# Nebraska Municipal Clerks Newsletter



## **MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT**

RaNae Edwards, MMC, City Clerk, City of Grand Island NMCA President

It's officially "fall," which means we are in our new fiscal year. It's hard to believe summer is gone already. Where did the time go? Seems like the years are going by faster and faster the older I get. Now, we can look forward to the change of seasons, trees turning colors, combines in the fields and the holidays almost upon us. We are truly blessed here in Nebraska.

I hope everyone's budget came together as well as could be expected. If you're like us, there are never enough revenues to offset the expenses, but we keep plugging away anyway. Life is good!

**The 2017** League Annual Conference was awesome as usual with great speakers, topics and ideas to bring home. Congratulations to Nancy Bryan, Stromsburg, for being elected to the League Executive Board as the Clerk's representative. Thanks go to Susan Kloepping, Cozad, for serving on that committee for three years.

**The Nebraska** Municipal Clerk's Association (NMCA) Annual meeting was held Sept. 21 with 19 members present. Approvals of the changes to the By-laws from our March 2017 meeting were ratified. Those changes included an increase in dues and electronic voting. We also confirmed the Election of Officers and Board Members elected in March 2017. It was brought to the attention of the Executive Board that two of the nominees did not qualify due to



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position or years of service, as required in the By-laws. It was decided to open nominations for these two positions and have an electronic vote.

2017-2018 board members include:

- President: RaNae Edwards, Grand Island
- First Vice President: Linda Jensen, Central City
- **Second Vice President:** Wendy McKain, Trenton
- Secretary/Treasurer: accepting nominations
- **District 1 Director:** accepting nominations
- **District 2 Director:** Kandra Kinne, Cambridge
- **District 3 Director:** Raquel Felzien, Franklin
- District 4 Director: Denise Peterson, Ponca
- District 5 Director: Kelly Oelke, Hickman
- Past President: Lea Ann Doak, McCook

**Under Section VIII** – Election of Officers and District Directors – Section 2. Eligibility states: Only Active Members who have had three (3) consecutive years experience as City Clerk or Deputy City Clerk shall be

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eligible for nomination and election.

**So we need nominations** for Secretary/Treasurer and District 1 which is the Panhandle Area Clerks' Association (see attached map). Included in this newsletter is the nomination form which will need to be returned by Oct. 31, 2017 to:

Lea Ann Doak P.O. Box 1059 505 West C Street McCook, NE 69001 Idoak@cityofmccook.com

**We also formed** a By-laws Committee to review the By-laws (see attached). Please read over these and let anyone on the committee know if you have suggestions.

### **By-Laws Committee:**

RaNae Edwards, Grand Island redwards@grand-island.com Linda Jensen, Central City centralcityclerk@hotmail.com Wendy McKain, Trenton

# League magazine available on website

The League of Nebraska Municipalities wants to remind Clerks that the *Nebraska Municipal Review* is available on the League's website at http://www.lonm.org/ under the "Publications" tab.

As always, we encourage you to share the news from your city or village with fellow municipal officials across the state by sending information for the *Nebraska Municipal Review* to the League of Nebraska Municipalities, Attn: Lynn Marienau at 1335 L Street, Lincoln, NE 68508, 402-476-2829 by phone or <a href="mailto:lynnm@lonm.org">lyn-nm@lonm.org</a> by e-mail.

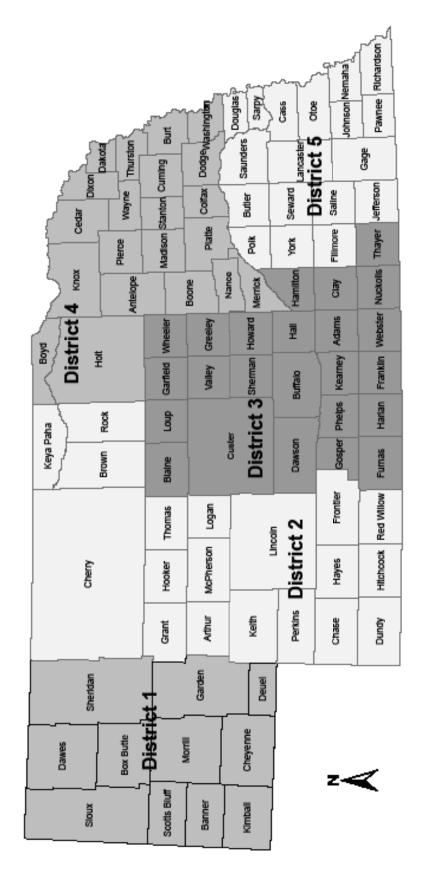
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2018 Municipal Clerk Institute and Academy will be held at the Hotel Grand Conference Center in Grand Island. Institute Director Ellen Freeman-Wakefield and the Education Committee have worked hard to bring us an amazing educational experience. You should have received a post card to "Save the Date" as the dates have changed for 2018. The Institute will start Sunday, March 25, and the Academy will start Tuesday, March 27. We will end Thursday, March 29. Early bird registration will begin Oct. 1, 2017 and end Jan. 31, 2018. We hope to see you all here in Grand Island.

"Never be afraid to try something new. Remember, amateurs built the Ark, professionals built the Titanic." (LearnLoveLiveLife/Tumblr)

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# Nebraska Municipal Clerks' Association Districts



District 1: Parmandle Area Clerks' Association

District 2: Southwest Area Clerks' Association; Undesignated North-Central Area

District 3: Heartland Area Clerks' Assocation; South Central Clerks' Association; Midlands Area Clerks' Association

District 4: Northeast Area Clerks' Association; Three Rivers Clerks' Association

District 5: Southern Seven Area Clerks' Association; Southeast Area Clerks' Association

# NEBRASKA MUNICIPAL CLERKS ASSOCIATION A SECTION OF THE LEAGUE OF NEBRASKA MUNICIPALITIES

# Nominee Biography

Office Nominated For:	
Name:	
Municipality:	
Email address:	
CMC Certified:	MMC Certified:
Present Position:	
How Long at Position:	
Former Positions:	
Other Offices Held:	
Committees Worked On:	
Other Information:	

Please email competed form to Kellie Crowell, NMCA President at kcrowell@ravennanebraska.net

# NEBRASKA MUNICIPAL CLERKS' ASSOCIATION A SECTION OF THE LEAGUE OF NEBRASKA MUNICIPALITIES

### **ARTICLE I - NAME**

The name of this organization shall be the NEBRASKA MUNICIPAL CLERKS' ASSOCIATION, a Section of the League of Nebraska Municipalities, hereinafter referred to as the NEBRASKA MUNICIPAL CLERKS' ASSOCIATION.

### **ARTICLE II - OBJECTIVES**

The objectives for which this NEBRASKA MUNICIPAL CLERKS' ASSOCIATION is formed shall be to:

- Promote the interests of Municipal Clerks
- Promote professional administration of Municipal Clerks' offices
- Promote improved standards of efficiency for Municipal Clerks
- Promote better municipal government through increased cooperation with other municipal officials
- Promote effective legislation on all levels for the professionalization of Municipal Clerks

### **ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP**

### SECTION 1. ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP

Any appointed or elected Municipal Clerk or appointed Deputy Municipal Clerk, representing a Municipality in the State of Nebraska shall be eligible for Active Membership and entitled to one vote provided that member's annual dues are paid.

### SECTION 2. ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP

Institutions and/or organizations whose operations are closely allied with the functions of the Municipal Clerk's office, those persons formerly engaged in Municipal Clerk's activities, and professional persons in fields directly related to municipal governments shall be eligible for Associate Membership.

### SECTION 3. HONORARY MEMBERSHIP

Any member who has been an Active or Associate Member of the Nebraska Municipal Clerks' Association, and is a member of the Nebraska Municipal Clerks' Association at the time of his/her termination shall be eligible for Honorary Membership.

Recommendations for Honorary Membership must be submitted by a Clerk or Deputy Clerk who is a current member of the Nebraska Municipal Clerks'

Association and shall be submitted to any member of the Executive Committee for presentation at the next Annual Meeting. Approval of such Honorary Membership shall be by majority approval of those voting members present at such Annual Meeting. (3/18/04)

### SECTION 4. RESTRICTION OF RIGHTS TO VOTE OR TO HOLD OFFICE

Only Active Members of the NEBRASKA MUNICIPAL CLERKS' ASSOCIATION shall be eligible to vote or hold office in this ASSOCIATION, each member being entitled to one vote, provided that member's dues are paid for that year. Voting may be held by electronic means when Executive Board deems necessary. (9/21/17)

### **ARTICLE IV - DUES**

### **SECTION 1. ACTIVE MEMBERS**

Annual dues per Active Member for September 1, each year to August 31 the following year, shall become due the first of September and shall be as follows:

Municipalities of less than 300 population	\$20.00/year
Municipalities of 301 to 800 population	\$25.00/year
Municipalities of 801 to 5,000 population	\$35.00/year
Municipalities of 5,001 or larger	\$45.00/year

(9/21/17)

Dues will not be prorated. (4/22/07)

### **SECTION 2. ASSOCIATE MEMBERS**

Annual dues of ten (\$20.00) dollars per Associate Member shall be due annually on September 1st. Dues will not be prorated. (9/21/17)

### SECTION 3. HONORARY MEMBERS

Honorary Members shall be exempt from the payment of dues.

### **ARTICLE V - OFFICERS**

The Officers of this NEBRASKA MUNICIPAL CLERKS' ASSOCIATION shall be as follows:

### **SECTION 1. PRESIDENT**

The President shall preside at all meetings of the NEBRASKA MUNICIPAL CLERKS' ASSOCIATION and shall prepare and distribute any required notices of regular or special meetings. The President shall appoint all committees and shall be an ex-officio member of all committees. (3/2009)

### **SECTION 2. FIRST VICE PRESIDENT**

The First Vice President shall coordinate the Scholarship Program with UNO, perform the duties of the President in his/her absence and shall act in an advisory capacity at all times. In case of the resignation or death of the President, he/she shall become President for the unexpired term.

### SECTION 3. SECOND VICE PRESIDENT

The Second Vice President shall coordinate the Silent Auction and, in the absence of the First Vice President, perform his/her duties as stated in Section 2 above, and act in an advisory capacity at all times. In case of the resignation or death of the First Vice President, he/she shall become First Vice President for the unexpired term.

### SECTION 4. SECRETARY-TREASURER

The Secretary-Treasurer shall conduct the correspondence of the NEBRASKA MUNICIPAL CLERKS' ASSOCIATION and shall publish ballots in connection with elections and amendments to these By-laws as outlined in these By-laws. (3/2009)

The Secretary-Treasurer shall keep an accurate record of the proceedings of all regular and special meetings of the

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NEBRASKA MUNICIPAL CLERKS' ASSOCIATION and of the Executive Committee. The Secretary-Treasurer shall publish all minutes of the regular and special meetings in the Municipal Clerks' Newsletter.

The Secretary-Treasurer shall keep a list of names and addresses of all members of the NEBRASKA MUNICIPAL CLERKS' ASSOCIATION.

The League of Nebraska Municipalities shall provide bookkeeping, accounting, and auditing at cost to the NEBRASKA MUNICIPAL CLERKS' ASSOCIATION and shall periodically provide written reports thereon. (3/15/01)

The League of Nebraska Municipalities shall pay all bills of the NEBRASKA MUNICIPAL CLERKS' ASSOCIATION approved by the President and/or Secretary-Treasurer of the NEBRASKA MUNICIPAL CLERKS' ASSOCIATION and shall keep an itemized record of all receipts and expenditures, together with all other financial records in a permanent file. (3/21/02)

The Secretary-Treasurer shall keep all other records and letters of continuing value to the NEBRASKA MUNICIPAL CLERKS' ASSOCIATION and its officers in a permanent file to be transferred to his/her successor at the end of his/her term. (3/15/01)

### **ARTICLE VI - COMMITTEES**

The Officers, Immediate Past President of the NEBRASKA MUNICIPAL CLERKS' ASSOCIATION and five District Directors shall constitute an Executive Committee to meet at least semi-annually upon call by the President or by any three members of the Executive Committee.

The Executive Committee shall make recommendation to the NEBRASKA MUNICIPAL CLERKS' ASSOCIATION regarding proposed amendments to the Constitution and By-laws; shall supervise the affairs of the NEBRASKA MUNICIPAL CLERKS' ASSOCIATION and devise measures for its growth and usefulness; shall ratify all appointments to fill vacancies; shall transact any business conducted, including disbursements of funds, in the interim between regular meetings; and shall report thereon at the next Annual Meeting of the NEBRASKA MUNICIPAL CLERKS' ASSOCIATION.

### **SECTION 2. LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE**

It shall be the duty of the Legislative Committee to stimulate interest and activity in legislation affecting municipal government, to study proposed legislation and to report to the NEBRASKA MUNICIPAL CLERKS' ASSOCIATION concerning legislation proposed by the NEBRASKA MUNICIPAL CLERKS' ASSOCIATION.

### **SECTION 3. EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

It shall be the duty of the Education Committee to develop a coordinated program for the Annual Meeting in harmony with the objectives of the NEBRASKA MUNICIPAL CLERKS' ASSOCIATION. The Education Committee shall serve from July through June for the purpose of planning and evaluating the program.

It shall be the duty of the Education Committee to explore all possibilities for a program of continuing education for Municipal Clerks who are members of the NEBRASKA MUNICIPAL CLERKS' ASSOCIATION. (3/2009)

The Committee shall strive to establish courses and seminars for the members which will be of benefit in their efforts to attain professional recognition.

### **SECTION 4. CERTIFICATION COMMITTEE**

It shall be the duty of the Certification Committee to help Nebraska Municipal Clerks understand International Institute of Municipal Clerks (IIMC) certification requirements and to congratulate clerks who attained certification and are recognized by IIMC. (3/2009)

### **SECTION 5. AUDIT COMMITTEE**

Repealed by By-Laws adopted March 15, 2001.

### **SECTION 6. AWARDS COMMITTEE**

The Awards Committee shall solicit nominations, evaluate each nominee and select the recipient of the annual Outstanding Municipal Clerk award. One award may be given annually to a clerk in the following categories: (a) first class city or larger, (b) second class city and (c) village. The recipients of the award from each of the three categories for the prior two years shall constitute the members of the Awards Committee. (3/2009)

### **SECTION 7. SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

The President may appoint such other committees as he/she deems necessary.

### **ARTICLE VII - MEETINGS**

### **SECTION 1. ANNUAL MEETING**

The annual meeting will be held in conjunction with the Annual Conference of the League of Nebraska Municipalities. (3/15/01)

### SECTION 2. SPECIAL MEETINGS AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Special meetings of the NEBRASKA MUNICIPAL CLERKS' ASSOCIATION may be called by the President or three of the members of the Executive Committee.

A written notice shall be communicated to all members of the Executive Committee for any specially called meeting. There shall also be a notice of special meetings in the Municipal Clerks' Newsletter, or an acknowledgement of said special meeting being held if a meeting is held before the Newsletter publication date. (3/2009)

### **SECTION 3. ORDER OF BUSINESS**

At all meetings of the NEBRASKA MUNICIPAL CLERKS' ASSOCIATION, except special meetings, the order of business shall be:

- 1. Roll Call
- 2. Reading of Minutes
- 3. Report of Officers
- 4. Reports of Standing Committees
- 5. Reports of Special Committees
- 6. Communications
- 7. Unfinished Business
- 8. Election of Officers (at the meeting held in conjunction with the Clerks' Certification School only)
- 9. New Business
- 10. General Discussion

### **SECTION 4. QUORUM**

Fifteen (15) Active Members of the NEBRASKA MUNICIPAL CLERKS' ASSOCIATION shall constitute a quorum at any Annual Meeting or Special Meeting.

Five (5) members of the Executive Committee shall constitute a quorum of that body.

### ARTICLE VIII - ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND DISTRICT DIRECTORS

### **SECTION 1. NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

The President shall, prior to the Clerks' Certification School, appoint a Nominating Committee who, at the Clerks' Certification School, shall submit nominees for the NEBRASKA MUNICIPAL CLERKS' ASSOCIATION Officers and District Directors. Additional nominations may be made from the floor at the Clerks' Certification meeting at which the election for the final nominee is held. (3/15/01)

The election of the final nominee for each office shall take place at Clerks' Certification School. The nominee receiving the highest number of votes cast for the respective office shall be declared the final nominee and will be confirmed at the Annual Meeting.

### **SECTION 2. ELIGIBILITY**

Only Active Members who have had three (3) consecutive years experience as City Clerk or Deputy City Clerk shall be eligible for nomination and election.

### SECTION 3. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The election of Officers and District Directors shall take place at the Annual Meeting. The nominee receiving the highest number of votes cast for the respective office shall be declared duly elected thereto.

### SECTION 4. DISTRICT DIRECTORS

There shall be one District Director from each of the five districts in the State. The District Directors will be elected by a majority of the Active Members present at the Annual Meeting, but each of the five District Directors must be from a different district. The Nominating Committee will be required to submit nominees from each district in which a vacancy will occur due to the expiration of the term of office. Vacancies in the office of District Director due to resignation or death shall be filled for the unexpired term by appointment by the Executive Committee.

Of the three District Directors serving for the fiscal year 1988-1989, one shall be nominated for the office of Secretary-Treasurer for the fiscal year 1989-1990 and the two remaining District Directors shall serve another one-year term. Three additional District Directors, from the remaining districts, will be elected for two-year terms. Thereafter, all District Directors will be elected for two-year terms.

The boundaries of the five districts may be amended by resolution of the Executive Committee if population changes deem this action necessary.

### SECTION 5. COMMENCEMENT OF TERMS OF OFFICE

Officers and District Directors shall begin their terms of office immediately following the confirmation at the Annual Meeting. (3/15/01)

### **ARTICLE IX - AMENDMENTS**

These By-laws may be amended at any Annual Meeting. Any proposed By-law amendments shall first be submitted, in writing, to the Secretary-Treasurer of the NEBRASKA MUNICIPAL CLERKS' ASSOCIATION prior to the Clerks' Certification School and shall be approved by two-thirds vote of the Active Members in attendance at the Clerks' Certification School. (3/15/01)

Ballots shall be canvassed by a committee appointed by the President of the NEBRASKA MUNICIPAL CLERKS' ASSOCIATION. Report on results shall be made during the session. Upon approval, the proposed amendment shall

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be submitted to the membership for ratification at the Annual Meeting and, if ratified, shall be in force immediately after closing of the Annual Meeting. (3/15/01)

### **ARTICLE X - PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE**

Robert's Rules of Order, Revised, shall govern the procedures of the NEBRASKA MUNICIPAL CLERKS' ASSOCIATION in all cases where they are applicable.

### **ARTICLE XI - VACANCIES**

The Executive Committee shall fill, by appointment, any vacancies occurring in any elective office not already provided for in these By-laws. Written consent of the appointee shall be obtained by the Executive Committee before the appointment is made.

The President, and First and Second Vice Presidents shall fill, by appointment, any vacancies occurring in the committees for which they are respectively responsible.

### **ARTICLE XII - EFFECTIVE DATE**

The effective date of these By-laws or amendments thereto shall be the date and time of the Annual Meeting at which the resolution of adoption if approved by a majority of the Active Members in attendance.

Amended this 15<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2017. Ratified this 21<sup>st</sup> day of September, 2017.

PRESIDENT

### ATTEST:

### SECRETARY-TREASURER

(A current copy of these By-laws is available at the office of the League of Nebraska Municipalities during normal business hours.)

# OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Tiffany Mann	Kennard	10/1
Crystal Petzoldt	Juniata	10/2
Nadine Baxter	Long Pine	10/3
Dorothy Thiel	Trumbull	10/3
Barb Straub	Hemingford	10/6
Erin Filips	Bloomfield	10/8
Connie Dalrymple	Gothenburg	10/9
Lindsay Nelson	Creighton	10/10
Jolene Dalton	Manley	10/15
Vicki Owings	Stella	10/16
Amy Hughes	Burwell	10/19
Ruth Radke	Lewellen	10/19
Ronda York	Creighton	10/21



Mary Kempf	. West Point	10/22
Lisa Beethe	. Tecumseh	10/23
Stephanie DeGroot	.Lorton	10/25
Wendy Clabaugh	Flm Creek	10/27

# Municipal Legal Calendar (All statute citations to Revised Statutes of Nebraska)

### OCTOBER 2017

### CITIES OF THE FIRST CLASS

	CITIES OF THE FIRST CLASS
Within 10 days following meeting	
Within 15 days of Passage	
· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	companies with Clerk of District Court. (35-102)
First Day	
	Treasurer makes annual report to Mayor and Council. (16-720)
	Treasurer files monthly financial report. (16-318)
Within 60 days after close of fiscal year	Treasurer publishes Statement of Receipts and Disbursements./Semi-annual financial
	statement published. (16-318) (16-722) (19-1101)
Within six months after close of fiscal year	
	CITIES OF THE SECOND CLASS
Within 10 days following meeting	
vvitnin 30 days of Council meeting	
First day	Foreman and Secretary of every volunteer Fire Department must file rolls their
E	companies with Clerk of District Court. (35-102)
First Day	
	A vote to exceed levy limits must be approved by this date (77-3444)
Within 20 days after end of month	Treasurer files monthly financial report. (17-606)
Within 60 days after close of Fiscal Year	Treasurer publishes Statement of Receipts and Disbursements. (17-606) (19-1101)
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Within six months after close of fiscal year	Audit of city's accounts completed. (19-2903)
	VILLAGES
Within 10 days following meeting	
First day	
	companies with Clerk of District Court. (35-102)
First day	Fiscal year commences. (17-701)
Oct. 9	
	this date (77-3444)
Oct. 13	
	Treasurer files monthly financial report. (17-606)
vvitnin six months after close of fiscal year	Audit of Village's accounts completed unless audit requirement waived by State Auditor. (19-2903) (84-304)
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	ALL MUNICIPALITIES
	Each municipality which offers a defined benefit plan pursuant to section
	401(a) of the Internal Revenue Code which was open to new members on
	January 1, 2004, shall submit written notification to the Nebraska Retirement
	Each municipality that offers such a defined benefit retirement plan shall file
	with the committee a copy of the most recent annual actuarial valuation of the
	retirement plan. The valuation report shall be filed electronically. (13-2402)
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October 13	report with the committee if either of the following conditions exists as of the
	latest annual actuarial valuation of the retirement plan: (i) The contributions do
	not equal the actuarial requirement for funding; or (ii) the funded ratio is less
	than eighty percent. (13-2402)
October 15	Each municipality which offers such a defined benefit plan shall conduct an
	experience study at least once every four years to review the actuarial assumptions
	used to determine funding needs for its defined benefit plan. Each such political
	subdivision shall electronically file a copy of the most recent actuarial experience
	study with the committee by October 15, 2016, and shall electronically file a copy
	of each study completed pursuant to this subsection by the next October 15 after
	completion of the study (13-2402)