

MOCCFOA NEWSLETTER

MO City Clerks & Finance Officers Association



Message from our President, *Melissa Burton*

Even though it feels like Spring Institute was just a short while ago, we are already well on the way to summertime! On May 1, 2022, the new MoCCFOA year began with a Leadership Retreat in Columbia. It was so great to bring the officers, division directors, and committee chairs together for the start of our new year. I believe those who were in attendance would agree that it was exciting to gather to kick off the new year. Before I go much further, I want to take a moment to thank Past President Octavia Pitman, as well as 2020/2021 President Renee Kingston for their leadership in the years since March 2020. We were in a time of uncertainty, but they led our organization with grace and resolution.

MoCCFOA will be hosting Clerks from Kansas and Illinois for the Region VII Annual Conference at the City of Osage Beach, MO on Saturday, September 10, 2022.

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2022-2023 Executive Board

Melissa Burton- President
Amy Edwards- President Elect
Deanna Jones- Secretary
Corey Snead- Treasurer
Octavia Pittman- Past President

Make the choice to lead!

Message from our President, *Melissa Burton*

The Region VII conference is held annually and it's location rotates between the three states. The last time we hosted was in 2019 at St. Charles, MO. Our awesome Education Committee is working on confirming an Athenian Dialogue for the education event. Central Division has taken the lead and is helping to plan great social event for all Region VII attendees following the Athenian Dialogue. **Tentative plans include a beautiful Lake of the Ozarks dinner cruise!** Watch MemberClicks for more information, which will be coming soon. The annual **Fall Master Academy** will also be held at the **City of Osage Beach, MO, on Sunday, September 11, 2022.**

Just a short drive from the MML Annual Conference location at Margaritaville, the City of Osage Beach will provide a cost-effective way to direct MoCCFOA funds toward the educational opportunities. The **MML Annual Conference at Margaritaville** kicks off at 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, September 11, and ends, Wednesday, September 14. The MoCCFOA will hold our **Fall Business Meeting and Breakfast** on Monday, September 12, at 7:30 a.m. while at MML Annual Conference. Please make every effort to attend!

Along with hosting the Region VII Annual Conference, MoCCFOA elects the IIMC Region VII Director to serve a three-year term on a rotating basis with Illinois and Kansas. MoCCFOA Rules and Procedures outlines the process for the election, however, we are getting a late start this year. Due to the delay in notice, the Executive Board has agreed to extend the application deadline for those interesting in serving as Region VII Director. **If you are interested in representing Missouri, serving as IIMC Region VII Director, please submit a resume by July 15, 2022.** Resumes will be accepted via email at mburton@overlandmo.org. The term of service for this position is three years beginning May 2023. For full details on qualifications, as well as duties and responsibilities of IIMC Region VII Director, please refer to the MoCCFOA Rules of Procedure, page 7.

My goal this year is to reach out to our members in the smaller, rural communities throughout our state. My career started with a small municipality, where I was the only employee. While I've moved to a much larger city with a full-time staff, my heart and passion still lies in these rural communities. Local government is where the rubber meets the road, and each of you are a valuable part of making public service happen in your communities. I hope to visit some of you at Division meetings and join in Regional meetings with the Municipal League. It is my honor and privilege to serve as your MoCCFOA President and I can't wait to represent our organization at the IIMC Annual Conference in Little Rock, Arkansas this month!

Quarterly Quote

A good leader is a person who takes a little more than his share of the blame and a little less than his share of the credit.

-John C.
Maxwell



IIMC DIRECTOR

If you are interested in representing Missouri, serving as IIMC Region VII Director, please submit a resume by July 15, 2022 via email at mbuton@overlandmo.org.

IIMC Director The IIMC Director is elected by the membership and serves a three (3) year term on a rotating basis with other Region VII states (Missouri, Illinois, and Kansas) as each state has agreed. When the appropriate time comes for our State to nominate a candidate for IIMC Director, it shall be announced at the Spring Business Meeting and in the Newsletter. Interested individuals will send resumes to the MoCCFOA President by June 1st; this information will be published in the Summer Newsletter. Vote will be taken at the Fall Business Meeting. Upon selection of a candidate, the President will direct the Secretary to prepare a Resolution announcing the support of this candidate by the MoCCFOA, which will be forwarded to the IIMC Nominating Committee.

Qualifications:

1. Have attained the IIMC Certified Municipal Clerk (CMC) designation.
2. Have been a Municipal Clerk for three (3) years.
3. Have been a member of IIMC for three (3) years.
4. Have attended at least two IIMC Annual Conferences.

Duties and Responsibilities:

1. Must attend all meetings of the IIMC Board of Directors – after 2 absences, will be replaced.
2. Must be an active participant at the IIMC Board meetings – having read the packet prior to arriving at the meeting.



3. Be able to participate in teleconference meetings as needed.
4. Ensure that the opinions, desires, and wishes of the Clerks in Region VII are fully represented to IIMC.
5. Ensure that the decisions made by IIMC and the actions of the Board of Directors are communicated to the members of Region VII.
6. Represent IIMC on behalf of the President, the Executive Committee, and the Board of Directors at State and Region meetings, if required.
7. Assist in conducting a Region VII Conference each year.
8. Assist in organizing a Region VII Dinner at the IIMC Annual Conference.
9. Be available to answer questions regarding IIMC and Certification.
10. Travel is required. Must be able to attend the IIMC Annual Conference, the Mid-Year Board meeting and the IIMC Region meeting.

GETTING TO KNOW MOCCFOA PRESIDENT

Melissa Burton

By Melissa A. Stradt,
Deputy City Clerk/Treasurer,
City of Camdenton

“What you see is what you get with me.” Says MoCCFOA President Melissa Burton. “I’m a Bible believing, Christ following, born and raised Missouri girl who left twice and came home both times. I’m wife to David, mom to Michala, Savanna, and Sierra, and Memaw to “Triple J” (Jorge Angel Hernandez, III). I first left home at 18 to become a Marine, serving four years as US Marine Corps Military Police.

All together I spent 5 years in law enforcement, before leaving it behind to be a stay-at-home mom for 10 years. During the time at home, I earned a Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration from Lindenwood University and wondered what I would be when I grew up.”

In the Summer of 2005, Melissa answered a post card for “CITY CLERK/TREASURER Duties include: preparing agendas, taking minutes, typing, bookkeeping, answering the phone, etc.” Little did she know that postcard would lead her to the profession she loves. She spent four years with the City of Flint Hill. During that time, she attended every education session available through MoCCFOA, IIMC, MML, GFOA, and more, even if it didn’t apply to her role at a city with a population of 496 (2000 Census). Attending training sessions for things that were outside of my scope of duties prepared her for a larger city and great responsibility. Melissa accepted the position as City Clerk at the City of Overland in September 2009. Finance duties were added to her responsibility in July 2012. She’s a lifelong learner and participates in as much education as possible.



Melissa tries to keep balance in her life by running. She spent 9 years coaching a running team leading new and returning runners to their first 5k, 10k, and half marathon. “I’ve lost track of the number of half marathons I’ve run myself (somewhere in the range of 35-45), but I’ve also completed 3 marathons, and an ultramarathon (50k = 31 miles),” said Melissa.

In her spare time (HA!), you can find her in her home office challenging herself with whatever creative item that strikes her fancy. “I love a challenge and like to attempt things outside of the norm,” said Melissa.

Q. What is the one thing you can't live without?

A. Family and the ability to create

Q. Favorite Song?

A. I can't think of just one...

Q. What's the most recent book you've read?

A. Read? "Fortitude: American Resilience in the Era of Outrage" by Dan Crenshaw
Listened to? "Time's Convert" by Deborah Harkness

Q. What's your favorite TV Show?

A. I can't pick just one... currently watching "Picard"

Q. What's the most used app on your phone?

A. Facebook :-/

Q. iOS or Team Android?

A. ANDROID

Q. What's your favorite vacation destination?

A. A cruise - unpack once while visiting many different places

Q. Favorite Dinner menu?

A. Anything I don't have to cook

Q. What's the last photo you took?

A. Mail for someone else that was delivered to me.

Q. Something no one knows about you?

A. Um... I'm pretty much an open book

Q. Favorite Movie(s)?

A. Star Wars, Harry Potters/Fantastic Beast, Marvel... anything I can disconnect from reality for a while.

Q. How do you handle stress?

A. I run and walk a lot of miles.

Q. Coffee or Tea?

A. Coffee

Q. Favorite Color(s)?

A. Red and Black

Q. Disney World or Universal Studio?

A. Disney, but take me to Hogsmeade and Diagon Alley at US ANYTIME

Q. Beach or Mountains?

A. Mountains

Q. How long have you been a City Clerk?

A. Nearly 17 years

Q&A



**MOCCFOA
PRESIDENT**

MELISSA BURTON

Q. Coke or Pepsi

A. Coke

Q. Favorite Candy Bar?

A. Give me something salty and fried instead

Q. Baseball or Softball?

A. Baseball - go Cards!

Q. Most challenging thing you've faced as a City Clerk?

A. Finding and keeping balance for myself.

Q. Most rewarding part of your job?

A. Serving others

Q. Favorite genre of music?

A. I love nearly all kinds of music, but I'll turn on contemporary worship music or country before anything else

Q. Amazon or Ebay?

A. Amazon

CONGRATULATIONS

Clerks



Vickie McGownd
City of Chesterfield

Vickie McGownd was presented with her MRCC Sustaining Certificate on July 19, 2021.

Mary Lou Rainwater
City of Truesdale

Mary Lou Rainwater was presented with her MRCC Sustaining Certification on August 21, 2021 by her fellow clerks



Melody Rugh
City of Warrenton

Melody Rugh was presented with her MRCC Sustaining Certificate on September 7, 2021.



*Be proud
of yourself*

CONGRATULATIONS

Clerks

Savanna Burton City of Florissant

On March 28, 2022 Savanna Burton was presented with her MRCC Certificate by her fellow clerks.



Jane Hungler City of Fenton

Jane Hungler with the City of Fenton was presented with her MRCC Certification on March 24, 2022.



Deletra Hudson City of Jennings

Deletra Hudson was presented by her fellow clerks with her MRCC Certification on November 17, 2021.



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CONGRATULATIONS

Clerks



Amy Edwards & Brooke Bell
City of Platte City/ City of Savannah

Edwards & Bell were both presented with their MPCC Plaques from President Octavia Pittman at Spring Institute Banquet this year.

June Frazier
City of Clayton

June Frazier with the City of Clayton was presented with her MRCC Continuing Certification on March 29, 2022.



LaRette Reese
City of University City

LaRette Reese was presented with her MRCC Certification on November 11, 2021.



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Outstanding City Clerk

Blue Springs City Clerk Receives 2022 Outstanding City Clerk Award

Blue Springs City Clerk, Sheryl Morgan, was presented with the prestigious Missouri City Clerks and Finance Officers Association's 2022 Outstanding City Clerk Award at the annual MoCCFOA Spring Institute banquet held in Columbia, Missouri on March 16, 2022. The purpose of the Outstanding City Clerk Award is to recognize a city clerk or finance officer who has demonstrated outstanding service and commitment to their municipality, community and professional organization.

Acting City Administrator, Christine Cates, submitted a nomination application for Morgan that was reviewed with 5 other nominations for this year's Outstanding City Clerk Award. A five-member panel of judges, including the Kansas CCFOA President, the Illinois CCFOA President, a Missouri Municipal League representative, and two prior recipients of the award, voted to bestow this honor upon Sheryl.

Sheryl is a member of the Western Division of MoCCFOA. She has served as President of her division along with various state and international city clerk committees from 2002 - present.

To achieve the recognition of Outstanding City Clerk is an honor not achieved by many and is a testament to her extraordinary dedication to the City of Blue Springs and to the MoCCFOA members.

Sheryl has earned the designation of Missouri Registered City Clerk from MoCCFOA and Certified Municipal Clerk from International Institute of Municipal Clerks. She is working on obtaining her Missouri Professional City Clerk designation. She has been with the City of Blue Springs for over 18 years of service.

Additional contributions Sheryl has made to her community include completing the Supervisory Certification program at MARC and a member of the executive management team. She serves on the City's process improvement and wellness committees and was the chair for the Eastern Metro Municipal Challenge team.

The MoCCFOA is a professional organization of municipal clerks and finance officers who have united together to assist members in the performance of their job responsibilities and promote the professional development of its members for the betterment of the public and municipalities they serve. This organization sponsors certification programs and provides support to its members for the purpose of imparting standards of quality and integrity to the profession.

Press Release Submitted by:
Karen E. Robinson, City Clerk,
City of Bridgeton, MRCC-S/CMC
Melissa O'Bannon, City Clerk,
City of Madison, MRCC



City Clerk BRAG BOARD



The thing that I am most proud of is bringing an Inclusive Playground to Clinton. The project budget was \$600,000 and was paid for 100% from grants and donations. No city tax dollars were used.

This project took me 5 years to complete! I began researching ADA Playgrounds in 2016 and then I discovered inclusive playgrounds. We applied for a Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant from the Missouri State Parks. Over several years I applied for more than 75 grants. Some grants were a NO the first time but we were successful on the second attempt. Persistence pays off!

We were finally ready to begin fundraisingand COVID hit. The project came to a halt for almost a year and many were ready to just let it go. I was not. I kept applying for grant extensions and pushing this project through. In August of 2021, the playground was opened to the public! Let me know if you would like any more information about the process.

Wendee Seaton, City of Clinton



The City of St. Charles Missouri City Clerk's Office just designed, implemented and celebrated our first Records and Information Management Month in April!

At the April 5 City Council meeting, Mayor Dan Borgmeyer proclaimed April 2022 as Records and Information Management Month in the City of St. Charles.

Being that this was our first year, we promoted the month in a more passive way. We posted three social media posts, hung posters throughout our building, and composed and distributed a frequently asked questions sheet to all records custodians.

The month was well-received and had a positive impact on both our City employees and our residents. For employees, it served as a way to promote good record keeping practices, to minimize risk and to reduce waste. For our residents, it reinforced the City's commitment to records, showcased some of our oldest and most valuable records, and displayed the work done by our records custodians!

Next year we hope to add more fun to the mix with some games, a training session, and an appreciation lunch for our departmental records custodians.

Emily Galantowicz, City of St. Charles

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

MML 88TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE

September 11-14, 2022
Margaritaville, Osage Beach

Each year, nearly 700 municipal officials and staff gather for the MML Annual Conference to hear expert presentations on the most pressing topics affecting Missouri cities. Meet with more than 130 vendors in the exhibit hall to learn about the latest products and services to help you succeed, add your voice at the annual business meeting and network with local officials across the state. You will not want to miss our largest event of the year.



MOCCFOA REGIONALS

Dates to be announced soon! Check our webpage for more information!

MOCCFOA SPRING INSTITUTE

Spring Institute: March 14-16, 2023
Master Academy: March 12-13, 2023
New Clerks' Institute: March 13, 2023

Location:
Holiday Inn Executive Center
Columbia, MO



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CERTIFICATION COMMITTEE

SUBMITTED BY LEESA ROSS,
CHAIRPERSON, CERTIFICATION COMMITTEE

The Certification Committee began accepting applications on April 1. The committee started reviewing applications on May 1, when new committee members were assigned.

The certification committee updated the application and made some minor changes. The updated application and certification guidelines can be found at <https://www.mocccfoa.org/misouri-certification>. Our committee encourages MoCCFOA members to reach out to any of us with questions on the certification process. We hope to review applications submitted and response back in one to two weeks. All applications should be submitted to:

Leesa Ross
City of Frontenac
10555 Clayton Road
Frontenac, MO 63131
lross@cityoffrontenac.org

All payments can be paid online, or a check submitted with your application, made payable to MSU.

The Certification Committee Members are:

Gayle Conrad, City of Cape Girardeau, Southeast Division
JoAnn Cova, City of Maryland Heights, Eastern Division
Renee' Kingston, City of Camdenton, Central Division
Melissa Mattson, City of Albany, Northwest Division
Beth Anne West, City of Battlefield, Southwest Division
Lisa Westfall, City of Branson, Southwest Division

Our committee members are also available to discuss certification at division meetings. Please contact me or any member of our committee.

DON'T MISS



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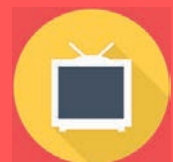
Don't miss Tom Cruise back in action in Top Gun: Maverick. Releases May 27th!

Streaming:

Top of the list currently is The Power of the Dog featuring Benedict Cumberbatch & Kirsten Dunst. It is based on a 1967 novel with the same title by Thomas Savage



A great Book Club Read! It All Comes Back to You by Beth Duke



Find the series Wolf like Me on NBC or Peacock.

Features Josh Gad (think voice of Olaf from Frozen) and Isla Fisher.



DIVISION DIRECTORS



DONNA BARGER

**CENTRAL DIVISION
CITY OF BROOKFIELD**

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The Central Division met at Canterbury Hill Restaurant, in Holts Summit on February 16. City Administrator, Hanna Thomas, welcomed the members. She updated the division on ARPA funding and GONotify.

The group voted to order division shirts to be worn at Spring Institute. Also at Spring Institute, there were several division members recognized for obtaining certification. Tara Berreth, Osage Beach and Melissa Stradt received their MRCC. Renee Kingston, City of Camdenton, received her MMC. Recognized for 100 hours were Linda Haffecke, City of Huntsville, Jennifer Schmidt, City of Tipton, and Tara Strain, City of Centralia.

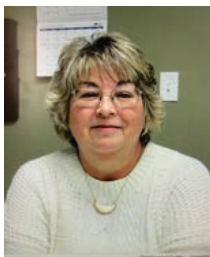
The Division has put it to vote to a change in date of the June meeting and possibly combining it with the August meeting. A date in July has been proposed. All members please watch for an email update as to the definite date of our next meeting.

Happy Summer!

The East Central Division has a lot of new faces; meet our newest members by reading below! Also join me in welcoming Kara Meyer, Deputy City Clerk of Owensville & City Clerk Diane Decker with Bland.



Hello! My name is Corey Orr. I am currently serving as the Deputy City Clerk at Hermann and will be transitioning to Clerk in the future. I began my career at the City of Hermann 4 years ago. In my spare time I like to hike, hunt, and work our 3-year-old bloodhound, Foggy with my wife, Lauren. I also operate a volunteer museum in town and participate in historical reenactment and living history.



Linda Cochran started in municipal government with the City of Rolla from 2001-2006 and relocated to Camdenton Missouri in April 2006 and was hired with the City of Camdenton and worked there for 15 years, my latest position with them was finance officer/treasurer until our recent move back to Rolla area. I accepted the position as City Clerk with the City of St. James and began employment on 01/03/22. I became a registered City Clerk in 2019 and never thought I would have the opportunity to utilize my certification but as luck would have it after we relocated the City of St. James was seeking a City Clerk and that's when I applied and ultimately was hired. I have been married to my husband Paul for almost 31 years, I have two daughters by heart and 10 of the most awesome grandchildren that keep us quite busy. My hobbies include crocheting, bowling on a weekly league, going to the beach and short trips to Branson.



Hello my name is Ravin Kersting. I grew up in New Melle, MO and currently reside in Warrenton. I have been married to my husband for 12 years and we have 2 beautiful children 1 boy who's 6 and 1 girls who's 5. I have been working for the City of Marthasville for 1 year now as Deputy City Clerk and before that I was in the healthcare field for 14 years. I enjoy vacationing with my family in either the mountains of Colorado or the beaches of the Bahamas.



JAKI WELKER

**EAST CENTRAL DIVISION
CITY OF UNION**

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DIVISION DIRECTORS



LEESA ROSS

EASTERN DIVISION

CITY OF FRONTENAC

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The Eastern Division met in March at Spring Institute, to hold a special meeting to fulfill the term of MoCCFOA Director, Eastern Division. Jodi Schneider resigned from the City of Troy to take the City Clerk position in Warrensburg. The Eastern Division voted to allow Leesa Ross to begin her term immediately to fulfill Jodi's term. Jodi held many positions with our division including President, Hospitality Room Chair and Director. She will be missed and we all wish her well.

In April, the division met in Maryland Heights and our guest speaker was Lisa Dunn of Flock Safety who discussed the flock safety camera system. In May, I attended the MoCCFOA Retreat hosted by President Melissa Burton and Immediate Past President Renee' Kingston. The retreat was informative, and goals were set for the upcoming year.

Our upcoming meeting in May will take place soon, and the topic is "The Waste Industry is Far from Normal". The nominating committee will also present the slate of officers for the upcoming year.

I am excited for this opportunity and look forward to serving my division.

City Clerk Spotlight on Crystal Kelch with the City of Center

I was hired as City Clerk in August of 2021. Center is a 4th class City with 528 residents. The City of Center offers wastewater services to the residents.

Center is a small, friendly town located in Ralls County in Northeast Missouri. Established in 1871, Center is an agricultural community along Missouri Highway 19.

I have 15 years of bookkeeping and accounting experience, and 4 years of office management experience.



I was born and raised in Center and appreciate small town living. I enjoy spending time with my husband Matt and 3 children, Blake, Kasen and Alyse. I enjoy being outdoors whether it be riding side by sides or taking a walk. I am a founding member of Center Park Board Committee and help organize Center Park Days events and festivities held annually in August.

I consider it an honor to serve the citizens of Center. My goal as the City Clerk is to operate the Clerk's office in an efficient, and responsive manner.



DANETTE HENDERSON

NORTHEAST DIVISION

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The Northwest Missouri City Clerks and Financial Officers Association (NWMOCFOA) met Thursday, February 24, 2022 at The Big Biscuit in St. Joseph, MO.



Brooke Bell, President, called the meeting to order at 12:53 p.m. A motion was made by Pat Fisher-Johnson, seconded by Jill Cottrill, to approve the minutes for the November 18, 2021 meeting, as presented. Tiffany French gave the Treasurer's report, with a summary of the revenues and expenditures since the November 18, 2021 meeting. Michelle Allwood made a motion to accept the report; Stacy Benoit seconded. The motion was unanimously approved. Scholarship Committee: One application for New Clerk's was received from Minde Dreher. Three applications for Spring Institute were received from Crystal Dorrell, Tiffany French, & Melissa Mattson. A motion was made by Jill Cottrill to award scholarships for registration fees to all who applied. Stacy Benoit seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

MELISSA MATTSON

NORTHWEST DIVISION

CITY OF ALBANY

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The first order of New Business was to get a volunteer to schedule a speaker for May 2022 meeting - Pat Fisher-Johnson volunteered to do this. Election of 2022-2024 NW MOCFOA Officers - Dhani Madron nominated Brooke Bell, President, Melissa Mattson, Vice President, Tiffany French, Secretary, and Stacy Benoit, Treasurer. The motion was seconded by Pat Fisher-Johnson and passed unanimously. The installation of 2022-2024 NW MOCFOA Officers and they were sworn in. The 2022-2024 Committee sheet was passed among the group to sign up for division committees. President Brooke Bell presented Cindy Simpson, Jill Cottrill, Tiffany French, Pat Fisher-Johnson, & Melissa Mattson with flowers for their assistance to her since the passing of former Savannah City Clerk Beth Kar.

The South Central Division had our first meeting on Wednesday, April 20th at Mountain Grove City Hall. Becky Davis, President, hosted the meeting with lunch provided by the city and catered by Luiguis Italian Restaurant. The food was wonderful but getting together with our clerk family was even better! Becky Davis, President, called the meeting to order and we went over the agenda. Special speaker, Robert Macleod, owner of Macleod Technology, is the IT Director for Mountain Grove city hall. He handed out information by TextMyGov, which is an online texting for municipalities, and is used to get the community involved. The system works with the city's website to quickly find information or to contact the responsible person in charge. Suzanne Welsh, Division Director, gave a report from the spring institute convention and what meetings were attended. The South Central Division and the Southwest Division will host the hospitality house next spring. Suzanne was selected to work with the Southwest Division to help with the planning process and Becky Davis volunteered to help.

We held an election of officers and motions were in favor of keeping officers in their current positions. Becky Davis, President; Leslie Houk, Vice-President, Heather Sponsler, Secretary; and Kim Elliott, Treasurer.

We have six meetings annually, set for the third Wednesday of the selected month, beginning at 11:00 AM. This year, the first meeting was held in Mountain Grove on April 19th. The second meeting will be held in West Plains on May 18th, third meeting in Ava on August 17th, fourth meeting in Cabool on September 21st, fifth meeting in Seymour on October 19th, and sixth meeting will be in Houston on December 21st.



SUZANNE WELSH

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DIVISION DIRECTORS



LORI LEMONS

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Our quarterly division meeting was held at Perryville City Administration building on Thursday, May 12, 2022, with City Clerk Tracy Prost hosting.

Judy Hutchison, City Clerk of Desloge, shared a Loretta LaRoche presentation by video on stress and humor; we also had a call from Sally with Cochran Engineering with an update on the upcoming grants from the federal government through several different outlets. In regular business, we heard reports from our Southeast Division chairs that were present: Judy Hutchison, on our program committee; Rhonda Council, Sikeston City Clerk, on the nominating and oversight committee; Gayle Conrad, City Clerk of Cape Girardeau, of the public relations committee; and from Lori Lemons, Division Director, City Clerk of East Prairie. Deborah McCarver, City Clerk of Leadington, was appointed to assist Gayle Conrad on the Division's Public Relations Committee.

Our next Southeast Division meeting will be held on August 11, 2022, in Sikeston, Mo. with Gayle Conrad sharing the presentation that she co-presented at the New Clerk's Sprint Institute session.

Afterwards, everyone enjoyed lunch at Mary Jane's downtown Perryville.

Happy Spring Everyone!

April takes us to visit Bolivar with our incoming President Paula Henderson, City Clerk of Bolivar will host a luncheon on PCI Compliance. In May we will venture to Carl Junction and Alaina will host a lunch to review Contracts, COI's and Bonding Requirements. We have lots of new faces and are hoping to get to know everyone in the coming months. Listed below are future meeting dates to place on the calendar with more information to follow via e-mail. June and July we take a break to allow everyone a summer break and we regroup in August. Next Spring Institute we will be hosting the hospitality festivities so we will begin prep work to determine our theme and start getting items lined up for giveaways. Looking forward to Spring weather and wishing everyone an uneventful Election season. A big shout out to Jennifer Rowe, City Clerk/Director of Emergency Management from the City of Willard for serving this past year as our President.

P. S. if you want to serve in our organization please reach out to Paula I know she will be reaching out to fill position on various committees for the upcoming year. August 31st, September 28th, October 26th

Feel free to call me at 417.883.5840 x102 if you have any questions!



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DIVISION DIRECTORS



BECKY SCHIMMEL

WESTERN DIVISION

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Our Division meeting for March was at Spring Institute. We had a nice turnout of members for the meeting where we voted for our new officers: Becky Behrens-President; Linda Drummond-Vice President; Wendee Seaton-Secretary; Andrea Cunningham-Treasurer. They will begin their terms on May 1st.

We were very proud to see one of our own, Corey Snead, be sworn in as the MoCCFOA Treasurer at Spring Institute. Corey has been very involved in the Association and it's exciting to know he will continue helping to make our Association the best it can be!

Over this past year, our Division has had a couple of retirements: Peggy Eoff from Odessa and Susan Flandermeyer from Concordia. Those members who earned certifications were: Andrea Cunningham, Belton-MRCC-Continuing and CMC; Julie Porter, Blue Springs-MRCC and CMC; Erica Hill, Raymore-MRCC-Sustaining; Patricia Lam, Hardin-MRCC; and Amy Edwards, Platte City-MPCC.

Newsletter Committee

Brooke Bell
Newsletter Chair

Committee Members:

Melissa Stradt
Sherri Klekamp
Patrick Benwell
Kerri Krumme
Lisa Goodnight
Gayle Conrad
Wendee Seaton
Dorothy Matthews