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President's Message

On Sunday, March 22, 2009 the current legislative session is midway through their 140-day legislative session. More than 5,000 bills have been filed this session. So far this season, the Senate has passed about 70 bills, on pace with what senators have kept in recent years. However, not one bill has gone before the House for consideration. This legislative session is being called the "Seinfeld Session" by the House representatives, so far, a session about nothing!



One item of interest to us as City Secretaries/Clerks is that the state Senate approved a controversial voter ID bill that faces a far less certain future in the Texas House. The bill approved Wednesday would require Texans to produce a valid photo ID or two alternatives before being allowed to cast a ballot. The reform passed on the same 19-12 vote that came with preliminary approval this week. The vote follows strict party lines in the Republican-led Senate. Under the bill, a valid photo ID includes a driver's license, military ID and concealed weapons permit. Voters without a photo ID could still cast a regular ballot by presenting two alternative forms of ID, including a voter registration certificate, government-issued mail, utility bills and bank statements. This bill would still need to pass through House to become law. But I am sure that we will all be watching for the results.

From global warming to the stimulus dollars, this legislative session has many things to consider. Here is a link to the Texas Legislature Online that you might find beneficial in keeping up with what is going on. <http://www.legis.state.tx.us/Reports/General.aspx>

The Lone Star Chapter's Legislative Committee is monitoring the bills filed and will keep us up to date on anything of interest. A full report will be given to the members after the Legislative Update in August. However, it is up to us to keep on top of any changes that will affect our cities.

If while you are searching information regarding this legislative session you see something of interest to the group, by all means share it with us. We must continue to work together to make our cities the wonderful places to live, work, and play.

Kathy Wingo, TRMC
Lone Star Chapter President

**TMCA Lone Star Chapter
Cordially invites you to attend the
April 1, 2009
Lone Star Chapter Monthly Meeting
Celina, Texas**

**Celina City Hall – Council Chambers
(Council Chamber is located in the
Celina EDC Building)
302 W. Walnut Street
Celina, TX 75009
12:00 noon**

ROUNDTABLE TOPIC

**Chapter 11
Council Meeting Procedures and
Parliamentary Procedure**

*- Excerpt from the Texas Municipal Clerks
Handbook -*

**For those that would like to partake of the
meal, the total cost of the meal is \$10.00
per person.**

- M E N U -

**Chicken Salad or
Ham Salad on Croissant**

Fresh Fruit Salad with Mint Dressing

Homemade Chips

Pasta Salad

Tea/Cokes

*Please RSVP for the April 1, 2009
Lone Star Chapter meeting by contacting
Gayle Walton, Chapter Secretary, at
(972) 442-8126 or at
gayle.walton@wylitexas.gov*



**WHO WILL BECOME THE NEXT
TMCA LONE STAR CHAPTER
“2009 CLERK OF THE YEAR”?**

**IT’S TIME TO NOMINATE THE
TMCA LONE STAR CHAPTER
“2009 CLERK OF THE YEAR”**

**PLEASE COMPLETE THE ATTACHED
NOMINATION FORM BY MAY 15, 2009 AND
SUBMIT TO:**

**Diane Zucco, TRMC
City Secretary
City of Plano
1520 K Avenue
Plano, TX 75074
dianez@plano.gov**

***THIS PRESTIGIOUS LONE STAR CHAPTER
AWARD RECOGNIZES A MUNICIPAL CLERK
THAT EXHIBITS LEADERSHIP ABILITIES AND
SERVICE TO OTHER CLERKS.***

***PAST “TMCA LONE STAR CHAPTER CLERKS OF
THE YEAR” INCLUDE:***

2008 - Sandy Hart, City Secretary, City of McKinney

2007 - Eddie Sturgal, City Secretary, City of Fate

2006 - Nan Parker, City Secretary, City of Frisco

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



**JACI GARNER
SECRETARY
CITY OF HONEY GROVE**

How long have you worked for your city and in your position?

I have worked for the City of Honey Grove for 9 years as City Secretary. I came here from Earth, Texas, where I was employed with the City for 10 years.

Tell us about Honey Grove:

Honey Grove is a beautiful small community of 1746 citizens, located in the northeast part of the State, approximately 70 miles northeast of Dallas. The history states that Davey Crockett named Honey Grove on his way to the Alamo. City Hall is one of the oldest governmental buildings in the State of Texas still in use. City Hall dates back to 1873.

What is your professional background or what brought you to your current career?

I was employed with the City of Earth for 10 years as a Water Clerk. We were small enough that we wore many hats. I assisted with everyday duties of the City Secretary, which gave me more insight in the overall function of a municipal government.

Personal Facts & Interests:

I have 9 beautiful grandchildren with 1 due in May. City activities and Family fill my life. I love meeting people and traveling to places we have never been. My favorite evening is staying at home and watching a good movie with my husband.

Additional Comments:

Everyday is a new day when you work for a municipal government. I have found that we can overcome anything as long as we do our job and give it our best. I love working for Honey Grove and can not imagine working anywhere else. I have been blessed with the opportunities I have been given.



Members that completed and earned course certificates in the Texas Municipal Clerks Certification Program (TMCCP):

**Courses 1 and 2 - Sherrie Phelps
City of Ladonia**

**Course 4 - Christel Pettinos
City of Coppell**

**Courses 1, 2, 3 and 4 - Holly Harmon
City of McKinney (anticipated Graduation 1/2010)**

WELCOME

New Member of the TMCA Lone Star Chapter:

**Lisa Stewart, City Secretary
City of Southmayd**

CITIES WITH NEW FACES:

**City of Frisco - Jenny Page
City Secretary**

**City of Savoy - Regina Lorenson
City Secretary**

**City of Lowry Crossing - Janis Cable
Interim City Secretary**

**City of McKinney - Lincoln Thompson
Deputy City Secretary**

**City of Fate - Eddie Sturgal
City Secretary**

**City of Forney - Dorothy Brooks
City Secretary**

HOLIDAYS/EVENTS

Municipal Clerks Week – May 3-9, 2009

IIMC has sponsored Municipal Clerks Week since 1969. In 1984 and in 1994, Presidents Ronald Reagan and Bill Clinton, respectively, signed a Proclamation officially declaring Municipal Clerks Week the first full week of May and recognizing the essential role Municipal Clerks play in local government. During this week, Municipal Clerks throughout the world will host open houses and tours of the Municipal Clerk's office, visit local schools and participate in other various events.

TMCA NEWS

March 2009

TMCA 2009 Scholarships

Application deadline is June 15—apply today!

The mission of the Texas Municipal Clerks Association, Inc., and the Texas Municipal Clerks Certification Program is to provide an educational and professional development program for novice and experienced municipal clerks. The scholarship program is a great way to advance these educational opportunities for members of the TMCA, Inc.

There are two different types of scholarships that applicants may apply for: the **TMCA Major Scholarships** and the **MCCi Records Management Scholarships**.

All applications must be received by TMCA Scholarship Committee Chair Kathy Wingo no later than **June 15** to be considered for this year's scholarships. The TMCA Scholarship Committee will consider all applications, deliberate on the factors of eligibility, and designate the scholarship awards for all of one calendar year. Scholarship winners will be notified that they have received a scholarship. The actual presentation of the awards will occur at the TMCA Awards Banquet on the evening of October 8, 2009 (this event will be held during the TMCCP Graduate Institute Seminar in San Antonio).

UPCOMING TMCA SEMINARS



April 2-3, 2009

Public Relations – McAllen, TX

June 18-19, 2009

Municipal Finance – Waco, TX

August 20-21, 2009

Legislative Update – Irving, TX

October 8-9, 2009

Graduate Institute – San Antonio, TX

OTHER SEMINARS

October 21-23, 2009

TML – Fort Worth, TX

May 18-23, 2009

IIMC Annual Conf.– Chicago, Illinois



Two \$500.00 Scholarships are offered through the Lone Star Chapter for 2009 that can be used for the Texas Municipal Clerks Certification Program (TMCCP) or other organization educational seminars.

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NOMINATION FORM--TO BE RECEIVED BY MAY 15, 2009

MUNICIPAL CLERK OF THE YEAR
LONE STAR CHAPTER

-----PLEASE TYPE-----

Nominee's Full Name _____

Municipal Clerk of What City _____ Appointment Date _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____ Business Phone _____

Number Years Member of TMCA, Inc. _____ (minimum of 5 years to qualify)

Number of Years as Municipal Clerk _____ Number of Years as Deputy or Assistant _____

Date of Certification _____ Date(s) of Recertification ____/____/____/____

Texas Municipal Clerks Association, Inc.

Officer _____

AMC Committee* _____ Chair** _____

Certification Committee _____ Chair** _____

Committee Service _____

Committee Chair** _____

Local Chapter

Officer _____

Committee Service _____

Committee Chair** _____

Special Projects***

TMCA, Inc. _____

Local Chapter _____

IIMC _____

Other _____

Participation in TMCA/TMCCP, Local Chapter, IIMC Education Sessions

Instructor _____

Panel Member _____

Convener/Coordinator (i.e., TMCCP, Chapter Seminars, IIMC Sessions) _____

IIMC Participation

CMC (Date) _____ MMCA (Entry) _____;(1st) _____;(2nd) _____;(3rd) _____

Officer/Director _____

Committee Service _____

Committee Chair _____

Individual or Regional Organization Submitting Nomination _____

By _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Address _____ Phone _____

* This service may only be counted if the individual is no longer a member of the Executive Board.

** If an individual is the chair of a committee, he/she will be credited with the assigned points for committee chair and will not receive points for committee service and chair.

*** This could include professional articles published in the TMCA newsletter, *Texas Town and City* magazine, IIMC newsletter; authorship in the *Texas Municipal Clerks Handbook*; planning and coordinating local chapter seminars, IIMC conferences; service on TML committees due to TMCA's affiliate status with TML, etc.

APPLICANT --- DO NOT ATTACH ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

NOMINEE: I attest to all facts contained on this form, and give my permission for the facts to be used for publication. With agreement to accept the Municipal Clerk of the Year award, I understand that, barring extreme circumstances, a nominee must be present at the Award Ceremony to be held June 3, 2009.

(Signature of Nominee)

NOMINATOR: Please briefly summarize the reasons why you believe your nominee should be selected as 2009 Municipal Clerk of the Year.

(Signature of Nominator)

RETURN NOMINATION FORM TO:

Diane Zucco, TRMC
City Secretary
City of Plano
1520 K Avenue
Plano, TX 75074
dianez@plano.gov

MUNICIPAL CLERK OF THE YEAR POLICY

LONE STAR CHAPTER

A. NOMINATIONS

Either an individual or a chapter of the State Association is encouraged to nominate a candidate for recognition as Municipal Clerk of the Year. The deadline for submitting nominations to the Municipal Clerk of the Year Committee shall be May 15th each year. The finalist will be honored at the June 3, 2009 Meeting.

B. ELIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

A nominee for Lone Star Chapter Municipal Clerk of the Year must meet the following requirements.

1. A Municipal Clerk who has been an active member of the Texas Municipal Clerks Association, Inc., for at least five years.
2. Must have provided service to other Municipal Clerks on a local level where the opportunity exists, or on a state level.
3. Must have exhibited leadership abilities.
4. Must be a Texas Registered Municipal Clerk.
5. Must currently hold a Municipal Clerk position.

C. SELECTION CRITERIA

The Committee shall use the Municipal Clerk of the Year Scoring Criteria Form for determining who the successful nominee is for the year. Upon completion of the Committee's work, the Chair shall submit to the President, the Committee's recommendation along with all of the nomination forms and scoring criteria (see attachment "A"). The President shall notify the recipient, the recipient's mayor and city manager, and confirm attendance at the June 3, 2009 LSC Meeting.