

Florida Association of City Clerks

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Message from the President



Quote by author Criss Jami, “Find a purpose to serve, not a lifestyle to live.” And, with that, there is no more to say.

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

2020 FACC Virtual Fall Academy



Registration for the 2020 FACC Virtual Fall Academy is now open!

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](#).

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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 **Victoria Parks, Deputy City Clerk, City of Leesburg.**

I've worked for the City of Leesburg for 5 years, starting out in recreation, moving to customer service, and now I work in the clerk's office. I have been the deputy city clerk for the City of Leesburg since November 2017. I joke and say that my first day (November 27, 2017) was my real interview/test because we had a commission meeting that evening. I have a bachelor's degree in criminal justice, and I attended and successfully completed one year of law school at Florida Coastal School of Law. After that one year, I decided that was not the field for me. I have been an FACC member since March of 2019, so just a little over a year. Being a part of the FACC has been a great experience. [Read More.](#)

Member News

MMC Certification



Dorothy K. Joiner, MMC, City Clerk, City of Everglades City recently earned her MMC certification.

Congratulations, Dorothy!

Promotion



Queenester Nieves has been promoted to the Town Clerk for the Town of Palm Beach.

Congratulations, Queenester!

Miami-Dade County Municipal Clerks Association



Town of Surfside Deputy Clerk Evelyn Herbello was sworn in by one of the Miami-Dade County Municipal Clerks Association's (MDCMCA) founders and Village of Pinecrest Village Clerk Guido Inguanzo as the new treasurer for the MDCMCA.

Congratulations, Evelyn!

FACC Board Meeting: September 17, 2020

The FACC Board of Directors met via Teams on September 17, 2020.

[Executive Summary](#)

[Agenda Packet](#)



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

The Virginia Municipal Clerks Institute & Academy is offering an online series of [Athenian Dialogues](#) through December 2020.

These pre-approved Athenian Dialogues are eligible for 3 CMC or 3 MMC points each, with the completion of the required learning assessments. Sessions are open to all IIMC members.

Registration Fee: \$75 for VMCA members; \$100 for IIMC members (does not include cost of book)

Book Selections, offered through December:



- Lean In: Women, Work, and the Will to Lead by Sheryl Sandberg. Click [HERE](#) for more information.
- Encouraging the Heart: A Leader's Guide to Rewarding and Recognizing Others by James M. Kouzes and Barry Z. Posner. Click [HERE](#) for more information.
- The Leadership Challenge: How to Make Extraordinary Things Happen in Organization by James M. Kouzes and Barry M. Posner. Click [HERE](#) for more information.
- Note: Year of Yes: How to Dance it Out, Stand in the Sun and Be Your Own Person by Shonda Rhimes, September 15-16 session is SOLD OUT, and due to the popularity of this book, the Dialogue will be repeated on October 27-28. Click [HERE](#) for more information.

For more information, please visit the Virginia Municipal Clerks Institute & Academy [Athenian Dialogue page](#).

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!](#)

Survey Request from Senate Relating to a Sunset Review of Public Records Exemptions



The Legislature is required to review the public record exemptions established under two provisions of the statutes dealing with data and data software. A public record exemption is provided under s. 119.071(1)(f), F.S., for data processing software which is a trade secret as defined in s. 812.081, F.S., obtained by an agency under a licensing agreement that prohibits its disclosure and for agency produced sensitive software. A public record exemption is also provided under s. 815.04(3), F.S., for data, programs, or supporting documentation which is a trade secret as defined in s. 812.081, F.S.

In 2016, the definition of "trade secret" in s. 812.081, F.S., was expanded to include financial information. As a result, these public record exemptions were reenacted to include the new definition of "trade secret" and are subject to the Open Government Sunset Review Act (s. 119.15, F.S.).

These exemptions will be repealed on October 2, 2021, unless reviewed and reenacted by the Legislature pursuant to s. 119.15, F. S. Accordingly, the Professional Committee Staff of the Senate Committee on Innovation, Industry, and Technology and the House Subcommittee on Oversight, Transparency & Public Management is conducting the review required by statute and **requests your assistance in completing the below questionnaires**. Since these exemptions deal with agencies as defined in ch. 119, F.S., they are seeking input from the municipalities. **The input from your municipalities is invaluable and will greatly assist in the Legislature's review of these public record exemptions.**

Only one response is needed per municipality. Please communicate with others (departments, etc.) within your municipality, so that multiple responses from the same municipality are not submitted.

[Intellectual Property Crimes Questionnaire](#)

[Data Processing Software Questionnaire](#)

Email the completed questionnaires to [Chris Villa](#) and [Patrick Imhof](#) by October 23, 2020.

Ronald McDonald House Fundraiser by Class of 2020

The FACC Class of 2020 is selling masks in support of the Ronald McDonald House. Each mask is \$7 and all proceeds will go to the Ronald McDonald House. There are only 100 masks available. Show your FACC pride while supporting an amazing cause!

The deadline to order is September 25th.

To order, contact [Janie Ayala](#) or [Amber Landry](#).



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](#).

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

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Room Rate: \$129 per night

Member Rate: \$400 approximately



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