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## REGION V NEWS SPRING 2018 EDITION



### INDIANA, KENTUCKY, MICHIGAN, OHIO, TENNESSEE

This newsletter was created to keep Region V informed of the news of IIMC and

#### Special points of interest:

- IIMC Constitution Amendments
- Mary Johnston elected 2018 IIMC Vice President
- Region V Director Reports
- State Association Reports
- Welcome new Region V Director
- New CMC's, MMC's, New Members
- Membership Update
- Important Dates

### *2018 Proposed Amendments to IIMC's Constitution*

The IIMC Diversity/Inclusivity Task Force and the IIMC Board of Directors have proposed Amendments to IIMC's Constitution regarding the following areas:

- \* Core Value Statement regarding Diversity and Inclusivity
- \* IIMC Region Director Representation
- \* Qualifications, Nominations and Elections - Vice President

IIMC's Elections Committee vetted the 2018 Amendments to the Constitution and determined that they met the criteria for Membership Notice and Consideration and has approved them for distribution to the membership. The Amendments will be discussed and voted on during the Annual Business Meeting on May 23, 2018 during IIMC's Annual Conference in Norfolk, VA.

If the proposed amendments are approved by majority vote at the Annual Business Meeting, the proposed amendments will be distributed for a vote by the entire membership. Members will have sixty (60) days following the Annual Business Meeting to vote on the proposed amendments.

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**Congratulation's**  
**Mary Johnston**  
**2018 IIMC Vice President**

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### Mary Johnston, MMC Region V Director



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I want to thank Region V for their support for my IIMC Vice President campaign! I was successful with my campaign and I promise to represent our region! I will be sworn into office at the IIMC Annual Conference next week.

With sadness, I am submitting my last Region V Director report. The past 3 years have flown by, but what an amazing experience representing all of you in Region V. I encourage you to consider serving as a Region V Director in the future! The 72nd Annual IIMC

Conference in Norfolk, VA is fast approaching. I hope you are registered and have secured lodging. This year the host hotel sold out in 2 days. During the conference, we will be holding a Region V meeting on Tuesday. Please be sure to attend to learn more about Region V, the outcome of the Board of Directors meeting and to meet our new Region V Director, Leon Wright. Leon is the Clerk from Van Buren Township in Michigan. I know he is anxious to start work when he is

sworn into office next month. He will do a fantastic job representing our region for the next three years. Please be sure to introduce yourself to Leon at the conference.

I could not have done this without my co-director Robbie. Robbie has been so wonderful to work with and I am proud to call him a friend. I know he will continue to work hard on our behalf! See you in Norfolk!!! Thank you for allowing me to serve you!!! It has been an honor!

### Robbie Hume, CMC Region V Director



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The IIMC Board of Director's met for a mid-year meeting in Riverside, California in November of 2017. The board had an opportunity to visit the office headquarters of IIMC and see first-hand some of the work that is done in support of our profession. The board met and discussed a wide variety of matters from the financial state of IIMC to several constitutional amendments that help define who the association is moving forward. A great deal of time was invested in developing and fine tuning the Associations Core Value

Statement and discussing the report and recommendations of the Diversity and Inclusivity Task Force. The Board left the mid-year meeting with the frame work in place for what would become the proposed constitutional amendments and statements. President Kayser called a conference call on February 16, 2018 to finish the work started in November. The board had a very thorough discussion about each constitutional amendment; each item was approached and discussed from many views. The recommended amendments are the first time that I have witnessed the

board be so split on any subject, to the point that none of the final recommendations had a unanimous vote of approval. In my opinion this in large part to the fact that globally we all have varying views of what Diversity and Inclusivity mean. I am very happy to report that everyone had a voice and that the final proposed amendments, I feel, move the organization forward in opening the door for all municipal clerks to have access and representation in the association.

A very special THANK YOU to Mary Johnston for her service as Region V Director and her continued



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### INDIANA LEAGUE OF MUNICIPAL CLERKS AND TREASURERS

Greetings from Indiana. Like everyone, we are looking forward to a beautiful spring. We have been working with our new Institute Director for almost a year now and are pleased with our progress and new structure. We have been fully approved by the IIMC Education and Professional Development Committee and look forward to continuing that relationship and offering excellent

education for our Hoosier elected Clerks and Clerk Treasurers.

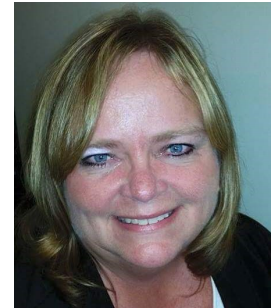
Our Institute and Academy was March 11-15 it was great networking and learning with my colleagues. We had record attendance at our fall district meetings. We are looking forward to next year's meetings with record numbers of attendees as well.

The 82<sup>nd</sup> Indiana Annual Conference and State

Board of Accounts School will be held in South Bend June 10-14 2018.

I hope to see all of you at the IIMC 2018 Conference in Norfolk Virginia. If you haven't attended an IIMC conference I encourage you to do so this year. Our Officers and Institute Directors will be in attendance and are excited to be with our IIMC family.

Terri Buckmaster, MMC



### KENTUCKY MUNICIPAL CLERKS ASSOCIATION

I'm not sure about everyone else, but I think most of us in Kentucky are ready for spring! As I sit here in the middle of March typing this report it is snowing. I'm certainly hoping for good weather and looking forward to the IIMC Conference in Norfolk and hope to see many of you there.

I'm also looking forward to the KMCA Spring Conference which is scheduled April 25-27 in Covington, Kentucky. At that conference, we will find out who will succeed last year's Clerk of the Year, Robbie Hume. Additionally, we

will swear in our 2018-2020 Board. I'm fortunate to run unopposed and will serve another two years as Kentucky's president. I look forward to continuing to represent Kentucky!

In Kentucky, we currently have 325 full members and nine associate (retired) members. We expect to see these numbers increase as we are currently accepting membership dues. We have 45 active CMCs and 14 MMCs in our State. We continue to offer a state level master certification program and are seeing more applications come in each year! We currently have 17 Kentucky

Master Municipal Clerks.

We also welcomed a new Institute Director this year, Cassie Cooper. She has been great in helping us prepare for our upcoming Institute which is scheduled for July 16 – 20 In Lexington, Kentucky. Feel free to join us if you need some extra training!

Submitted by:  
Crissy Upton, MMC  
KMCA President



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### MICHIGAN ASSOCIATION OF MUNICIPAL CLERKS

The MAMC Board of Directors, along with the Conference Chairs, Education Chairs and their respective Committees have been working hard to bring quality programs that will continue to inspire our members to learn and take away a stronger and renewed view of the work we are tasked within our jobs and in our daily lives.

March 2018 starts off with a bang beginning with the MAMC 3 Year IIMC accredited Basic Institute program. 40 hours of advanced education the second week of

March saw 155 attendees from all over our great State!

March 20-22, 2018 MAMC holds the annual Masters Academy, an IIMC accredited program with 128 attendees.

April 10, 2018 Free Education Day is held at the Soaring Eagle resort and will provide a day filled with quality speakers and a general membership meeting.

The MAMC Annual Conference is held June 19-22. This week consists of many quality breakout education sessions, a ven-

dor showcase, and the announcement of the Clerk of the Year awards. The conference concludes with the election results and swearing in of the 2018-2019 Board of Directors. This conference will be held in Grand Traverse County where we will celebrate throughout the week with the theme: "There's no place like Home"!

It has been an honor to serve as the MAMC President for 2017-2018

Respectfully submitted,

Susanne M. Courtade  
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Michigan Association  
of Municipal Clerks



### OHIO MUNICIPAL CLERKS ASSOCIATION

Greetings from Ohio!

Ohio Clerks are excited to Congratulate our own Mary Johnston, who will be sworn in as IIMC Vice President.

Mary currently serves as an IIMC Region V Director;

Mary was inducted into the Athenian Leadership Society as a Fellow; and

Mary is Past President of the Ohio Municipal Clerks Association.

We know Mary will do a great job for IIMC!

The Ohio Municipal Clerks Association, Professional Development Committee is putting together an outstanding educational agenda or our July Annual Institute. This year our Institute will be held at the Crown Plaza in Dublin, Ohio. This is an excellent opportunity for professional and personal development and to earn education points towards your certification, while offering a way to net-

work with your fellow clerks.

Our current membership total is 236. Changing our membership year to start in January skewed our initial membership numbers. We are gaining momentum now and actively recruiting new members to join our association and take advantage of the learning experiences we offer. If you're an Ohio Clerk and have not joined OMCA, please contact me.

Kathy King



Ohio Municipal Clerks Association





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### TENNESSEE ASSOCIATION OF MUNICIPAL CLERKS AND RECORDERS

Greetings from the Volunteer State of Tennessee. The Dates for the 2018 Fall Conference is Sept 19 – 21. TAMCAR is a professional organization dedicated to the advancement of the Municipal Clerk.

TAMCAR encourages clerks to continue their professional growth and development through continuing educational opportunities. The association conducts education Institutes and Academies

twice annually in the spring and fall. Dana Deem, Management Consultant with the University of Tennessee, is the Institute Director for TAMCAR.

During its spring and fall Institute/Academy sessions, TAMCAR assists clerks with personal and professional development through a curriculum that concentrates on public administration, social and interpersonal skill enhancement, and

current issue sessions. Completion of these education session results in points needed to receive that certification through the Tennessee Secretary of State's Office.

Congrats to TAMCAR President Linda Adair for obtaining her MMC designation and to Kristen Mathis and Renee Wooten for obtaining their CMC designations.



### Welcome Region V Director Leon Wright

It is an honor and pleasure to serve as your new Region V Director. I have served as Clerk for Van Buren Charter Township Michigan since 2008. As Clerk I have engaged our youth in the democratic process, spearheaded donation efforts in the community, orchestrated cemetery improvements, developed and improved office procedures and focused on educating the public on the role of a municipal Clerk. I was honored to serve as a Director for the Michigan Association of Municipal Clerks, currently serve as President of the Association of Wayne County Clerks, as a Director on the Michigan Municipal Risk Management Authority Board and as a member of the Southwest Democratic Club and Michigan Township Association. This year I will complete the requirements to receive the Master Municipal Clerks designation and currently hold the Certified Municipal Clerk (CMC) and Certified Michigan Municipal Clerk (CMMC) designations. A big Region High V to Mary Johnston for her service to the IIMC and our region. Your commitment to the membership has been remarkable. As municipal Clerks we are adapting to the ever changing duties and responsibilities and we do a remarkable job. I believe that education and communication are the cornerstones to our success. As your Region V Director, I encourage active participation in educational opportunities and open dialogue on matters that affect you. Each one of us makes a difference, together we can make a huge difference. Please reach out to myself and Region V Director Robbie Hume with any suggestions on how we can serve you better.



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### IMC Region V Membership Update as of May 1, 2018

Indiana	184
Kentucky	116
Michigan	464
Ohio	182
Tennessee	<u>107</u>
TOTAL:	1,053



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### WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS!

Susan Ellis	City of Fort Wright	Lori Warrick	City of Goshen	Natalie Scime	Township of Milford
Joyce Feraco	Township of Bedford	Jennifer L. Newton	City of Irvington	Miranda Gross	City of Walled Lake
Kelly Sims	Township of Comstock	Jennifer Tomlinson	City of Farmington	James Allen	Township of West Bloomfield
Jean Graham	Township of Howell	Michelle Alberts	Township of Grattan	Sue Hoff	City of Westland
Travis Sullivan	City of South Haven	Kim Goodin	City of Newaygo	Richard LeBlanc	City of Westland
Carie Cottongim	City of West Carrollton	Amanda McMillon	Township of Oshtemo	Dana Addis	City of Lima
Robin Ruiz	City of Tazewell	Dusty Farmer	Township of Oshtemo	Kimberly Givens	City of Dickson
Lori Parmenter	City of Hastings	Kelly Richter	Township of Oxford	Wendy Mis	Town of Munster
James Finkley	City of Hazel Park	Shawnee Staniper	City of Pleasant Ridge	Renee Lyons	City of New Haven
Tammy Tabor	City of Brecksville	Andrea Gerken	City of Wauseon	Taryn Ward	City of Dry Ridge
Ashley Rae Johnson	County of Cuyahoga	Gayle Bowman	Town of Ashland City	Peggy Sattler	Township of Byron
Stephanie Cornell	City of Reynoldsburg	Malena Fisher	City of Crossville	Michael Siegrist	Township of Canton
Karen McQueen	City of Brazil	Angela Cookston	City of Whitwell	Kathryn Gardner	City of East Lansing
Jennifer Sandberg	Town of Cedar Lake	Marcella Cartwright	City of Whitwell	Tracey L. Wheeler-Clay	City of Harrison
Kim Burke	Town of Winamac	Nicole Bolden	City of Bloomington	Lora Laurain	City of Manistee
Anna Soik	City of Alpena	Angela Dunaway	City of Milton		
Victoria Mitchell	City of Clawson	Rachael Kuzda	Village of Berrien Springs		
Jacquie Forrest	Charter Township of Flint	Jessica Walters	City of Charlotte		
Angie Thygesen	Charter Township of Flint	G. Machele Kukuk,	City of Clawson		
Kimberly Awrey	City of Gaylord	Susan D. Preuss	Township of Huron		
Annette Girodat	City of New Baltimore	Anne Heywood	Village of Michiana		
Sara R. Biviano	City of Akron	Sharon Gibbs	City of Muskegon Heights		
Rebecca Larrabee	Village of Lakeview	Cathleen Postmus	Township of Plainfield		
Kelly Miller	City of Lyndhurst	Tina M. Porzondek	Township of Plainfield	Cyndee M. Jonseck	City of Port Huron
Michelle R. Cash	Town of Darlington	Stanley Grot	Township of Shelby	Nicole Galloway-Jones	City of Southfield
Terri L. Budde	Town of Remington	Rhonda Beck	Medina County Commissioners		
George T. Darany	City of Dearborn	Kerry Macomber	City of Norton		
Erica Eklov	City of Portage	Leilani Napier	City of Powell		
Beverly A. Wren	Village of Jackson Center	Melinda Wright-Moore	City of Carrollton		
Debbie Ewell	Village of Monroeville	Christopher Ramsey	City of Russell Springs		
Sean M. Housley	Village of Silver Lake	Kristine Klassen	City of Auburn Hills		
Charles H. Collum	Town of Pittman Center	Shauna Chavez	City of Cold Water		
Tina R. Vance	Town of Pittman Center	Jennifer Shuster	City of East Lansing		
Rebecca Hartzler	Town of Akron	Deanna Robson	City of Howell		



Kimberly Brickles



City of Springfield

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### CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR CMC'S AND MMC'S!!!

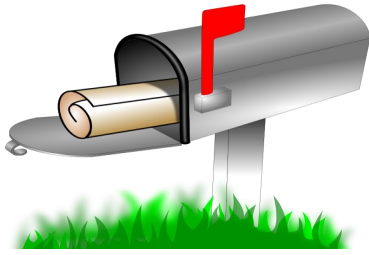
#### Certified Municipal Clerks

Gena Forsyth, CMC	City of Taylor Mill
Helen Dunlap, CMC	City of Broadview Heights
Mollie Prasher, CMC	Village of Granville
Tammy M. Fein, CMC	City of Napoleon
Florence A. Bohdan, CMC	City of Parma Heights
April L. Beggerow, CMC	City of Reynoldsburg
Debbie Lake, CMC	City of Ferguson
Fijabi Julien-Gallam, CMC	City of Brunswick
Kim Grime, CMC	Village of West Unity
Melanie A. Berger, CMC	Town of Winamac
Annette Sturdy, CMC	City of St. Clair
Kelli VandenBerg, CMC	City of Wyoming
Dana A. Schroeder, CMC	City of North Royalton
Kristin Mathis, CMC	City of Covington
Stephen Pracht, CMC	Lexington Fayette Urban County
Daniele Dykens, CMC	Park Township
Renee Wooten, CMC	City of Covington
Susie Roberts, CMC	City of Rockport
Jill Campbell, CMC	Township of Brighton
Cindy Berry, CMC	Charter Township of Chesterfield
Tammy Weissert, CMC	City of Escanaba
Mary Mullison, CMC	City of Farmington
Shelby Moss, CMC	City of Kalamazoo
Romona Sanchez, CMC	City of Madison Heights
Chelsea Pesta, CMC	City of Walled Lake



#### Master Municipal Clerks

Teresa M. Karsney, MMC	City of Ortonville
Joanne M. Clapp, MMC	Village of Perry
Kelly Thomas, MMC	City of University Heights
Linda L. Adair, MMC	City of Lawrenceburg
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## MISSION STATEMENT

The International Institute of Municipal Clerks (IIMC) is a professional, non-profit association that promotes continuing education and certification through university and college-based institutes and provides networking solutions, services and benefits to its members worldwide.

### **Scholarship Opportunities**

Scholarships are offered for CMC, MMC, Distance Learning, and Educational Grants for State, Provincial, and National Association. For more information or to apply, go to: [www.iimc.com](http://www.iimc.com)



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### **IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER**

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| 2018 | Norfolk, Virginia<br>May 20—23         |
| 2019 | Birmingham, Alabama<br>May 19—May 22   |
| 2020 | St. Louis, Missouri<br>May 17—May 20   |
| 2021 | Grand Rapids, Michigan<br>May 9—May 12 |
| 2022 | Little Rock, Arkansas<br>May 22—May 25 |

