



# The Clerk Connection

Delaware Municipal Clerks Association

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## President's Message

*Christine Crouch, MMC*

So much to say and only a few pages to do it in!

First... **HAPPY MUNICIPAL CLERKS WEEK!** You are all fantastic at what you do and while we don't need a week to showcase it, it sure is nice to be recognized. Get a proclamation in front of your elected body for May 3-9!

Second.... **How's everyone doing?** Are you getting outside for fresh air? Are you doing some self-care? Are you remembering to breathe?! Since March 13 the state has been flipped upside down and we're all navigating the craziness together. Hopefully you've learned a few things along this three-hour tour, i.e. you are *great* at crisis management, we're not using technology to its fullest potential, you found new resources for when you don't have all the answers, the world will **not** end if a meeting is cancelled despite what some may have told you.

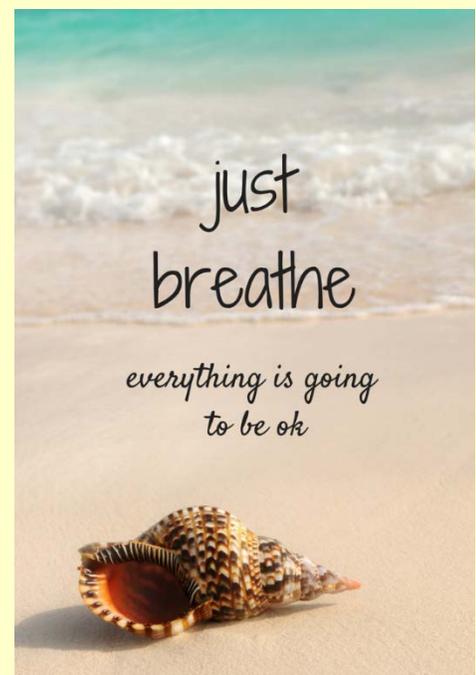
Third.... **This is my last newsletter to you!** I just want to thank everyone who has encouraged and helped me during the last four years as Vice President and President. You could have been catty or impolite but instead you were supportive and altruistic. So, thank you. I'd like to say I'll miss writing these newsletters, but that would be a lie. I've struggled at times to find the right ideas, words, and even time. So good luck to the next author!

**Renee Bensley** will be installed as your new President at the June 18 quarterly meeting, so please try to attend and start her term off well.

XOXO~C

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# Looking Ahead

## 2020 IIMC CONFERENCE UPDATE FROM DIRECTOR SHALBY:

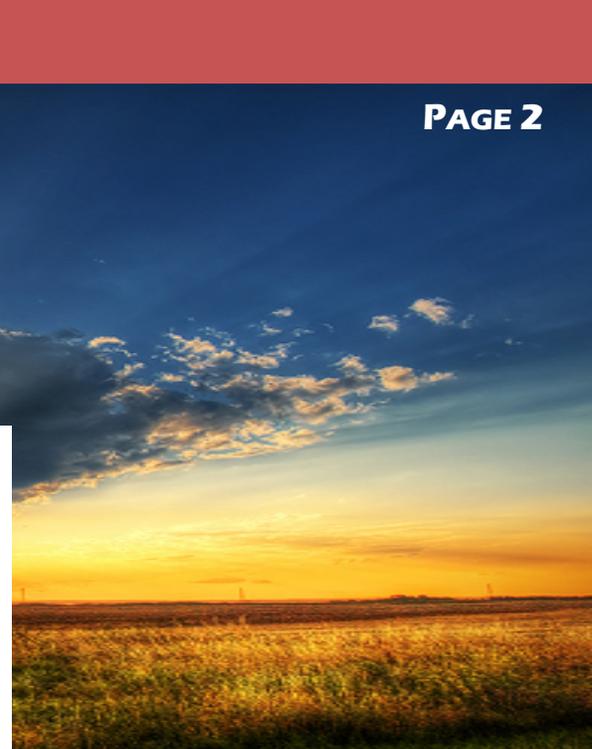
In lieu of the rapidly fluctuating environment regarding CoVid19, we are reaching out to the Hyatt Host Hotel in St. Louis to reassess the conference and our May 1 deadline. Since many of you (and members) are dealing with travel bans through May and June, we are trying to expedite an announcement to postpone the original Conference dates of May 17 to May 20. Once we confirm postponement, we will begin to explore other viable options to present to you.

**In the event that IIMC cancels the Conference or your city/state does not reinstate travel by May 1, 2020, all registration fees will be returned in full, without penalty.**

2021 IIMC International Conference:  
Grand Rapids, Michigan

### 2020 Institute (Delaware):

September 11, 18, 25, and October 2. *October 9 will be a makeup day.* Keep an eye out for more information via email from our Institute Director, Leann Moore.



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 them to .... TBD



On Point

**EFFECTIVE JUNE 18, FOLLOWING IS YOUR INCOMING EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:**

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*You got  
this*

## News to Know

*The Region II Director Agreement survey was emailed to all Region II members in mid-March and the results have been posted on the Region's facebook page.*

*Not on Facebook?*

*Well here are the results!*

*Question 1. Do you wish to adopt the agreement showing the rotation schedule...*

*-with dates and years 86.75% (72 votes)*

*-without dates and years 13.25% (11 votes)*

*'With dates' it is!*

*Make sure you are checking the Region II Facebook page regularly as it seems it's the primary form of communication from the Directors.*



## SAVE THE DATE

06/18/20 DMCA Annual Organizational Meeting @ Newark, Time TBD

09/17/20 DMCA Quarterly Meeting @ Smyrna, Time TBD

12/17/20 DMCA Quarterly Meeting @ Rehoboth Beach, Time TBD

Interested in hosting a quarterly meeting? Contact Renee Bensley at [rbensley@newark.de.us](mailto:rbensley@newark.de.us) and let her know!

# Officers and Committees

## Executive Committee:

**President** [Christine Crouch](#), MMC

Deputy City Clerk, Milford

**Vice President** [Renee Bensley](#), CMC

City Clerk, Newark

**Treasurer** [Diana Reed](#), MMC

Town Clerk, Elsmere

**Secretary** [Kelly Blanchies](#), CMC

Clerk of Council, Harrington

**Past President** [Tracy Torbert](#), CMC

Executive Secretary, Seaford

## DMCA Committees:

Audit Committee

Clerk of the Year Committee

Education Committee

Nominating Committee

Scholarship Committee

Web Development 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), by:

- a. Promoting cooperation among clerks 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.