



The Clerk Connection

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President's Message

Christine Crouch, CMC

Anyone else suddenly realize the Region II Conference is less than two weeks away?

With the Delaware Clerks hosting this year, it's been nonstop for the committee getting things finalized and ready for clerks from around the region. As of today, we have 31 Dialogue attendees, 46 Pre-Conference attendees and 52 Conference attendees. I'm so proud to report DE has the most clerks from any state attending – 17! Way to show up and show out!!

Our Region II Directors will be in attendance as well! Doug Barber will be here for the Conference and Diane Pflugfelder will be here for the Pre-Conference and Conference. Please be sure to say hello to them when you see them.

I'm sure everyone is going to have a great time and learn lots, and I look forward to all the Delaware Clerks setting the "hostess with the mostest" bar!

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Looking Ahead

Have you...

Put together a raffle basket to be auctioned off at the Conference?

Made arrangements to have 125 items included in the Conference swag bags?

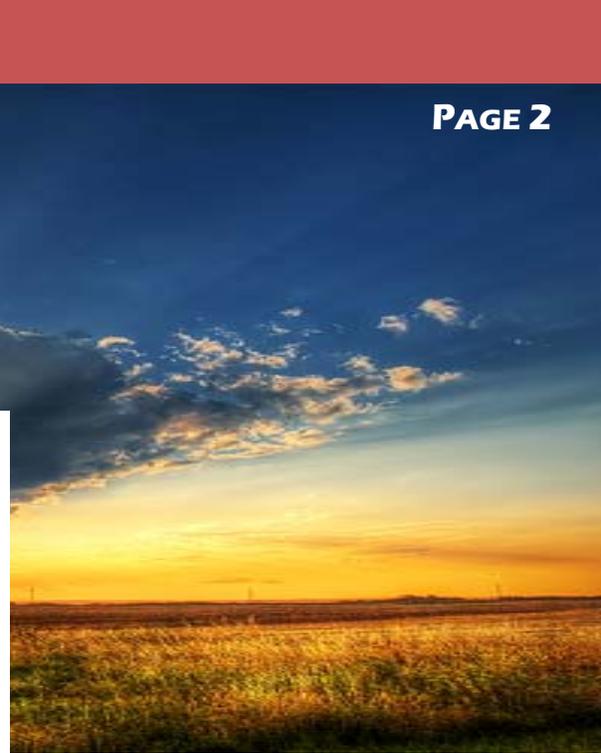
No? Time is running out! Get it together!

Swag Bag items need to be at the Hotel DuPont by Monday, 01/14 in order to be included.

Raffle baskets need to be at the Hotel DuPont by Tuesday morning, 01/15.

Bring it with you, send it with another Clerk. Doesn't matter - just get em in!

Oh - and don't forget to renew your DMCA membership!
more than a membership
IT'S A PARTNERSHIP



Know something you want to see in a future newsletter? Speak up!

Have a tip that might help others? Speak up!

All suggestions, questions, tips, ideas welcome. Send to CCrouch@milford-de.gov



On Point

Looking to obtain your CMC or MMC? Then be sure to apply for the Scholarships & Grants available. Both DMCA and IIMC offer a scholarship for one person to attend the CMC Academy and one person to attend the MMC Institute. Add to that the University of Delaware IPA offers a scholarship for the CMC Academy, and that's a lot of scholarships!

Check out the links below for more information.

[IIMC Scholarship & Grant Information](#)

[DMCA Scholarship Information](#)

[UD/IPA Scholarship Information](#)



Mentor Program

If you have 15+ years of experience in your current position and are willing to mentor a DMCA member with less than 5 years of experience, please reach out to an officer and let them know.

We currently have 8 members with 15+ years of experience and 13 members with less than 5 years of experience, some of whom have expressed an interest in a mentor.

News to Know

You may have noticed in a recent IIMC E-Briefing that the Board of Directors met at their midyear meeting and approved many items. Following are a few of those approvals:

- 2023 IIMC Annual Conference @ Minneapolis, Minnesota
- A \$10.00 membership dues increase beginning with the January 2019 statement
- Additional staffing in 2019 and in 2020;
- An additional 10% from 2018 conference sponsorship revenue to the IIMC Foundation for Clerk education;
- A concept to further develop the "Beyond the MMC Program";
- Suspending the current Annual Conference scanning policy for the next two conferences in exchange for utilizing a new self-tracking method.

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If you have any great news to share, pictures to add or ideas for articles for the next edition, be sure to email them to Christine Crouch, City of Milford, CCrouch@milford-de.gov.

See a correction in the newsletter? Please contact Christine Crouch, City of Milford, CCrouch@milford-de.gov.

SAVE THE DATE

01/15/19-01/18/19 IIMC Region II Conference @ Hotel DuPont

03/21/19 DMCA Quarterly Meeting @ Dewey Beach, Time TBD

05/19/19-05/22/19 IIMC International Conference @ Birmingham, AL

06/20/19 DMCA Quarterly Meeting @ **LOCATION**, Time TBD

09/19/19 DMCA Quarterly Meeting @ Milford, Time TBD

12/19/19 DMCA Quarterly Meeting @ **LOCATION**, Time TBD

Interested in hosting a quarterly meeting? Contact Christine Crouch at CCrouch@milford-de.gov and let her know!

Officers and Committees

Executive Committee:

President [Christine Crouch](#), CMC

Deputy City Clerk, Milford

Vice President [Renee Bensley](#), CMC

City Clerk, Newark

Treasurer [Diana Reed](#), CMC

Administrative Assistant to the Town Manager, Elsmere

Secretary [Kelly Blanchies](#)

Clerk of Council, Harrington

Past President [Tracy Torbert](#), CMC

Executive Secretary, Seaford

DMCA Committees:

Audit Committee

Clerk of the Year Committee

Education Committee

Nomination Committee

Region II Conference Committee

Scholarship (CMC) Committee

Scholarship (MMC) Committee

Website/Facebook Committee

Mission and Purpose

The purpose of this organization shall be to promote professional development through continuing education and networking opportunities of its members to use their abilities, talents and strengths in the proficient and effective delivery of local government services; and to promote the purposes defined in the Constitution of the International Institute of Municipal Clerks (IIMC), and by:

- a. Promoting cooperation among Municipals through the DMCA, through the interchange of experiences and methods of conducting their offices, to the end that each may profit from the experiences of others; and
- b. Cultivating and promoting a better understanding of the functions and responsibilities of the clerk;
- c. Gathering and disseminating information to improve the procedures and professional image of the clerk;
- d. Offering professional development opportunities for clerks;
- e. Promoting periodic conferences or meetings of Municipal Clerks through the DMCA and IIMC for discussion of problems, and by research to find solutions for same.