

Clerk's Chatter



Message from the President

Over the past three months we have had several events and opportunities to network with one another. It has been so great to see you at these events and I look forward to our upcoming events to network together. It is such a great Association to be a part of!

I would like to thank all the Districts who came together to nominate a Clerk of the Year for their District. I look forward to highlighting each nominee in the next issue. It is such an honor to be nominated and these individuals are truly a blessing to the District's they are in and to our Association!

In the previous issue I asked for pictures of Clerk's to place in the Clerk's Chatter and in this issue I will be highlighting some of the events and pictures. Please continue to send pictures and I will place them in the next issue.

I would like to thank all of you again for allowing me to be President of our Association and I am striving to make this a wonderful year for our Association and to all the members in it.

Sincerely,
Wendy Dickerson

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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- Summer Conference is almost here!
- Banquet Theme—1920's
- Clerk of the Year will be announced at the summer conference!

AAMCA SUMMER CONFERENCE

“Be Inspired To Be Grand Leader”



The Executive Committee is looking forward to seeing you all there and we hope you have a Grand time!

Conference registration is extended! If you would like to be a part of the conference, please send your registration form to Beth Lee, AAMCA Treasurer. At this time, we do not have any rooms available in the room block, but there are hotels nearby in Fairhope.

Our summer conference is being held at the Grand Hotel in Point Clear, Alabama. We have a great agenda that will help us to become Inspired to be a Grand Leader.

Banquet

The Banquet will be held in the Grand Ballroom and the theme is the **Roaring 20's /Jazz Age.**



The Association will recognize the Clerks acknowledged by their districts as those who exemplifies the qualities of excellence. Following the recognition of the nominees will be the announcement of the acclaimed honor of **Clerk of the Year!**



Entertainment will be provided by the band Sapphyre.

Ashley Henke—Lead Vocals

Chris Osborne—Guitar/Vocals

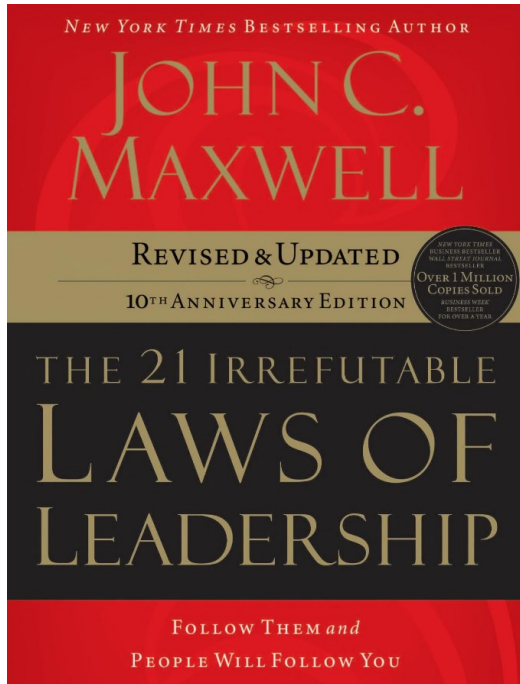
Wayne Vannoy—Bass

Michael Miller—Drums

AAMCA SUMMER CONFERENCE

ATHENIAN DIALOGUE

We are hosting an Athenian Dialogue on the [21 Irrefutable Laws of Leadership](#) by John Maxwell. Below is the Description from the IIMC Website...



Maxwell has gone through every word of this book and updated it for the next generation of leaders. He has added new insights to these timeless laws and included lessons learned since he originally wrote the book. He removed dated stories and replaced them with fresh ones that apply to today's world of business.

What Maxwell didn't change are the powerful leadership truths that have been helping people become better leaders for the last quarter century. This is still the best book on leadership people can buy, whether they want to learn leadership on their own, develop as leaders in a group, or teach leadership to others as a mentor.

Readers new to Maxwell, as well as lifelong fans will want to get this new edition of the leadership book that has sold millions of copies in the United States and around the world.

SWAG Bags

Our Swag Bag Committee is diligently working on getting items together. If any municipalities or a company in your area would like to donate swag bag items, please reach out to them. We have approximately 125 clerks that will be attending the conference. If you are not able to attend the conference, we can make arrangements to get the items before the conference.

If you are able to get items for the swag bags, please contact Kayceea Sasser, Town of South Vinemont, at info@townofsouthvinemont.com, or Shannon Duck, Town of Eclectic, town-clerk@townofeclectic.com.

Scholarships– AAMCA

The AAMCA will be hosting a silent auction at both the Summer and Winter Conferences this year to be able to provide scholarships for AAMCA events.

Please bring an item for the AAMCA Silent Auction this summer. If each person brought at least one item this would help benefit the Scholarship fund tremendously!

All items will be on display at the summer conference, so be sure to visit the display!

The AAMCA will also be making a special announcement about an upcoming opportunity to help raise money for scholarships.

CLERK OF THE YEAR RECOGNITION AT THE ALABAMA LEAGUE OF MUNICIPALITIES CONVENTION IN BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA

Tameeka Vann—2022 Clerk of the Year



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“WHEN WE GIVE CHEERFULLY AND ACCEPT GRATEFULLY, EVERYONE IS BLESSED.”



Lori Lein, General Counsel for the Alabama League of Municipalities, recognized Tameeka Vann as the 2022 Clerk of the Year for Alabama.

Tameeka Vann is a dedicated and passionate individual with a long history of serving her community. With over 16 years of experience organizing and securing funding for charitable and community events, Tameeka has shown a deep commitment to improving the lives of underprivileged students in the community she serves.

Tameeka serves as the Municipal Clerk/ Treasurer, Purchasing Agent, Grant Administrator, Mayor's Executive Assistant, Planning & Zoning Commissioner, Building Maintenance Supervisor, and Human Resources Director for the City of Center Point. Her expertise in these areas has helped the city operate more efficiently and effectively. Throughout her career, Tameeka has received numerous awards and recognitions for her hard work and dedication. She was awarded 2021- L.O.L. Counseling & Consulting Services- Recognition for outstanding services 2021- City of Center Point- In Great Appreciation for dedication to the Center Point Community 2014- City of Midfield- Recognition of dedicated service to the City of Midfield 2011 – City of Midfield- Appreciation for hard work and dedication in securing financing for the Midfield Splash Pad and the Bronze Level Leadership Award from the National League of Cities. Tameeka was also nominated for the prestigious Clerk of the Year award in both 2017, 2019 & 2022 which is a testament to her outstanding leadership and dedication to her role as Municipal Clerk. Her expertise and commitment to excellence have made a lasting impact on the City of Center Point, and her contributions have been recognized by her peers in the municipal clerks' community.

NEWEST CERTIFIED MUNICIPAL CLERK

Congratulations, Courtney Vickers , on earning the prestigious Certified Municipal Clerk (CMC) designation from the International Institute of Municipal Clerks (IIMC)!

Karin Cosper, CMC - Town of Ohatchee



Town Clerk

Karin Cosper serves as the Town Clerk for the Town of Ohatchee, Alabama. She began her journey by training to become the Town Clerk for the Town of Ohatchee in 2019. In late 2020 circumstances put her in the position of officially obtaining the title of “Town Clerk”. She oversees the procurement and retention of all municipal records. She prepares, maintains and certifies the official actions taken by the City Council. She prepares the agenda for all meetings of the City Council, along with attending all meetings and taking and preparing the minutes. She serves as the Chief Election Official for the municipal elections and for all special municipal elections. She is also responsible for maintaining the local voters list. Her additional responsibilities include preparation of the payroll, Accounts Payable, Financial reporting and she assist the Mayor with the preparation of the annual budget. She was previously the Director of the Senior Center for the Town of Ohatchee.

Karin stated, “I still consider myself a new Clerk because there is so much information to learn, process, to question, that every day is a new day of learning. My plan is to strive to be the best I can be, to the best of my knowledge and continue my life’s journey as a Municipal Clerk.”

Karin is a graduate of Ohatchee High School and afterwards became a Cosmetologist. She still holds an active license and has been a Cosmetologist for 30+ years. She decided to go back to college in her 40’s and graduated with an Associate’s Degree.

She is celebrating 30 years of marriage and her husband is more than just a partner but a complete support system for her in any adventure she is willing to take. They have 3 beautiful daughters with 3 great spouses and 8 wonderful Grandchildren ranging from 13 years of age all the way down to 1 year of age.

Karin is always willing to help with any questions or concerns.

IIMC— Certified Municipal Clerk (CMC) and Master Municipal Clerk (MMC)Designations

If you would like to work toward these prestigious titles, please visit the IIMC website or ask any current CMC or MMC if you have any questions. These certifications help to prepare us for all the complex issues our roles entail. The program encompasses several components including educational, professional, and social contributions.

EVENT PHOTOS—DISTRICT MEETINGS

DISTRICT II HIGHLIGHTS

Avenu sponsored and presented the different products they offer to municipalities and talked about the different reports they can help with. We each brought a door prize. So everybody left with a goodie of some kind. I also talked about the importance of education and the certification process. We talked about the different institutes and conferences coming up and the need for items for the silent auction.



Please send photos of Events, including meetings, networking events, etc. and I will include them in the Clerk’s Chatter.

EVENT PHOTOS—DISTRICT MEETINGS

JEFFERSON COUNTY AND SHELBY COUNTY- JOINT MEETING—HIGHLIGHTS



Goodwyn, Mills and Cawood, Inc. sponsored our event and Keith Strickland presented.

The event was held at the Bright Star in Bessemer, Alabama.

A door prize was given away!

Discussion of upcoming bills and training institutes and conferences was announced.

We had a special guest at our luncheon - Dollar Bill Lawson along with his wife, Mary.

He has since retired after being on the radio for over 50 years. He will be inducted into the Country Radio Hall of Fame in July in Nashville.



EVENT PHOTOS—TRAINING

UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA SPRING INSTITUTE



Graduates of the University of Alabama Program for the educational credits toward the IIMC CMC and MMC designations!



We had a networking dinner at the Spring Institute with over 25 Clerks attending! We had a great time together and we will be having another networking dinner at the Fall Institute! Oops...I forgot to take pictures...if anyone took some, send them to me and I will put them in the next Clerk's Chatter.

EVENT PHOTOS—TRAINING

ALABAMA LEAGUE OF MUNICIPALITIES— CLERK’S DAY



IIMC ANNUAL CONFERENCE— REGION III BUSINESS MEETING



UPCOMING TRAINING/CONFERENCES

2023 Dates to remember:

June 27 – June 28 | AAMCA Athenian Dialogue | The Grand Hotel | Point Clear, Alabama | Registration and Room Block Announcement is open.

June 28 – June 30 | AAMCA Annual Summer Conference | The Grand Hotel | Point Clear, Alabama | Registration and Room Block Announcement is open.

September 6 – 8, 2023 | Municipal Clerks Fall Training Institute | Bryant Conference Center | Tuscaloosa, AL

November 29 – December 1, 2023 | AAMCA Annual Winter Conference | Perdido Beach Resort | Orange Beach, Alabama | Registration is open.

2024 Dates to remember:

February 28 – March 2, 2024 | IIMC Region III Conference | Columbus, Georgia | Registration will be announced at a later date.

May 15 – 18, 2024 | Alabama League of Municipalities Annual Convention and EXPO | Huntsville, Alabama | Registration will be announced at a later date.

May 19 – 22, 2024 | IIMC Annual Conference | Calgary, Alberta, Canada | Registration will be announced at a later date.



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