

New England Clerk



Newsletter of the New England Association of City & Town Clerks

SUMMER 2022

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

*GREETINGS
From Massachusetts*



President, Dottie Powers, MMC, CMMC

This summer began with a trip for many, to the New England Municipal Clerks Institute and Academy, held at Plymouth State University, in Plymouth NH. It was great to be back on campus, and for many, to continue their educational requirements to obtain their CMC's. & MMC'S. Special congratulations to the graduating class of 2022.! Despite all the obstacles they faced to reach their goals, they persevered and planned an Olympic themed party for all to enjoy ending with a memorable graduation ceremony and dinner.

For many New England Clerks, the fall months will be busy with Elections and new election legislation that has expanded many options for voters and has made administering elections much more complex. Massachusetts has been fortunate to have weekly zoom trainings with the State Election division to assist with these many changes.

Congratulations to the many Clerks and their staff who have recently received their CMC and MMC designations! This is a wonderful achievement and one you should be proud of! It shows the community you serve your commitment to continuing professional development .

Its hard to believe that the Annual NEACTC conference is fast approaching!
The 2022 Massachusetts conference committee has been hard at work to ensure that all attendees have a very memorable experience.. We look forward to hosting our Clerk family at the beautiful Chatam Bars Inn with great food, entertainment, and educational sessions. Check out our website too see more of whats in store.

<https://neactc2022.com/>

See you in November!

Best Wishes,

Dottie

Dorothy A. Powers, Westwood Town Clerk, NEACTC President



MICHELE R. GRANDE, MCTC-MMC, TOWN CLERK OF REDDING, CT, 1st VP

Summer has come and gone, and every year it seems to go by more quickly! In July, I was honored to attend the NEMCI&A Graduation at Plymouth State University. Congratulations to all the graduates – you should all be so proud of yourselves for sticking with the program during these last few tumultuous years! A special “shout-out” to my own Deputy Clerk, Kerry Miserendino for her dedication and perseverance to earn enough educational credits to apply for Certified Municipal Clerk.

NEMCI Graduates 2022



Thank you NEMCI&A Board Members!

I would like to extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to the NEMCI&A board members who dedicate so much of their time and energy to ensure a successful educational program. You are all amazing!

Back row L-R: Sara McDonald (MA), Sharyn Thomas (MA), Mary Maslowski (MA), Christine Dixon (MA), Marlene Hall (VT), Cheryl Estrella (MA), Anita Sheldon (VT), Kerry Miserendino (CT) Front row L-R: Lisa Pedroli (MA), Patricia Bessette (MA), Marguerite Philips-Class Advisor, Kathleen Neathawk (VT) and Julie Weber (VT)

Fundraising continues for the **New England 2023 Conference!** One of our most important fundraisers is the basket raffle which will be conducted during the NEACTC 2022 Conference

in Chatham, MA in November, and I am hoping for donations from every CT town! It's never too early to put yours together! For the Clerks from the other New England States, please support our basket raffle in November!

We will also be holding a "Calendar Raffle" during the month of December. For a mere \$10.00, your name will be entered into a drawing every day for a chance to win big cash prizes! The NEACTC 2023 theme is still being tweaked, but we do have a venue:

The 56th Annual Conference of the New England Association of City and Town Clerks will be held November 15-17, 2023 at the beautiful Water's Edge Resort & Spa in Westbrook, CT. The room rate will be \$179 plus taxes.

There will be several NEACTC board positions to be filled this November, with openings from every state. This is your opportunity to get involved - we welcome your input and your volunteerism! The commitment on the NEACTC board is minimal – just a few meetings a year and the annual meeting in November at the conference. Please contact your New England state President or Vice President for more information.





Millie McGinnes, MMC
NEACTC 2nd Vice President

We are entering the time of year when we all need to take a moment and catch our breath. The time of squeezing in just one more thing is ebbing. Using the last bit of late evening sunshine. Eking out one more sunset with friends. Clutching on to just one more evening bar-b-que with family. One more whiffle ball game with the kids. The fast pace of summer is winding down and we could all use the respite.

Although the days are getting a little shorter and the nights a little longer, work life still seems at a frenetic speed. Throughout the country we are all moving into and through election season. In Rhode Island we are processing mail ballot applications, running early voting polls, hosting the Primary on September 13th, soon to be followed by the General Election.

On the Rhode Island Clerks' Association front, we are very grateful for the leadership and guidance of our outgoing President Wendy Marshall. She led our organization with kind shepherding and we will soon be missing her regular communications. But that being said, we will be excited to welcome a new slate of officers being installed in September:

- President – Jennifer West of Portsmouth
- Vice President – Sandra Speroni of Warren
- Treasurer – Laura Swistak of Newport
- Secretary – Erin Liese of Richmond

On the education front, outgoing President Wendy Marshall welcomed the Association to the Town of Portsmouth at Greenvale Vineyards for our Associations' 56th Annual Meeting. Educational sessions provided a Lobbying 101 presentation and a Coping with a New Workforce after COVID training.

As for new faces (Amanda) and new roles (Mary), Rhode Island is happy to congratulate Mary LeBlanc taking over as the new Town Clerk in Westerly and Amanda Ando the new Deputy Clerk in North Providence.

Let's enjoy the winding down of the summer and the cooler fresh air of fall.

Wishing you all a smooth election season!
Looking forward to seeing you on Cape Cod in November!



Greetings from Maine
3rd Vice President, Lisa Goodwin, MMC, CCM

Maine clerks are preparing for what will be a very busy fall with the mid-term election. Like other places across the country, Maine clerks are beginning to receive records request relating to elections. We are hopeful that these requests will not significantly disrupt our time so that election preparations can be our focus.

September is the month when the Maine Town & City Clerks Association (MTCCA) holds its annual meeting and elects new officers for the upcoming year. Susan Clements-Dallaire, Auburn City Clerk, will be our new President. 1st Vice-President will be Tracy O’Roak of Kennebunkport and 2nd Vice-President will be Karly Perry of Bath. Jacob Grant of Bucksport will serve as Treasurer and Lisa Ward of Lisbon will serve as Secretary.

MTCCA’s Elections Working Group has been meeting regularly with the Secretary of State’s office as they move forward developing Maine’s new Central Voter Registration program. They have generously allowed us to participate in the process so that the final product will work for all of us. The State anticipates rolling out the new program in the fall of 2023.

Maine recently went live with Automatic Voter Registration. Residents may now electronically register to vote at the motor vehicle branches. The registrations are then routed to each municipality for the Registrar of Voters to verify. There are a few bugs to work out but overall the system is working as designed.

We are so fortunate in New England to have changing seasons! I hope all of you have the opportunity to enjoy some fall foliage and apple picking!



New Hampshire City & Town Clerks' Association

Greetings from the Granite State!

We here in NH have been enjoying or enduring the heat & humidity that has hit the NE region as of late, but we enjoy it, as there is so little of summer. We are all preparing for our September Primary that is happening on September 13th. We will be taking training in August from our SOS department on the changes to some of the new election laws.

The NH City & Town Clerk's Association suffered a loss this spring when the Red Jacket Resort caught fire and destroyed most of its property. The resort served as our beloved and long-standing location for our Annual Conferences. BUT "We are Clerks and we make it Work" the Conference committee found a new location that will serve us for the future. Our Conference committee is putting together a program that will include new Professional development classes for IIMC points as well as an Athenian Dialog facilitated by Dawn Michanowicz.

2022 NH Conference Oct 11-14th, 2022
Doubletree Hotel – Manchester NH
"The Wizard of OZ" Finding Your Yellow Brick Road

Tuesday Oct 11, 2022 Athenian Dialogue "Toto's Travels" \$125.00 (non-members) Toto's Reflections

Facilitator: Dawn Michanowicz 8:45 am - 3:15 pm (with working lunch)

4pm-6pm Optional class Finding your Yellow Brick Road with Dawn Michanowicz (add'l fees will apply)

Please see website for more information www.nhctca.com

Kerri A Parker, CTC, CDTC, CMC
NEACTC – 4th Vice President
Town Clerk-Town of Meredith



Greeting from Vermont! Vermont Clerks are in recovery mode from the August Primary, I wish you all smooth elections as you do the same!

We are also eagerly anticipating our annual Vermont Municipal Clerk and Treasurer Association conference, to be held at the beautiful location of Lake Fairlee Resort in Fairlee, Vermont mid-September. This year's education offerings include General Sessions of Building Resiliency for the Future and Reflections of Your Job Through the Five Elements; other instruction includes courses on the keeping of public records, general election processes, roles and responsibilities of Town Clerks, internet fraud, cyber security and ARPA Fund Accounting. We will round out our learning with our annual business meeting and banquet!

Then its full steam ahead for the November 8 election! I look forward to seeing many of you at the NEACTC conference in Chatham!

Tracy Borst, MMC & CVC
NEACTC 5th Vice President
Thetford Town Clerk & Treasurer



NEMCIA is Back and Better Than Ever!!

NEMCIA returned to our in person program in July of 2022; and continued our online programs!

July found us back at Plymouth University in Plymouth, NH. Spirits were high as we greeted each other back in person after two tough COVID years. The week went by fast for the clerks learning and the Board of Directors running the program. We are so proud of our 2nd and 3rd year students who stayed with the program. The third year celebrated in style and many tears were shed at the graduation ceremony. I hope you enjoy the pictures! 29 brave souls entered our program for their first year; I believe they were very pleased with the program and the experience of NEMCIA. Last, but not least, Academy participation was popular this year with four separate offerings.

The Board is now ready for our annual treat in October where we will spend a weekend debriefing the week, reviewing the survey feedback, and gearing up for next year! Eleven NEMCIA Board members give their hearts and souls to this program - one of the best in the country!

NEMCIA.org is where you will find more information about this fabulous offering.

Tracy Borst, MMC & CVC
NEMCIA President
Thetford Town Clerk & Treasurer



The Dedicated NEMCI&A Board of Directors – Thank you for all your hard work!



NEMCI CLASS OF 2022



NEMCI YEAR 2 CLASS MEMBERS



NEMCI YEAR 1 CLASS MEMBERS – 29 STRONG!

Live Webinar – \$60.

Advanced Decision Making Techniques

**Wed., September 21, 2022
1pm - 3pm ET**

Approved for 1 CMC or 1 MMC point.



IIMC Region I



Susan Haag, Director

Kathy Montejo, Director

As IIMC Region I Director Ann Quirk completed her term, our new Director, Kathy Montejo, was sworn in to her 3-year term at the IIMC Annual Conference in Little Rock. We want to thank Ann for all her hard work and dedication over the years to the Region and welcome Kathy.

Most of the States in the Region are back up and running in-person events. This is so refreshing and welcome since so much has happened via an online platform. So much of the networking is lost online and it has been great to be able to hug and actually sit next to someone and chat! Here's to hoping we don't go down those roads again!

Both Sue and Kathy are out and about attending many events throughout the Region. Please be sure to invite them both to any upcoming event. They are here to be available for any questions and help needed. Sue can be reached at shaag@austerlitzny.com and Kathy can be reached at kmontejo@lewistonmaine.gov.

Be sure to mark your calendars for our 2023 IIMC Region 1 Meeting. It will be held March 29-31st at the Otesaga in Cooperstown, New York. We are lining up some great education, an Athenian Dialogue, vendors, specials and fun times! You will even have the opportunity to visit the Baseball Hall of Fame. Start thinking about those tea cup raffle ideas!

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