~~
8. 7. Legislative Committee for Laws Pertaining to the Municipal Clerks' Profession
9. 8. Legal Defense Fund
- ~~10. 9.~~ Manual Review
- ~~11. 10.~~ Membership/Peer Alliance for Learning (PAL)
- ~~12. 11.~~ Professional Development/Mini Conferences
- ~~13. 12.~~ Public Relations
- ~~14. 13.~~ QUILL
- ~~15. 14.~~ Raffles
- ~~16. 15.~~ Records
- ~~17. 16.~~ Resolutions
- ~~18. 17.~~ Scholarship

- B. Functions and Responsibilities of Standing Committees.

- ~~7. The Legislative Committee shall monitor and review all proposed legislation which may affect our municipalities and the Municipal Clerks' profession. With the exception of the appointment of the Chairperson of this Committee (see Article III, Section 2B), the Executive Director of the New Jersey State League of Municipalities appoints the members to this Committee.~~
8. 7. The Legislative Committee for Laws Pertaining to the Municipal Clerks' Profession shall, ~~in conjunction with the Legislative Committee,~~ monitor and review all proposed legislation that may directly affect the Municipal Clerks' profession.
9. 8. The Legal Defense Fund is available by private subscription of the membership for their benefit and is established for financial and legal assistance to its participating members. The LDF Committee shall solicit membership and through its own Constitution and Bylaws oversee the operation of said Fund. The financial records of said Fund are maintained by the Executive Director. The Executive Board shall hear appeals sent to it by the LDF pursuant to the LDF bylaws and the Executive Board shall establish rules and procedures for same.
- ~~10. 9.~~ The Manual Review Committee shall be charged with the annual review and publication of updates for both the Study Guide (prepared for the required RMC courses) and Desk Reference Manuals.
- ~~11. 10.~~ The Membership/Peer Alliance for Learning Committee shall be charged with the duty of securing and maintaining the enrollment of all Municipal Clerks, County Clerks and the Clerks of the Boards of Chosen Freeholders in the State of New Jersey. It may be designated further as Membership-North, Membership-Central and Membership-South, at the discretion of the President and shall be responsible for promoting a mentoring program between newly appointed Municipal Clerks and experienced Registered Municipal Clerks to facilitate the training and education of new members.

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- ~~12.~~ 11. The Professional Development/Mini Conference Committee shall prepare and implement programs addressing the managerial and administrative skills necessary to meet the professional image of Municipal Clerks.
- ~~13.~~ 12. The Public Relations Committee shall plan and organize the Booth at the Annual League of Municipalities Conference, as well as the information Booth at the Spring Education Conference. Additional duties include hospitality at all MCANJ events.
- ~~14.~~ 13. The QUILL Committee shall publish quarterly (January, April, July and October) the official newsletter of the MCANJ.
- ~~15.~~ 14. The Raffles Committee shall conduct such appropriate events, as determined by the Executive Board. At the Transition Meeting of the each year, the Executive Board will determine where the proceeds from the raffles should be directed.
- ~~16.~~ 15. 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.
- ~~17.~~ 16. The Resolutions Committee shall prepare and present at the Annual Meeting, resolutions recognizing those Municipal Clerks who have retired or passed away since the last Annual Meeting, as well as present any resolutions passed by the County Associations requiring action by the membership. It shall also present appropriate resolutions of recognition and service to Associations or individuals. Resolutions to be provided to the Secretary for inclusion in the minutes of the Annual Meeting.
- ~~18.~~ 17. The Scholarship Committee shall award financial assistance to deserving member Municipal Clerks and Deputy Municipal Clerks for courses required for certification and re-certification as Registered Municipal Clerks.

BYLAWS

ARTICLE I

MEETINGS

Section 3.

Fifteen (15) of the members defined in this Section shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at Advisory Board meetings. ~~A majority vote shall determine all questions. [Proxies are not allowed.]~~ For the purposes of a quorum and voting, members of the Advisory Board participating in Advisory Board meetings via conference call or other telecommunication devices will be considered present. Executive Board Members, Advisory Board Members, Alternate Advisory Board Members, if Advisory Board Members are not present, Chairpersons of Standing Committees ~~from a county in which neither the Advisory Board Member or Alternate Advisory Board Member are present,~~ and Past Presidents will be eligible to vote. ~~if membership dues are current.~~ A majority vote shall determine all questions.

REPEALER

Section 1.

These Bylaws shall become effective November ~~16, 2011~~ 14, 2012.

FOR A COMPLETE LISTING OF SESSIONS BEING OFFERED AT THE NEW JERSEY LEAGUE OF MUNICIPALITIES CONVENTION IN NOVEMBER, WHICH WILL PROVIDE CONTINUING EDUCATION CREDIT FOR MUNICIPAL CLERKS, VISIT THE NEW JERSEY LEAGUE OF MUNICIPALITIES WEBSITE:

<http://www.njslom.org/97thconf/index.html>

MEET YOUR CANDIDATES FOR MCANJ SECRETARY:

ANN MARIE McCARTHY



It is my pleasure to introduce myself to you as candidate for Secretary of the Municipal Clerks' Association of New Jersey. I have spent my entire professional career working in municipal government. I started as an Administrative Assistant in Manville Borough (Somerset County) in 1987. From there I went to Millburn Township (Essex County) where I was Assistant to the Municipal Clerk from 1992 to 1998 and Township Clerk from 1998 to 2001. In 2001, I became Borough Clerk in Rockaway Borough (Morris County) from 2001 to 2002 and then Township Clerk in Hillsborough Township (Somerset County) from 2002-2003. Lastly, I became Township Clerk in Franklin Township (Somerset County) in 2004 and have been there ever since. I held the offices of Secretary, Vice President and President of the Municipal Clerks' Association of Essex County.

I became a Registered Municipal Clerk in 1997 and obtained my Certified Municipal Clerk designation in 2000. I have submitted my final application for the Master Municipal Clerk designation in August 2012.

I have also held the offices of Secretary (twice & currently), Treasurer and President of the Municipal Clerks Association of Somerset County. I have volunteered for several MCANJ Committees including the Manual Review Committee; Education Committee; Professional Development Committee; Constitution and By-Laws Committee; Peer Alliance Learning Committee; Raffles Committee; and the Mini-Conference Central Committee. I also served on the IIMC Conference Education Committee.

At this point in my career, I would like to share my knowledge and give my time to an Association that has given me so much over the years. Since I came to Franklin in 2004, I have been part of getting Franklin into the 21st century with a paperless agenda, live televised meetings and putting our meetings on YouTube.

My husband and I were married for over 17 years before his passing. Together, we have a family that consists of yours, mine and ours resulting in me being the proud mother of four daughters (Suzan, Jennifer, Amanda and Kathleen) and one son (James) as well as being the proud grandmother of eight. I spent years and countless hours as a Girl Scout Leader for two troops and was Service Unit Manager. I spent many years volunteering in Pop Warner as a cheerleading coach and as team manager for a football team. Let me not forget our adorable dogs, Apollo and Dozer from the Franklin Township Animal Shelter who are an important part of our family.

As the Secretary of the Municipal Clerks' Association of New Jersey, I pledge to continue with the forward progress of our professional and to encourage members to volunteer and participate in our great Association. I respectfully ask for your consideration for the position of Secretary of the Municipal Clerk's Association of New Jersey.

**ANN MARIE MCCARTHY, RMC/CMC
MUNICIPAL CLERK
FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP, NJ
(SOMERSET COUNTY)**

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MEET YOUR CANDIDATES FOR MCANJ SECRETARY:

DINA L. ZAWADSKI



I am the Registered Municipal Clerk for the Township of Deptford in Gloucester County, New Jersey. I have been employed with Deptford Township for over 16 years and a resident of Deptford Township. I am an active member of the MCANJ since I became a Registered Municipal Clerk in 2000, member of IIMC and member of the Gloucester County Municipal Clerk's Association. Throughout the years I have also been an Advisory Board Member and served on several sub-committees. I've attended many conferences and seminars where I have assisted in any way possible.

Currently I am the Vice President of the Municipal Clerk's Association of Gloucester County, a position I have held for 4 years. For the past eight years I have worked on the Mini Conference South Committee.

My community is also very important to me, one of which I am highly involved with. Since 1998 I have been a member of the Board of Trustees for the Deptford Township Free Public Library. I have served as Treasurer from 2003-2009, Vice President since 2008 and currently President of the library. I am an active member of the National Ovarian Cancer Coalition, American Society and participate in the Mayor's Wellness Program and as a volunteer for other organizations.

Education is also extremely important. I am fully dedicated to my position as Municipal Clerk and have incorporated programs and plans to assist Clerks. Deptford Township was the first town in southern New Jersey to coordinate and implement an Emergency Evacuation Plan for Election Day. Today the program is utilized by all the municipalities in Gloucester County. I instituted training seminars for the Election Board workers in my town. Through my tutelage Deptford Township was the 1st town in Gloucester County to adopt an Ordinance requiring an Annual training seminar which includes local ABC licensees, a representative from the NJ State ABC Law Enforcement Dept., our Police Chief, our Police Department and the Mayor and Governing Body.

I am also active in keeping up with the OPRA Law to help assist us Municipal Clerks with this extra burden to deal with on a daily basis.

I have completed the required courses and have attained the prestigious Certified Municipal Clerk designation. I am currently in the process of obtaining my Master Municipal Clerk designation.

It is evident that I am truly dedicated as an RMC and I am always looking to better myself, educate and assist with other municipal clerks.

In conclusion I am more than dedicated to my position of RMC for my town however I am also dedicated to my family. I have 3 lovely daughters, all of which I am truly proud of. With the help, support and love from my family and friends I am able to perform my duties and encounter more endeavors in my career.

I believe I will be a great addition to the Executive Board of the Municipal Clerk's Association of New Jersey and look forward to the opportunity to serve you.

**DINA L. ZAWADSKI, RMC/CMC
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IT'S NOT WHERE YOU LIVE, IT'S HOW LONG YOU'VE LIVED THERE

by Richard Lustgarten, MCANJ Legal Counsel



Subsequent to the adoption of the 1947 New Jersey State Constitution, until it was amended in 1966, the representation in the State Senate and State Assembly was allocated by county in which each county would be represented by one Senator and two Assembly people.

In 1962, the United States Supreme Court in the case of *Baker vs. Carr* reviewed and opined on the issue of one person/one vote as a constitutional requirement. The issue then was whether or not a county with say a population of 100,000 should have the same number of legislators as a county with a population of 500,000. Clearly under the one person/one vote standard, the “voting power” in the more populous county was diluted. After the *Baker* decision, (1962) New Jersey in 1966 amended its constitution and established a re-apportionment process that takes place every 10 years. No longer would the State Legislative district be decided county by county, but rather by as equalized a population formula as could reasonably be obtained. As a result thereof, New Jersey currently has many legislative districts that are comprised of municipalities in more than one county.

Additionally, by way of background, Article IV, Section 1, Paragraph 2, of the New Jersey Constitution sets forth in part, residency requirements to be a member of the State Senate and the General Assembly. For the Senate residency is four years in the State and one year in the District before the election and for the General Assembly it is two years in the State and again, one year in the District before the election. (Article IV also sets age requirements and eligibility based upon the right to vote.)

In 2001 the one year durational residency requirement was challenged in the New Jersey Federal District Court (a trial level court) in the case of *Robertson v. Bartels*. The court decided that the one year residency requirement violated the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment of the United States Constitution and it enjoined the New Jersey Attorney General and Secretary of State from enforcing that provision.

We now fast forward to the 2011 New Jersey election in the Fourth Legislative District.

Based upon the last decennial census, the Fourth District is comprised of six communities from Camden County and three from Gloucester County. In the 2011 election an individual filed a nominating petition for the General Assembly and her Petition was certified by the Secretary of State to make her eligible to run in the primary election. She won the primary and the Secretary of State certified her as a candidate for the general election. She won the general election and the Secretary certified her victory. After this certification, the candidate who came in third (there were two positions on the ballot to be filled) challenged the winner's residency. The winner had only lived in the Fourth Legislative District for 10 months and 1 week as of Election Day. It apparently was understood by all parties that the one year residency requirement had been banned for a decade prior to this election.

Despite the Federal Court injunction on enforcing the residency requirement, the State Superior Court upheld the challenger and declared the one year residency requirement constitutional and annulled the successful candidate's Certificate of Election. The Appellate Division granted the successful candidate an Application for a stay of the trial court's determination and the matter went to the New Jersey Supreme Court on an emergent basis since it was an election matter. The Supreme Court affirmed the nullification of the election in a 4-3 decision.

It is interesting to note that while the majority opinion acknowledges the Federal Court injunction to ban the one year residency requirement, and further acknowledged that a State Court cannot make a collateral attack on a Federal Court decision, the majority decided that the Federal judge utilized an inappropriate standard, was incorrect historically relating to residency requirements in general and then decided that it could ignore his decision.

The Supreme Court opinion both in the majority and the dissent are extremely analytically interesting.

At the outset, the majority asserted the State court's authority to resolve Federal constitutional questions in the same manner as a trial level Federal Court. The majority also correctly indicated that a statute is presumed constitutional, and that in order for a plaintiff to establish an equal protection clause violation, the alleged offensive categorization (residency requirement) had to invidiously discriminate against the disfavored group.

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Getting past the court's analysis of what standard of review is required in a residency requirement equal protection challenge, the majority examined the State's position with respect to durational residency to run for a particular office. The Court stated that durational residency requirements ensure that voters have time to become familiar with a candidate, ensure that the candidate could be familiar with the constituency and issues to be represented, and prevents "carpet bagging" (As a an aside, this is an interesting word whose derivation is from the timeframe immediately after the Civil War, wherein individuals from the North travelled to the defeated South to insert themselves in the governmental and political processes there. Apparently, the word reflects the type of luggage that a lot of these individuals carried, but the customary and usual use of this word is to describe an intruder or interloper with a negative connotation.)

The majority of the New Jersey Supreme Court felt that the one year residency requirement satisfies the State's legitimate interests.

The New Jersey Supreme Court dissent asserted that there are serious constitutional concerns during re-districting years when a substantial number of citizens/voters are "re-districted" out of their previous home districts. The dissent indicated that in 2011 there were 190 municipalities that were moved into new districts. Some residents for example, resided in parts of Jersey City and Newark, which was divided into multiple districts, were moved into new districts, although they still lived in the same municipality. The dissent also recited that more than 2.1 million people lived in the 190 localities that were moved into new districts by the last re-apportionment. The thrust of the dissent was that not a single adult resident in roughly one-third of the State's localities could run for the General Assembly or vote for a neighbor who wanted to run under the strict terms of the residency requirement, and yet none of those individuals relocated to a new area or were less familiar with the issues where they continued to live, or were less known by their neighbors.

Thus, the dissent was concerned in re-districting years with the re-districting locality lines being implemented about seven months before that particular election. Since this did not meet the one year residency requirement, voters and candidates were disenfranchised. Nevertheless, the minority view did not prevail. The majority had requested the New Jersey Attorney General and Secretary of State to return to the Federal Court judge who had decided the case, banning the one year residency requirement 10 years earlier. The issue presented before the Federal Court judge was whether or not the injunction should be lifted. The Federal judge rendered his opinion in June of this year and, to say the least, was rather critical of the State Supreme Court majority opinion. The Federal court then went on to rebut point by point the adverse ruling by the New Jersey Supreme Court. The Federal Court judge, after an extensive analysis, re-asserted his original conclusion with respect to the historical references utilized in the 2011 opinion and questioned whether the State Supreme Court even had legal authority to rule on the matter.

Nevertheless, after a thorough analysis of the facts and the law once again, the Federal Court did modify its original injunction to only apply to years when there is a legislative re-apportionment.

Consequently, for now, the one year residency requirement in non-re-apportionment years is valid and is invalid in re-apportionment years, at least as per the Federal Court.

The majority and minority opinions of the New Jersey State Supreme court and the opinion of the Federal District Court judge show a tension in the parallel world of State Court jurisprudence and Federal Court jurisdiction. It is clear from a close reading of the opinions that the State Supreme Court majority is critical of the Federal judge and that the Federal judge feels the majority over stepped it jurisdictional authority in ignoring the Federal Court injunction.

I have left out other major aspects of the opinions with respect to the level of review, other cases that have sustained durational residency requirements and the like. The Supreme Court opinion and the District Court judge's opinion cover a lot of ground relating to State Legislative elections. Some of you may agree with the majority opinion and some may agree with the minority opinion, as they are both carefully constructed and, depending on your point of view, could be interchangeable. It is also interesting to see how these judges, who obviously disagree with each other, and the Federal judge who disagrees with the majority, are still condescendingly polite to their counterparts.

I know the above has been somewhat lengthy, but I promised you no more OPRA at least for the summer. Speaking of summer, I hope you all have had a happy and healthy one, and that I will see a good number of you at the November conference.

P.S. - 50 years ago John Glenn became the first astronaut to orbit earth in Mercury Capsule Friendship 7. As of this writing we have a rover on Mars, and Congress still can't!

PEOPLE PAGE

by Sharon Brienza



RETIREMENT

On behalf of the entire MCANJ membership, we congratulate Linda LoPiccolo, Municipal Clerk of South Hackensack Township, (Bergen County), who retired on September 1st. We wish her the very best in whatever her future plans may be.



Linda LoPiccolo with South Hackensack Mayor Gary Brugger

TRANSITIONS

Yancy Wazirmas is leaving Prospect Park (Passaic County) and taking the Municipal Clerk's position in Parsippany-Troy Hills (Morris County). Best Wishes Yancy!

Burlington County welcomes Cindy A. Dye who left East Windsor Township (Mercer County) and became the Township Clerk of North Hanover in June. She served as the Township Clerk in East Windsor for the past eight years. Congratulations and good luck!

JUST FOR THE FUN OF IT

One of President Drew Pavlica's gifts for the Silent Auction at the March MCANJ Education Conference was a tour for two of ABC News World Headquarters in New York City, led by Drew's Emmy Award-winning wife, Joan Preztunik. Hamilton Township Clerk Eileen Gore was the successful bidder. Eileen was determined to win the tour for her daughter, Kelsey, a Communications/Broadcasting Major at Ramapo College. On Saturday, August 25th, Drew, Joan, Eileen and Kelsey drove into New York City together for the tour and lunch.



Pictured Above, Left to Right: Kelsey Gore, Eileen Gore and Drew Pavlica. Ever the Producer, Joan refused to get in the picture because she had to set up the shot and snap the photo. Much thanks to Joan for such a long, thorough, informative and fun behind-the-scenes look at ABC News!

OH BABY!

Congratulations to Gloria V. Griffin, City Clerk of Pleasantville (Atlantic County), who is the proud grandmom of Dustin Tyree Hill, born September 12, 2011 in Galloway, NJ. Dustin, who recently celebrated his first birthday, is a beautiful bundle of joy and a long awaited miracle.



Congratulations as well to Lisa M. da Silva, RMC, CRP, Deputy Clerk/Office Manager of the Union County Utilities Authority, on the birth of her daughter Ava Marie da Silva on August 30, 2012 at 7:15am! She was 7lb 13.5 oz and 20.5 inches long.

HELPING OTHERS

The South River Borough Clerk's office teamed up with the Board of Health at the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life held May 19th in South River. Their team reached Bronze status and raised over \$2,600. The overall total raised for the event in South River was over \$55,000. Great job!!



CONDOLENCES

Deepest sympathy to the families of the following retired Municipal Clerks who recently passed away:

Marie Koehler, Old Tappan Borough (Bergen County)

Constance Arnott, Montclair Township (Essex Township)

Claire Reilly, City of South Amboy (Middlesex County)

Jack Drakeford, Englewood City, (Bergen County). Jack was the last elected City Clerk in the State of New Jersey and served Englewood as City Clerk from 1977 until his retirement in 1994. Jack served as the 4th Ward Councilman from 1974 to 1977 and then again in 1999 until his death on August 2, 2012.

PEOPLE PAGE

by Sharon Brienza

Back in September of 2007, I was called up on stage with the Duprees during a Somerset County Parks Commission concert. Well history repeated itself this year, when I was called on stage again as they sang "Love Eyes" during their show as part of the Parks Commission's summer concert series. After my debut, I learned that one of the members, Tony Testa, was a Branchburg resident. We struck up a friendship that has continued, even though he moved from Branchburg to Jackson. Since he knew I was there, the call up was not random, but still a surprise!



MCANJ, INC. MEMBERSHIP REPORT AS OF AUGUST, 2012

<u>CATEGORY</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
MUNICIPAL CLERKS	495
DEPUTYMUNICIPAL CLERKS	229
ACTING MUNICIPAL CLERKS	7
ASSISTANT MUNICIPAL CLERKS	18
COUNTY CLERKS	11
DEPUTY COUNTY CLERKS	6
CLERK TO FREEHOLDER BOARD	5
<u>AFFILIATE MEMBERS</u>	<u>23</u>
GRAND TOTAL	794

Submitted by
Keith Kazmark,
MCANJ Treasurer



CONGRATULATIONS!

As of September 12, 2012, Keith Kazmark, Municipal Clerk for the Borough of Elmwood Park, NJ, has earned the prestigious Master Municipal Clerk (MMC) designation from the International Institute of Municipal Clerks (IIMC).

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Region II Update

June 2012



Vincent Buttiglieri, MMC (pictured left) and Kimberley Rau, MMC, (pictured right), Region II Directors

On August 23, 2012, the Executive Committee and the Board of Directors of IIMC held a Conference Call at the request of President Brenda Cirtin. The first order of business was for President Cirtin to administer the Oath of Office to incoming Region II Director Kimberley Rau, MMC, City Clerk of Laurel, Maryland. Welcome Kim! The following matters were discussed and acted upon:

IIMC last passed on a dues increase to its membership in 2011. According to the Constitution and By Laws, the status of dues will be reviewed bi-annually. Therefore, beginning January 2013, Membership Dues will be increased by \$10.00 for Full Members, Additional Full Members, Associate Members and Members in Transit. The new dues are as follows:

- Full Members: \$145.00 Up to 20,000 population
- \$185.00 20,001 to 200,000 population
- \$235.00 Over 200,001 population
- Additional Full Members: \$85.00
- Associate Members & Members in Transit: \$85.00

The 2013 IIMC Early Bird Conference Registration fees were confirmed as follows:

- a. Single Municipal Registration \$575.00
- b. Two or more Clerks from same municipality \$485.00 (no additional IIMC discounts)
- c. Guest Fee \$265.00

JUST A REMINDER: **PURCHASE YOUR RAFFLE TICKETS**, the proceeds of which will go towards our fundraising efforts for the MCANJ/IIMC 2013 Conference. The winners of the following will be selected at the MCANJ Annual Business Meeting on November 14, 2012:

SUPER 50/50 RAFFLE where you can win a first prize of up to \$10,000 or a second prize of up to \$5,000. Cost is \$100.00 per ticket.

MERCHANDISE RAFFLE where you can win a FREE 2013 Conference Registration along with 5-nights hotel.

The cost is \$5.00 per ticket or \$25.00 per book of 5 tickets.

Forms can be obtained from the MCANJ website at www.njclerks.org



IF YOU WISH TO SUPPORT THE MCANJ AS A SPONSOR OF THE 2013 CONFERENCE, VISIT THE MCANJ WEBSITE www.mcanj.com

and follow the link under "What's New" or contact: Christina Wilder 38 Topaz Lane Hamilton, NJ 08690-3614



MCANJ and IIMC Education Conference in 2013

DISCOUNT OPPORTUNITIES FOR 2013 MCANJ/IIMC CONFERENCE

In May, 2013 the Annual MCANJ Education Conference will be combined with the IIMC International Conference in Atlantic City. If you need ceu's for your recertification, this conference will be your opportunity to acquire all that you need in one location at one time.

Many of you may only get one chance to attend an international conference. Remember Jeanne Robertson, MCANJ's guest speaker last year? She represents the type of speaker you can expect to hear in 2013. Quality presenters, quality education sessions, quality time spent with hundreds of your peers from the U.S. and around the world.

Naturally, a conference of this importance comes at a cost. Region II Director Vincent Buttiglieri has announced that the "Early Bird" registration fee is \$575 for IIMC members (see further details in Vinny's IIMC Report on Page 14 of this issue of the Quill).

Additional IIMC discounts for this Conference are available to New Jersey IIMC Members:

New Jersey Members of IIMC can take an additional \$50 discount, bringing the total fee down to \$525!

If you have never attended an IIMC Conference before, you qualify as a "First Time attendee" and can take advantage of another \$50 discount, bringing your total down to \$475!!

In addition, the MCANJ Executive Board is providing a \$75 scholarship for all MCANJ members attending the conference. That would bring the cost to you down to \$400! See the MCANJ Website at www.njclerks.org for information on applying for this scholarship.

The Municipal Clerks Education Foundation of the IIMC also has a scholarship program. Detailed information regarding this program is available on www.iimc.com.

If you are not currently an IIMC member, information on joining is available on its website at www.iimc.com.

We are grateful to the following for their support of the 2013 Conference:

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IT ISN'T AMERICAN IDOL, BUT...



The 2013 MCANJ/IIMC Conference Committee is looking for someone to sing our National Anthem at the Opening Ceremony on Monday morning, May 20, 2013. There are many talented members of the IIMC who would be willing but we would like to focus attention on New Jersey talent.

If you, a relative or a friend would like to audition for this honor, please prepare a recording of an A cappella rendition of the Star Spangled Banner and submit it to the Committee. Recordings should be mailed to Christina Wilder, Co-Chair, MCANJ/IIMC Conference Committee, 38 Topaz Lane, Hamilton, NJ 08690-3614 no later than December 31, 2012. Include your name, address, contact number and any information you would like to provide regarding performances you have made. The final selection will be made by a blind judging of a panel of three members of the committee and will be announced in a subsequent issue of the Quill.

“Let’s Meet on the Atlantic City Boardwalk”

BY ALLAN SUSEN, RMC/CMC, Municipal Clerk of the Borough of Haledon, New Jersey
Co-Chair, MCANJ/IIMC 2013 Conference Committee

The Municipal Clerks’ Association of New Jersey is busy preparing for the 67th IIMC Annual Conference in Atlantic City in 2013. As with every IIMC Conference the focus is education, as our slogan “Lighting the Way Through Education” clearly states. But along with education there will also be time for the Atlantic City Experience; there is so much more than casinos at this amazing venue. What then would be more appropriate than to write about the historic Atlantic City Boardwalk? National Geographic Magazine calls it the grandfather of boardwalks, USA Today named it one of the top “Best Boardwalks” and Travel & Leisure says “don’t miss out on a rolling chair ride.” The Boardwalk truly is part of Atlantic City’s past, present and future. It’s what makes Atlantic City unique – by maintaining a piece of history and making it a vital part of today. And when you think of it in broader terms, isn’t that exactly what we do every day as Municipal Clerks!



The Atlantic City Boardwalk was the first of many boardwalks that eventually were constructed along the beaches of our coastlines. First opened in June of 1870, the Boardwalk was not initially thought of as having any commercial purpose. Its sole existence was nothing more than a solution for keeping sand out of hotel lobbies and trains. Hotel owners were becoming upset about patrons tracking sand into their beachfront establishments and train conductors were similarly upset. Together they convinced the Atlantic City Council to construct a boardwalk. The first boardwalk cost \$5000 to construct, was 1 mile long and only 10 feet wide in 12 foot sections. And the biggest surprise – no commerce was allowed within 30 feet of the boardwalk! At the end of each summer season the “boardwalk” would be taken down and stored until the next season.

Ten years later, a new boardwalk was needed due to splintering. The City Council authorized construction of a new boardwalk and now made it four feet wider. Capitalism was rampant and commerce was now permitted to get closer than thirty feet – it was changed to 10 feet. As you can guess, it wasn’t long before that restriction was also lifted and by 1883 almost 100 hundred stores and stands had a Boardwalk address. An 1884 storm and a hurricane in 1889 brought destruction, reconstruction, and expansion of the famous Boardwalk. The 1889 reconstruction improved the Boardwalk to 24 feet wide, raised it to 10 feet above the beach and extended it to be 4 miles long. Railings were also installed to prevent people from falling off the Boardwalk edge. Tradition says many a young couple would fall off during an evening stroll – I’ll leave the rest to your imagination!

The Boardwalk continued to become more popular and by the 1900’s replaced the ocean as the greatest attraction. The Boardwalk became THE place to be for strollers, rolling chair rides and beach bathers. Along the Boardwalk were lavish hotels, enormous electric signs (remember it’s the 1900’s), and amusement piers with a variety of entertainment options. Between this period and the 1960’s, the Boardwalk and Atlantic City boomed. The amusement piers and boardwalk had stunt shows, music performed by the big bands of the big band music era, and of course the Miss America Pageant each September at the historic Atlantic City Convention Hall. Some of the famous stars of the era that made their way to Atlantic City to perform were Marilyn Monroe, Milton Berle, Jimmy Durante, Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin, the Beatles, Ed Sullivan, Annette Funicello and Frankie Avalon.



Today, the Boardwalk begins at Absecon Inlet (home to our signature lighthouse) extending four miles to the city boundary and then an additional 1 ½ miles into Ventnor City. Casinos and hotels line the boardwalk along with many shops. Historic Boardwalk Hall, the former Atlantic City Convention Hall, still stands watching guard over the Boardwalk and the City as it faces the Atlantic Ocean. Outside of Trump Taj Mahal, our host hotel, is the famous Steel Pier. Still standing since it first opened in 1898, the pier once known as “The Showplace of the Nation” is now an amusement pier. Also on the Boardwalk is Ripley’s Believe It or Not Museum. Of course Casino/Hotels such as Showboat, the Revel, Ballys, Caesars, Resorts, Tropicana, Trump Plaza, and our host hotel, Trump Taj Mahal, all line the Boardwalk and offer amazing options of entertainment, shopping and dining.

Did I forget to tell you? The beach at Atlantic City is right outside the boardwalk entrance to the Taj Mahal. So bring your beach blanket and towel and join us on the Boardwalk (and beach) in Atlantic City, New Jersey May 19-23, 2013.

2013 MCANJ/IIMC CONFERENCE VOLUNTEERS SOUGHT!

BY CHRISTINA WILDER, RMC/CMC, Retired Municipal Clerk of Hamilton Township
Co-Chair, MCANJ/IIMC 2013 Conference Committee

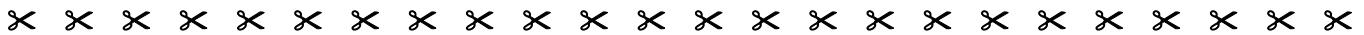
Those of us who have been fortunate enough to attend an IIMC conference know the advantages of meeting and learning about our peers from other states and other countries. What better way for you to get acquainted with the delegates than by being part of the HOST COMMITTEE, welcoming and aiding delegates whenever and wherever needed?

The MCANJ/IIMC 2013 Conference will soon be upon us. Pre-conference activity starts on Friday, May 17. The conference officially begins on Sunday evening, May 19, with an Opening Reception and concludes on Thursday evening, May 23, with a banquet. All activities/events will take place at the Trump Taj Mahal Resort in Atlantic City.

An endeavor this large (an estimated 1,000 delegates will attend from fourteen countries) needs expertise, coordination and cooperation. Nothing New Jersey municipal clerks can't handle. After all, we've been conducting our own conferences successfully for years. All we need to make this a great success is YOU!!!! Volunteers can assist with a myriad of tasks as shown below.

Please complete the form below to volunteer. You can sign up for any duration with a minimum of five consecutive hours. Your companion, spouse or significant other can also volunteer. You will be contacted to confirm your assignment after the IIMC mails the conference program in January, 2013. If you cannot commit just yet, please save this form and respond no later than February 1, 2013.

Be "Jersey Proud." Be a part of the team that makes the 2013 IIMC Conference one of the best conferences ever!



YES! I AGREE TO VOLUNTEER AT THE 2013 MCANJ/IIMC CONFERENCE

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I would like to volunteer at the MCANJ/IIMC Conference for _____5 hours _____1 day _____more.

I would prefer to assist with:

- Registration and handing out delegate bags
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- IIMC Merchandise set-up and sales
- MCEF silent auction
- Opening Ceremony Rehearsal
- Directing traffic flow during breaks
- Directing the Delegates to the education session rooms
- Checking and scanning badges for sessions (in and out)
- Wherever needed

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- MCEF silent auction
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- Directing the Delegates to the education session rooms
- Checking and scanning badges for sessions (in and out)

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MCANJ ELECTION PROCESS

At the League of Municipalities Convention on November 14, 2012, during the Annual Business Meeting of the MCANJ, two candidates will seek the position of 2013 MCANJ Secretary. In accordance with the directions of Article VI of the MCANJ Constitution, the 2013 MCANJ Secretary shall be chosen through election. There shall be no nominations from the floor, nor shall write-in votes be counted. Each candidate shall present a narrative of no more than three minutes in length at the meeting, prior to the election. No literature regarding the candidates shall be distributed at the meeting, nor may electioneering take place at the meeting.

The Executive Board shall follow the procedures outlined below to facilitate the election process, to preserve the integrity of the election process and to endeavor to reduce the disruption of the on-going Annual Meeting.

The MCANJ President has appointed a Credentials Committee consisting of one MCANJ member who shall act as Chair (this person being a Municipal Clerk not from the County of any of the candidates standing for election) and two additional MCANJ members, who shall be Municipal Clerks. The MCANJ President shall appoint one member of MCANJ to call the Counties in succession for the orderly conduct of the election, and shall appoint a Challenger for each candidate to represent the interests of the Candidate during the election process. During the meeting, the President shall explain the voting procedure to be followed, introduce the candidates and commence the election process.

When the voting is finished, the Credentials Committee shall remove the tally sheets from the machines, count the votes with the Challengers present, and determine the winner of the election. The Chair shall announce the winner at the direction of the President.

The Treasurer of MCANJ shall provide, in triplicate, a list of paid and a separate list of unpaid members of the MCANJ by County for use by the Credentials Committee to verify eligibility of each MCANJ member to vote.

Only one (1) paid member from each municipality shall be issued a ballot by the Credentials Committee. If the Municipal Clerk is not present, a paid member Deputy should present a signed letter from the Municipal Clerk authorizing the Deputy to represent the municipality for the purpose of casting a vote.

The required tables, chairs, booths, lines, etc. shall be positioned in such a manner so as not to disrupt the ongoing program.

A plurality of votes cast shall be required to win the election. A TIE VOTE shall be determined through drawing of lots by the President or Presiding Officer at the Annual Business Meeting.

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The deadline for People Page submissions for the January 2013 issue is November 30, 2012.

Please send People Page news to Sharon Brienza, Municipal Clerk,
Branchburg Township, 1077 US Highway 202 North, Branchburg, NJ 08876
or via Email at Sharon.Brienza@branchburg.nj.us

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