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Believe
in yourself
and you
will be
unstoppable.

TEAM WORK

Coming together is the
beginning
Keeping together is
progress
Working together is
success



President's Message Diana Reed, MMC, Town of Elsmere

The January Region II Conference in Frederick was one for the books!
There were EIGHT of us from Delaware there, which is fantastic!!

Have you registered for the May IIMC International Conference in
Minneapolis? The Early bird registration deadline is quickly
approaching!!

Have you seen the "Cabin Fever" Athenian Dialogue program being
offered by the New Jersey Municipal Clerks Association? They have a
set of 4 virtual Athenian Dialogues they are offering through
Spring. Dialogues are a great way to earn 3 points toward your
certifications! You can find more information later in this issue.

We currently have a vacancy on the DMCA Board for the position of Vice
President. Any member interested in serving in the position should
forward a letter of support from their Mayor or Town Manager to myself
by no later than March 1, 2023, for elections at the virtual meeting on
March 16th.

We will be putting out a survey to look at potentially moving the quarterly
meeting dates to better fit schedules and promote higher attendance
and participation. Please keep an eye out for this survey, we would
appreciate as much participation in this survey as possible.

Please take a look at some of the things we
have going on in DMCA throughout this issue.

Take care everyone and hope to see you all in March!

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Successful teams don't
happen by accident –
they are **made**, not born.

MotivationalQuotes.com

— Anonymous

News To Know



CABIN FEVER 2023



**Come join us for a way to overcome
Cabin Fever 2023
and work toward your CMC/MMC certification
or your Athenian Leadership Society Fellow**

**The Warren County Municipal Clerks' Association of New Jersey is
sponsoring the following IIMC approved Athenian Dialogues**

**27 January 2023—*No Pain, No Gains* by Chip Gaines
Facilitated by Anne Uecker, MMC**

**24 February 2023—*Fly Girls: How Five Daring Women Defied All Odds and Made
Aviation History* by Keith O'Brien
Facilitated by Jannette Goodall, MMC**

**17 March 2023—*Failure is Not an Option: Mission Control from Mercury to
Apollo 13 and Beyond* by Gene Kranz
Facilitated by Camilla G Pitman, MMC**

**28 April 2023—*The Gifts of Imperfection, Let Go of Who You Think You're
Supposed to Be and Embrace Who You Are* by Brené Brown
Facilitated by Marita Rhude, MMC**

**All dialogues will be conducted via Zoom in a seven hour session with an one hour
lunch break . Participants need to devote six (6) hours to the Dialogue. This means to
be actively engaged in the conversation and to participate in the dialogue.
Virtual and audible connections are required to participate.
Book must be read prior to participating in the Dialogue.**

**Registration questions may be forwarded to Diane M Pflugfelder, RMC/MMC at
clerk@libertytownship.org.**

**Technology questions may be forwarded to Dena Hrebenak at
dhrebenak@independencenj.com**



2024 IIMC Region II Conference

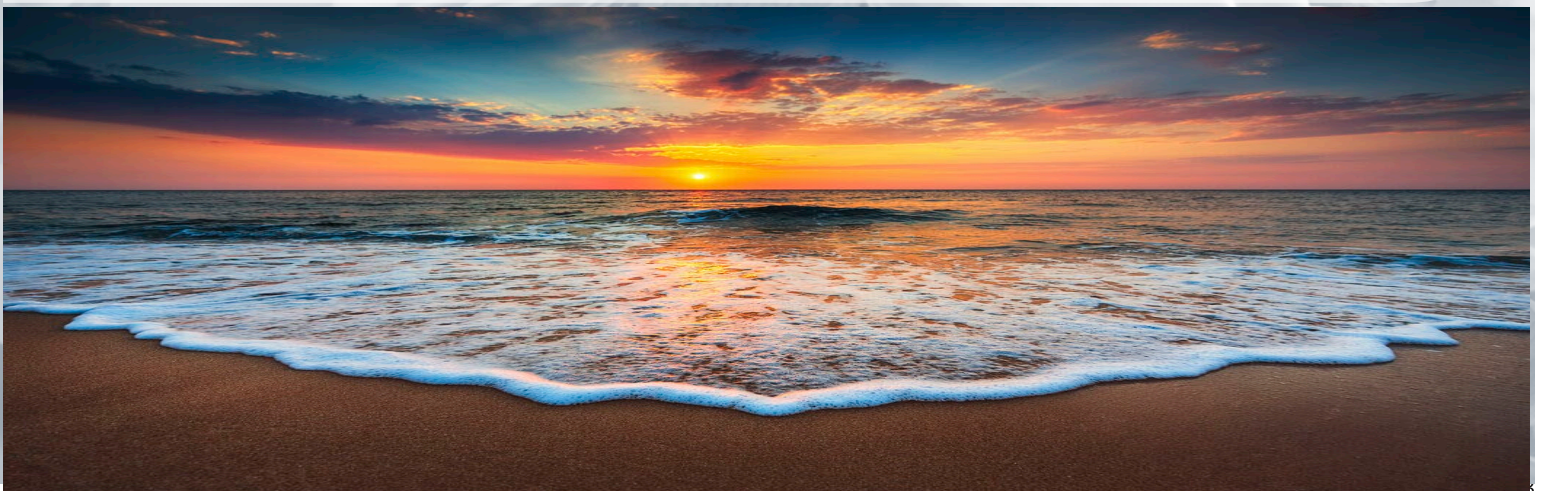


Delaware is hosting the 2024 IIMC Region II Conference, and we are looking to hold it in Sussex County. We (the Region II Conference Committee) are currently seeking options and touring locations to hold the conference.

We have decided to use the theme 'Enrichment by the Sea' for our conference.



The Region II Conference Committee consists of Valarie Heritage, Tracy Torbert, Diana Reed, Ashley Walls, Tara Schiano, and Katrina White. Please reach out to any of us if you have any ideas for the conference!



IIMC Information

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Check out IIMC.com
for more information.

Benefits Of Being An IIMC Member

The Public Relations and Marketing Committee encourages you to reach out to non-members in your area and promote IIMC membership. Tell them about all the benefits they're missing out on by not being a member.

Our Three Favorite Benefits Include:

- **Education, Certification** – bringing knowledge and skills learned back to your community. IIMC-sponsored programs help you find solutions to everyday problems and hone critical professional skills to become more efficient and productive at work. IIMC provides outstanding continuing education earning you points towards your certification.
- **Network of Professional Support** – having the ability to connect with more than 15,000 colleagues. The IIMC network provides you the ability to learn from your colleagues who may have different solutions and problem-solving techniques for some of the same issues you manage.
- **Professional Events, including Region Meetings and the IIMC Annual Conference** – These professional events help bring it all together: educational sessions, camaraderie with your peers, and countless opportunities to contribute to and gain from the greater Municipal Clerk community.

2023 IIMC ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Conference At-A-Glance

77th IIMC
Annual Conference



May 14-17, 2023

All education sessions, meetings, opening ceremony, annual banquet, exhibit hall, silent auction and registration will be held primarily at the Hyatt Regency Hotel. The All Conference Event will be on Tuesday, May 16.

Saturday, May 13

- Conference Registration Opens
- 2022/2023 IIMC Board of Directors Meeting
- Foundation Board of Directors Meeting
- Athenian Leadership Society Dialogues
- Academy Sessions

Sunday, May 14

- Conference Registration
- Athenian Leadership Society Dialogues
- Academy Sessions
- Institute Directors Colloquium
- Exhibit Hall Opens/Foundation Silent Auction – Exhibit Hall
- State/Provincial/National Association Presidents Roundtable
- Committee Leadership Orientation
- First Time Delegate Orientation Meet and Greet
- Presidents Opening Networking Reception – Exhibit Hall

Monday, May 15

- Grab and Go Breakfast
- Opening Ceremony
- Institute Directors Meeting
- Region Meetings
- General Session
- Exhibit Hall Grand Opening/Luncheon
- Concurrent Sessions
- On Your Own – Region Dinners

Tuesday, May 16

- General Session
- Lunch with Exhibitors
- Concurrent Sessions
- All Conference Event

Wednesday, May 17

- Annual Business Meeting Breakfast
- Annual Business Meeting
- 2023/2024 IIMC Board of Directors Meeting
- Lunch on your own
- Concurrent Sessions
- Annual Reception
- Annual Banquet

*Schedule Subject to Change



77th Annual Conference Minneapolis, MN

Sunday, May 14 thru Wednesday, May 17, 2023

Join the 2023 IIMC
Annual Conference
Minneapolis, Minnesota
Facebook Group:
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/714165846320425>

OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

Future Meetings

3/16/2023-Virtual

6/15/2023- Sussex County

9/21/2023- Virtual

12/1/2023- City of Dover

Executive Committee:

President [Diana Reed](#), MMC
Town of Elsmere

Vice President -[Currently Vacant](#)

Treasurer [Valarie Heritage](#), MMC
City of Milford

Secretary [Ashley Walls](#)
City of Dover

Past President [Tracy Torbert](#), CMC
Sussex County

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

All committees were appointed on 03/31/2022 and will be reappointed during the 3/16/2023 virtual meeting.

Audit

Diana Reed, Chair
Tara Schiano
Ashley Walls

Nomination

Valerie Heritage, Chair
Ashley Walls
Kathy Pheenie

Clerk of the Year

Ashley Walls, Chair
Tracy Torbert
Terri Hudson

Scholarship

Tracy Torbert, Chair
Terri Hudson
Linda Sommermann

Education

Tracy Torbert, Chair
Ashley Walls
Tara Schiano

Website/Social Media

Ashley Walls, Chair
Tara Schiano
Diana Reed



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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 Ashley Walls, City of Dover, awalls@dover.de.us

See a correction in the newsletter? Please contact Ashley Walls, City of Dover, awalls@dover.de.us