



**Florida Association of City Clerks
State of the Association
President Angie Guy, MMC**

What a great year for the Florida Association of City Clerks. I am honored and humbled to have served as your President. Thank you for the opportunity!

My goal this year was to encourage you to use your voice within your association. Your voice, your association. We are stronger when we speak to and for each other. Remember, every voice matters, so use yours to strengthen our association, as well as in your own daily life. Be a voice of inspiration. Be bold in learning, be bold in sharing, and be bold in action. We are stronger when we work together and help each other. It's your voice; it's your association.

We are thankful for your continued involvement with FACC and we are looking forward to a bright future for the association. FACC continues to grow and provide great opportunities for its members. Let me share some of the highlights from this year:

Legislative: We had many Municipal Clerks who served on Florida League of Cities' Policy Committees this year. Municipal Clerks are a great resource to the committees, as well as the FLC legislative advocates. Five FACC members were honored this year with a FLC Home Rule Hero Award: City Clerk Sue Frank, MMC, City of Indian Harbour Beach, City Clerk/Public Information Officer Judy Meyers, CMC, City of New Port Richey, City Clerk Dawn M. Wright, MMC, FCRM, PHRP, City of Eagle Lake, City Clerk Latricia Wright, CMC, FCRM, City of Williston, and myself. Congratulations! I look forward to additional Clerks receiving this recognition following the next legislative session. A special thanks to the FACC Legislative Committee, under the leadership of Chair Savannah Cobb, MMC, Deputy Town Clerk, Town of Longboat Key, for continually keeping us up to date on legislative issues.

Membership and Certification: FACC is more than 634 members strong! Our membership is spread throughout seven districts: Central East (118 members), Central West (110), Northeast (49), Northwest (62), South (128), Southeast (107), Southwest (53) and we have 7 out of state members. In Florida, we currently have 429 Certified Municipal Clerks (CMC) and 164 Master Municipal Clerks (MMC).

Highlighting Our Members: Several years ago, FACC President Tracy Ackroyd Howe, MMC, City Clerk, City of Clermont, began highlighting FACC members in the Friday Newsletter. I enjoyed reading each week about various members and decided to continue this practice. We have highlighted hundreds of members throughout the years, and I hope you have enjoyed getting to know your fellow FACC members a little bit better through these member highlights. If you have not been highlighted and would like to be, please contact FACC Staff at facc@flcities.com.

Highlighting Our Profession: We are leaders in our profession and in municipal halls across the state. It is so important that we each take a moment to highlight our profession and the professionals that make up our association through attending council/commission meetings in support of a Clerk who has earned the CMC or MMC certification, who is celebrating some other recognition, or who is retiring, and not only support the Clerk but speak about the Municipal Clerk profession. Also, please remember to share recognitions and special accomplishments with FACC

so we can put them in the Friday Newsletter. Each of us deserves recognition for our accomplishments... let's cheer for our colleagues and support our profession!

This year, we have highlighted the profession of the Municipal Clerk in the following ways:

- Members attended many celebrations of certifications and retirements throughout the year, of which many were presented by our dedicated FACC District Directors. Thanks to the dedication of our Resolutions Committee, chaired by Town Clerk Sandra N. McCready, MMC, Town of Surfside, we always had wonderfully written resolutions to present to our members.
- Many Clerks assisted with promoting our profession at the FACC booth during the FLC Annual Conference in August 2023. Elected officials across the state were provided information to further promote the profession of the Municipal Clerk.
- A special thank you goes out to the 2023 Fall Academy Host Committee, co-chaired by City Clerk Leticia LaMagna, CMC, City of Daytona Beach and Assistant City Clerk Kathleen Rosado, MMC, FCRM, City of Daytona Beach, for organizing networking opportunities during an amazing academy. Members served as speakers and on workshop panels during the event.
- Also, a special thank you to the 2024 Summer Conference and Academy Host Committee, co-chaired by City Clerk Stephanie Herdocia, CMC, City of Orlando, and Assistant City Clerk Ronisha Martin, City of Winter Garden, organizing fun at The Networking Spot and Clerks' Night Out.
- Members enhanced the visibility of our profession during Municipal Clerks Week by utilizing the Municipal Clerks Toolkit and educating others on the important roles that Clerks play in our municipalities.

Continuing Education: FACC offers training for our members that is top-notch. Under the leadership of Professional Education Committee (PEC) Chair Julie A. Hennessy, MMC, City Clerk, City of DeLand; Co-Chair Patricia J. Burke, MPA, MMC, Town Clerk-Manager, Town of Palm Shores; Education & Training Coordinator Amy Brewer of The John Scott Dailey Florida Institute of Government; and the members of the Professional Education Committee, PEC puts together outstanding programs and seeks out talented professional speakers for our Summer Conference and Academy, Fall Academy and our quarterly webinars.

As an association, we encourage continued and life-long learning for our members. The role of the Municipal Clerk is ever changing, as are the laws of the State of Florida, federal rules and regulations and other laws and policies that our governments must abide by. Clerks must routinely and diligently educate themselves. Remaining a member of FACC and participating in our educational opportunities is a great way to stay abreast of these constant changes.

Florida Certification Task Force: Under the leadership of Lori McWilliams, MPA, MMC, Village Clerk, Village of Tequesta, IIMC Region III Director, and the task force members, many dedicated hours have been spent researching and developing a program to support our goal of life-long learning.

The Board approved an advanced certification program last year, called the Florida Certified Professional Clerk (FCPC) Program, and the inaugural class recently met this past February. There are 27 Clerk professionals from all corners of the state in the program, including myself. This 20-month program will conclude in the Fall of 2025. I encourage you to sign up for the next program when registration opens! If you love learning and love professional growth, this program is for you.

Discussion Forum: Networking with fellow members creates a limitless supply of individuals to contact when seeking information. The FACC Discussion Forum, chaired by City Clerk Jen Guillen, MMC, City of Hallandale Beach, is an excellent example of a continuing education and networking opportunity. Daily, FACC members post questions and answers to the forum and share their knowledge and expertise with each other. Why reinvent the wheel, when you have a rolling wheel at your disposal!

Administration: Your Board of Directors and committees are always hard at work to manage your association. This year, the By-Laws and Manual Revision Committee, chaired by City Clerk Vanessa Joseph, Esq, CMC, City of North Miami, proposed changes to the FACC Manual. We appreciate their hard work.

Membership: Our association membership is very strong. We've welcomed many new members this year! The Membership Committee, chaired by Deputy City Clerk Brittney N. SandovalSoto, MMC, City of Tampa, did an excellent job reviewing applications and approving new members.

Mentoring: The Mentoring Committee, chaired by City Clerk Quintella L. Moorer, MMC, City of Greenacres, has worked hard to make sure each mentee has a mentor. This is an important program and if you are interested in serving as a mentor or having a mentor, please contact FACC staff at facc@flicities.com. The committee created a new conference buddy program to be offered at our conference and academies.

Awards & Scholarships: The Awards & Scholarships Committee, chaired by Town Clerk Vivian Mendez, MMC, Town of Lake Park, was busy this year reviewing scholarship applications and award applications received for the Clerk of the Year Award and the Robert N. Clark Memorial Award. I am pleased to announce there are recipients this year for each award.

Silent Auction & 50-50 Drawing: Thank you to the Silent Auction and 50-50 Drawing Committee, chaired by Town Clerk Sherry D. Henderson, CMC, Town of Hillsboro Beach, for hosting the auctions and drawings at the 2023 Fall Academy and the 2024 Summer Conference and Academy.

Nominating: The Nominating Committee, chaired by City Clerk Cheryl A. Mooney, MPA, MMC, City of Temple Terrace, FACC Immediate Past President, and the committee members did an excellent job reviewing the board nomination applications. The Nominating Committee report and the slate of officers and directors for 2024-2025 will be presented at the FACC Annual Business Meeting on June 24, 2024.

IIMC Conferences: Florida was highlighted at its fullest during both the 2024 IIMC Region III Conference held in Columbus, Georgia, and the 2024 IIMC Annual Conference held in Calgary, Alberta, Canada. I was able to attend both events and enjoyed learning from and networking with fellow Clerks. Please get excited for the 2025 IIMC Region III Conference to be held January 7-10 in Orlando. FACC is hosting this event so please plan to attend. Registration will open this fall. The 2025 IIMC Region III Conference Host Committee is chaired by Town Clerk Sherry D. Henderson, CMC, Town of Hillsboro Beach. I know Sherry and her committee will do an excellent job helping to host this event.

Committee Service: If you have not gotten involved with FACC, it's never too late! Committee service is a great first step in getting involved. When you serve as a committee chair or committee member, you get a better understanding of how the association works. Serving as the chair of a

committee is a great step in leadership growth and might be a steppingstone toward serving on the FACC Board.

Florida Education Fund: If you have not already donated to the Florida Education Fund (FEF), please consider donating. The FEF was created in 2013 to raise funds for FACC's professional education programs and protect training investments. FEF is used exclusively for the purpose of providing highly sought-after facilitators and other esteemed education professionals and programs that may far exceed our association budget. The FEF is funded through direct donations from FACC members, supporting agencies, individuals, corporations or bequeaths and endowments. You can make an annual contribution, a monthly contribution, or a one-time contribution. To donate, contact FACC staff at facc@flcities.com.

In conclusion, it has been a great year for FACC. Again, thank you for the opportunity to serve as your President. I have had the opportunity to work alongside an amazing Board of Directors, District Directors and the various Committee Chairs and their committee members. I hope I left the association a little better than before; I know I am a little better for having had this experience. I've learned a lot about our profession and its professionals, and I've learned a lot about myself through this journey as President. Your President-Elect, Town Clerk-Manager Patricia "Pat" J. Burke, MPA, MMC, RLO, Town of Palm Shores, is a good friend and I know she will be a fantastic President when she takes the reigns June 24, 2024. Please support Pat, as you have supported me as President.



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