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Message from the President



Quote by Japanese writer Haruki Murakami, “And once the storm is over, you won’t remember how you made it through, how you managed to survive. You won’t even be sure, whether the storm is really over. But one thing is certain. When you come out of the storm, you won’t be the same person who walked in. That’s what this storm’s all about.” Our storm, the coronavirus, to shall pass, and, true, we will not be the same person we were before the storm – we will be a **greater person!**

*Warmest Regards,
Debra R. Buff, MMC
2020-2021 FACC President
City Clerk, City of Belle Glade*

Highlight



We will be highlighting a different member each week to share "what it means to be a member of FACC" for that person.

Today, enjoy reading about **Diane L. Bruner, CMC, City Clerk, City of Largo.**

In 1993, I began my career in government in the Largo Public Works Department, before being promoted to city clerk in June 1997. At the time, I knew very little about the duties of the city clerk other than attending city commission meetings and handling elections. I had some knowledge about public records law and had handled some public records requests in public works. My first year went by in a flash. I quickly joined the Pinellas County Municipal Clerks Association (PCMCA), FACC and IIMC and I set about to learn everything I could about my new position. [Read More.](#)

2020 FACC Virtual Fall Academy

Registration



2020 FACC Virtual Fall Academy
October 18-28, 2020
#FACCFall2020
Via Zoom

Register no later than October 12, 2020.

ONE DAY ONLY FEES HAVE BEEN REDUCED!
\$100 Members/\$125 Non-Members
[View One Day Only Registration Form](#)

The Pre-Academy Workshop: Athenian Dialogue is sold out.
To be added to the wait list, [click here.](#)

Remember: In order to receive the member registration rate, dues must be paid first. [Renew Dues.](#)

[View Announcement](#)

REGISTER NOW

First-Year/First-Time Orientation and Education Basics Session

**First-Year/First-Time Fall Academy Attendees:
Be sure to save the date for this session!**

Friday, October 16, 2020
3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. ET
Via Zoom

This is an informal session for new attendees to meet the FACC Board of Directors, including the president and president-elect, as well as the FACC executive director, FACC staff and staff from the Institute of Government. **It is highly recommended that first-year/first-time attendees attend this session.** Join us to learn how your association can assist you in your professional goals and challenges while also letting us get to know you. When you register for the Fall Academy first-year track, you are automatically enrolled in this session. The link to join the session will be emailed to you approximately a week before the session begins. *Panelists: Board Members, IOG Staff and FACC Staff*

FACC Scholarships



Apply for an FACC scholarship today!

The Awards & Scholarships Committee is now accepting scholarship applications offered through the FACC. Please take advantage of this great opportunity to obtain assistance with the cost to attend an event. FACC offers four annual scholarships for members to use towards education and training as a municipal clerk. We have a new scholarship, the FACC Dale Barstow Annual Scholarship, which is for an FACC/IIMC webinar or FACC Athenian Dialogue.

Application Deadline: January 31, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.

Submit your application by January 31, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. directly to the Awards and Scholarship Chair: City Clerk Mario Bataille, CMC, City of Miami Gardens
mbataille@miamigardens-fl.gov (do not send applications to the FACC Office).

[Click here](#) to view the criteria and application forms located on the FACC website for the following scholarships:

- NEW SCHOLARSHIP! FACC Dale Barstow Annual Scholarship
- FACC Fall Academy Kay O'Halloran Memorial Scholarship
- FACC Summer Conference and Academy Scholarship
- FACC's IIMC Annual Conference Scholarship

Member News

CMC Certification



City Clerk Marbelys Fatjo, Esq., CMC, City of Hialeah, recently earned her CMC Certification.

Congratulations, Marbelys!

Executive Orders 20-246 and 20-211



Local Government Public Meetings

On Thursday, September 30, 2020, Governor DeSantis issued Executive Order 20-246.

The State of Florida recently entered Phase 3 of the Governor's plan for Florida's recovery from COVID-19. Executive Order 20-246 assists the transition to Phase 3 by providing local government bodies with an additional one-month period to conduct their meetings virtually. Local government bodies should prepare to meet in person as required by Florida law beginning November 1, 2020.

A copy of Executive Order 20-246 can be found [HERE](#).

Mortgage Foreclosure and Eviction Relief

On Thursday, September 30, 2020, Governor DeSantis permitted Executive Order 20-211 to expire.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recently enacted a nationwide residential evictions Order that provides federal eviction relief to persons who submit a valid Declaration to their landlord regarding their inability to pay rent. Executive Order 20-211 had provided a limited, one-month extension of state eviction relief to persons affected by the COVID-19 emergency. Executive Order 20-211 pertaining to the State's mortgage foreclosure and eviction relief was permitted to expire to avoid any confusion over whether the CDC's evictions Order should apply in a particular circumstance. The CDC's evictions Order expires on December 31, 2020, unless extended.

A copy of the CDC's evictions Order is available [HERE](#).

A copy of the CDC's evictions Declaration is available [HERE](#).

Has Your Municipal Elected Official Completed Their Ethics Training?

Mandatory Ethics Training for Elected Officials: Virtual and Engaging!

Wednesday, October 14
10:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. EDT



In January 2015, a law went into effect requiring all elected municipal officers to receive four hours of ethics-specific training.

Getting the training you need has never been easier. In 2020, the FLC University is bringing the state-required Continuing Education in Ethics course to you, virtually!

The class will be held as a webinar on Wednesday, October 14 and will include a morning and afternoon session to cover all four hours with a lunch break in-between.

Due to continuing concerns about public health and municipal travel budgets, the FLC University will not be offering an in-person state-mandated four-hour ethics program

before 2021. Please take advantage of this online opportunity if you have not yet completed the required training for 2020.

Agenda

Session 1: Florida Ethics Law (Chapter 112)

10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. EDT

BREAK

Session 2: Florida Public Records and Public Meetings Law

1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. EDT

Participating in the FULL four hours of this webinar meets the state requirement for annual ethics training. We hope to see you there!

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

Join us online to meet the state requirement for this year!

Register Now!

IIMC - Athenian Dialogues



Hosting organizations and Athenian Facilitators are working together to offer these in-demand leadership programs in an online format using video conferencing software such as Zoom Meeting, GoToMeeting or WebEx. Dialogues are 6 educational hours in length but may be broken up into two 3-hour parts or three 2-hour parts to accommodate the online format.

If you are interested in participating in one of these online Athenian Dialogues, please check the Upcoming Dialogues [PAGE](#) for further details and access to registration forms. Scheduled Athenian Dialogues include: Mandela's Way - Lessons on Life by Richard Stengel; Girl Wash Your Face by Rachel Hollis; Opening the Doors by BJ Hollars and Dare to Lead by Brene Brown.

Organizations interested in hosting a Virtual Dialogue should reach out to the Education Department at ashley@iimc.com to discuss online requirements, software options and the pre-approval process.

[Register Now!](#)

Coronavirus Resources



Resources

FACC has created a web page dedicated to resources for you regarding the Coronavirus (COVID-19). [View Resources.](#)

Job Openings



[Browse](#) current job openings.

Upcoming Events

To view a list of all upcoming FACC Board of Directors Meetings, [click here.](#)

FACC Board of Directors Meeting, Microsoft Teams

October 15, 2020

11:00 a.m. EST

2020 Fall Academy, Zoom

October 18-28, 2020

Zoom

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Retirement Resolution Presentation, North Lauderdale

October 27, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. EST

City of North Lauderdale, City Commission Meeting, Commission Chambers

701 W 71 Avenue, North Lauderdale, FL 33068

FACC South District Director Sandra McCreedy, MMC, Town Clerk, Town of Surfside, will present Patricia Vancheri, MMC, City Clerk, City of North Lauderdale, with her retirement resolution.

75th Annual IIMC Conference, Grand Rapids, MI

Embrace the Rapids: Maneuvering in a Changing World
May 9-13, 2021

2021 Summer Conference and Academy, PGA National, Palm Beach Gardens

June 26-30, 2021
#FACCSummer2021
Room Rate: \$169 per night
Member Rate: \$350 approximately

2021 Fall Academy, The Shores Hotel, Daytona Beach Shores

October 17-21, 2021
#FACCFall2021
Room Rate: \$129 per night
Member Rate: \$400 approximately



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