President’s Message

I remember sitting in an FACC business meeting in Ft. Lauderdale Florida watching my mentor and friend, Teresa Soroka (then City Clerk for the City of Aventura) be sworn in as the 31st President of this organization. I remember thinking to myself... I wonder what it will take to become President; how do you become President of FACC? I soon learned about the hard work and dedication that it would take to earn my CMC and get involved by serving on a committee.

This year I have chosen as my Presidential theme “Journey to Leadership.” While the primary focus is leadership within the Florida Association of City Clerks, I recognize that your capacity for leadership has many branches and your outreach is strong. You are leaders in your city, town or villages; you are leaders in your community; you are leaders in your church and you are certainly leaders within your home.

This year, we will be exploring ways to enhance your leadership capabilities and providing you with the resources to accomplish your leadership goals both personal and professional. So, let’s talk about service to FACC for a minute. Will you serve on a FACC committee, perhaps start to move up to a leadership role in the next year or so? Consider placing your name on the ballot as a district director, or running for vice president which puts you in line to be president? Can you see yourself standing here within the next five years? Ten years?

In FACC, we are not looking to recycle leadership, start thinking about taking that next step, start working toward your CMC, MMC, and other educational goals. Let us help you prepare to start the journey to leadership. I was reminded in a sermon this week that leading can be scary, the unknown is frightening, but Feel the Fear and do it anyway. We are here to support you. This Executive Board has supported each other in births, weddings, funerals, and through many of life’s challenges; we are here for one another.

Many of you have approached me to help with anything I may need. Well I need You, You, and yes, You, to get on Board. Step up and join me on this leadership journey. Ladies and Gentlemen of FACC: we need you. District Directors, Members of the Executive Board, I charge you to assist me this year with finding and developing the next group of leaders to lead in our communities and lead in our organization. Bring us your time, talents, and treasures. Let us prepare for the journey. All aboard, come and go with me on the this ‘journey to leadership!” God bless you and may God bless FACC!

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