

March 13, 2025

President's Letter:

Dear WMCA Members,

Spring is just around the corner, and that means we are all knee-deep in preparations for the April 1st Spring Election . (Crossing fingers) this will be our last election of the year because, in our line of work, you just never know! I want to take a moment to recognize the hard work, dedication, and resilience of our election officials. You are the backbone of our democracy, and your commitment does not go unnoticed.

District Meetings are in full swing, and I have had the privilege of attending District 4 and District 5 meetings this month. It was fantastic to see so many of you in person and take part in some stellar training sessions. These meetings are such a great opportunity to connect, learn, and share experiences, and I hope you take advantage of the ones happening in your area.

Conference planning is well underway, and I am thrilled about what we have in store for you this year in La Crosse. We are lining up some top-notch training sessions and speakers that will provide valuable insights and tools you can take back to your municipalities. You will not be disappointed! I hope to see all of you there to learn, network, and celebrate another year of clerk excellence.

The **Membership Fee Survey** has been completed, and we have heard you loud and clear. There is a strong preference for keeping membership fees at a flat rate for all members. For those who love data, we will be posting a detailed breakdown of the survey results on the WMCA website soon. Your feedback is invaluable, and we appreciate your participation in shaping the future of our organization.

A huge thank you to everyone who joined us in La Crosse on **March 7th** for the **IIMC Mid-Year Training**. It was a fantastic opportunity to connect with clerks from Iowa and Minnesota, exchange ideas, and gain valuable knowledge. If you haven't attended one of these trainings yet, I highly recommend it! Mark your calendars—the next session is set for late February 2026.

'Tis the season for **Board of Review (BOR) preparations and training!** We have a great team of trainers ready to spread out and offer sessions across the state. For the first time ever, we have certified BOR trainers in all eight WMCA districts. This is a significant achievement, and I encourage you to take advantage of the training opportunities available to ensure a smooth BOR process in your municipality.

We are continuing to make **improvements to our website**, and I invite you to check it out, poke around, and let us know what you think! We want to make sure it serves as a valuable resource for our members. If you have suggestions or feedback, please feel free to email me. Your input is always welcome.

As always, thank you for all you do for your communities and for WMCA. I look forward to seeing many of you at upcoming trainings and, of course, in La Crosse for our annual conference!

Best Regards,

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