



The Clerk Connection

Delaware Municipal Clerks Association
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President's Message

Christine Crouch, CMC

For those who were unable to attend the September DLLG meeting when Renee Bensley of Newark was awarded Clerk of the Year, I've included a few photos. Renee gave a great thank you speech and like any terrific clerk, expressed how she couldn't do it without her fantastic staff. It's a team effort, for sure. She was then promptly offered a job by Senator Carper! WHAT?! Congrats again Renee!

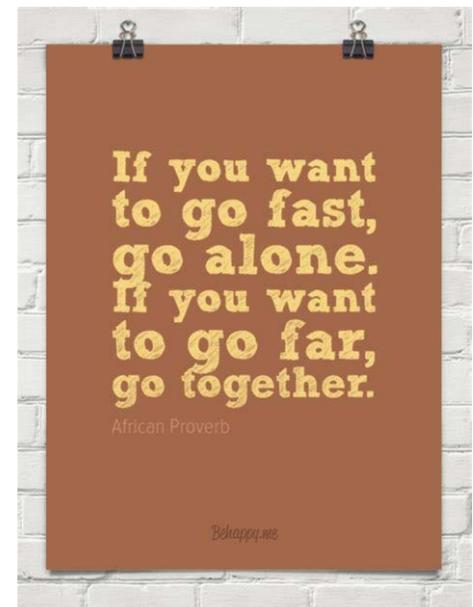


Also, a shout out to Ashleigh Hudson of Dewey Beach for her collection efforts and delivery of needed items for those affected by Hurricane Florence in North Carolina. She and a coworker not only headed the collection, but also drove the stuffed truck to deliver all of the items! Way to go Ashleigh!



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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 Institute and one person to attend the MMC Academy. Add to that the University of Delaware IPA offers a scholarship for the CMC Institute, 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

Has everyone checked out our new website? Special thanks to Diana Reed of Elsmere for putting it all together. You can access it via the link on the first page of this and future newsletters or directly at www.demuniciplerks.com. Find everything from our current members, to upcoming training, to scholarship information. Lots of great info!

Take the time to look around and if you have any thoughts or ideas on anything missed, just send an email to me at CCrouch@milford-de.gov. All ideas are welcome!

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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

12/20/18 DMCA Quarterly Meeting @ Elsmere, 11:30 am

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](#)

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.