

TMCA NEWS



President's Message

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TMCA President
Aimee Nemer, TRMC
City Secretary, Richardson

Members and Friends,

I'm hoping by the time this hits your inboxes, there is sunshine over Texas, your May elections (and June runoffs) are filed away, and your budget process is proceeding effortlessly. I hesitate to use the word, but it does look like we are heading back to some form of normal. And I hope that means that I will see many of you in Granbury June 17-18. It will be refreshing to see friends' faces without a dream vacation background behind them and hear their voices without having to say, "you're on mute!" Although, that mute button would be handy to have in-person sometimes, wouldn't it?

I'm glad that so many of you took some time to celebrate Municipal Clerks Week this year. I loved tuning in to our Facebook page each day to see new photos of our members accepting well-deserved proclamations and recognition. I also thoroughly enjoyed getting to know more about our members in the "My Path to Municipal Clerk" features. If you didn't get to participate, I hope you will plan to next year. I would love to see our page filled with your inspiring stories.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

In May, I had the honor to travel to our state capitol with a delegate of TMCA, Inc., board members and staff to accept a Resolution by the Texas Legislature recognizing TMCA's 35th Anniversary. The resolution was sponsored by Senator Beverly Powell, District 10. President-elect/Vice President Amanda Campos worked with Senator Powell to achieve this recognition for our association. We were TMCA and Texas proud!

Speaking of our anniversary, we are still celebrating! All. Year. Long. One of the ways I've been acknowledging the 35th is through 1986 trivia.

Winners from the March Newsletter trivia question were Carla Oldacre, Deputy City Secretary, Greenville; Shawna Atkinson, City Secretary, Abilene; and Christi Wynn, City Secretary, Brownwood, and TMCA trustee. All of these winners will receive a surprise from me. Is there a trivia question in this edition, you ask? Perhaps... read on to find out!

We also played a round of trivia at the April TMCCP seminar *[winners listed in sidebar at right]*.

A lot is happening in June! Besides it being my birthday month, sweet summer, and our TMCCP seminar in Gran-

bury, June 27th is TMCA's 35th anniversary! I will be visiting the Coastal Bend Chapter that weekend, so watch for a Facebook Live from the beautiful Texas coast to celebrate. June also brings some very important deadlines. If you need a 2022 scholarship for your certification or recertification, **take time now to apply by June 15**. This is also the deadline to submit nominations for the Emerging Leader Award, Distinguished Service Award, Honorary TMCA Membership, and Lifetime Membership. And if you or your chapter have not nominated a member as Municipal Clerk of the Year,

April TMCCP Seminar Trivia & Door Prize Winners

Roxanne De Leon,
City Secretary, Elmendorf

Roxanne Benitez,
City Secretary, Spring Valley Village

Natalie Darrow,
Police Department, Sulphur Springs

Andrea Corley,
City Secretary, Levelland

Tenitrus Bethel,
City Secretary, Fairview

And Door Prize winner Lindsey Wells,
Deputy City Secretary, Euless

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

you still have some time. This deadline has been moved to July 9.

Now is also a good time to evaluate your progress towards your TRMC or recertification. Administrative Director Sheehan sent out transcripts in April that will show you what requirements have been met and which ones still need attention. This will help you plan for seminars and educational options as you plan your budget.

Lastly, at the risk of sounding like a... poorly streamed podcast (hey, I'm trying to stay relevant), I want to encourage you to get involved in TMCA. You will find **an article in this edition** from President-elect Campos requesting committee volunteers. There are many opportunities to share your thoughts, use your talents, or just glean some experience from participating. And if you've ever considered serving on the board, committee service is a prerequisite, so start now. Last year, as I was preparing to appoint committees, I received 58 applications. I appointed every single applicant. There is room for you! I hope President-elect Campos gets many more—flood her inbox with your applications!

What TMCA Chapter area will TMCA President Aimee Nemer be visiting on TMCA's 35th Anniversary? The first one to **email** the correct answer to President Nemer will receive a prize.



On May 28 in Austin President Nemer attended a Confab with Texas City Management Association (TCMA) President Brad Stafford; and Texas City Attorneys Association (TCAA) President Alan Bojorquez. This is the first of what we hope to be an annual event for the associations to discuss collaborative efforts to benefit our associations, members, and municipal government in Texas. We had great conversations about training, member engagement, legislative issues, and how each of our professional roles work together for our cities. Thank you to Alan for hosting us!



Texas Legislature Honors TMCA, Inc.

On Friday, May 21, TMCA, Inc., was honored with a Resolution by the Texas Legislature recognizing the Association. This year TMCA, Inc., celebrates 35 years of incorporation. Our predecessor organization, the Association of City Clerks and Secretaries of Texas, was organized in 1952 at the annual meeting of the National Institute of Municipal Clerks (now IIMC). TMCA is established under LGC 22.074.

The Resolution was sponsored by State Senator Beverly Powell from District 10. Senator Powell is a fourth generation Texan and a determined advocate for public education. As a non-traditional student and working single mother, Beverly went back to college at 39, graduating from her parent's alma mater, Texas Wesleyan University, with a BS in Psychology and an MBA. In the Senate, she works to promote higher education and career training. Thank you to TMCA President-elect/Vice President Amanda Campos, City Secretary, Burlson, for working with Senator Powell's office to facilitate this event.

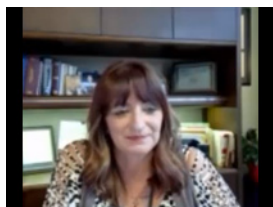
TMCA President Aimee Nemer, City Secretary, Richardson, has been a strong advocate of celebrating this important anniversary milestone of TMCA, Inc. Under her leadership, 2021 has and will provide many opportunities for us to celebrate our history of serving the demands of excellence in local government in Texas.

Several TMCA board members and staff were in attendance. Pictured from left to right, front row: TMCA/TMCCP Administrative Director Miriam Sheehan; Representative Dr. Lynn Stucky; Senator Beverly Powell; TMCA President-elect/VP and Burlson City Secretary Amanda Campos; President and Richardson City Secretary Aimee Nemer. Second row: Trustee and North Richland Hills City Secretary/Chief Governance Officer Alicia Richardson; Trustee and Salado City Secretary/Court Clerk Cara McPartland; Trustee and Lacy Lakeview City Secretary Michelle Hicks; TMCA/TMCCP Education Director Dr. Amy Holt; and Trustee and Brenham City Secretary Jeana Bellingier.

President's Chapter Visits

MARCH 25, ZOOM:
COASTAL BEND CHAPTER

President Nemer visited the Coastal Bend Chapter via Zoom and administered the oath of office to the chapter's new officers. In administering the oath, she presented each of the incoming officers with a variety of succulent plant, comparing the benefits of the plants with the duties of each officer. President Nemer will deliver the succulents to the officers at this month's in-person chapter meeting.



President Nemer via Zoom

Famous Roman philosopher Marcus Cicero once said, "If you have a garden and a library, you have everything you need." He explained that a library can feed your mind, and nature can feed your soul.

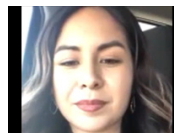
Plants are a part of nature that thrive wherever there is sunshine and water. Some are strong; some are gentle. Behind every plant, whether big or small, lies a symbol, a hidden meaning that can be discovered by those who embrace it.

Succulents symbolize enduring and timeless devotion, for they are tenacious plants adorned with dense and strong leaves and stems that allow them to store water.

They offer us a positive example by conserving water and flourishing in very difficult circumstances, reminding us that we are stronger than we realize, even in the most arduous situations.

Succulents provide essential elements to our environment—just as the officers provide essential obligations to the chapter.

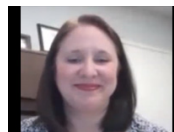
TREASURER
Gabby Hernandez
City Secretary, Beeville



"This plant can purify the air by emitting a water vapor that turns contaminants into nourishment for the plant.

"Gabby, as Treasurer, you will be responsible for maintaining pure and accurate financial records for the chapter, keeping them free of 'contaminants' or errors, and ensuring there are funds to 'nourish' or sustain the chapter."

SECRETARY
April Hilbrich
City Secretary, Victoria



"This plant can enhance your memory. Research conducted by the University of Michigan showed that memory retention was improved by as much as 20% after subjects spent an hour with nature, including even just looking at photographs of flowers and plants.

"April, as Secretary, you will be responsible for keeping the 'memory' of the chapter by retaining accurate records and a history of the chapter."

VICE PRESIDENT
Cathy Duhart
City Secretary, Sinton



"This plant can add fresh air to the environment because it continuously releases a burst of oxygen into the air providing energy and life.

"Cathy, as Vice President, you will be responsible for maintaining the chapter's business in the absence of the President and provide a fresh perspective and burst of energy for the membership and the President."

PRESIDENT
Rebecca Huerta
City Secretary, Corpus Christi



"This plant can improve your focus. In a book titled The Last Child in the Woods, the author introduced a concept that regular exposure to nature, even in the form of houseplants, can help us to focus better.

"Rebecca, as President, you will be responsible for setting and keeping the focus of the chapter and implementing the goals of the membership. This will require you to be focused and attentive to members and the business of the chapter."

Chapter Members

"And now to the chapter members. Succulent plants can brighten a home in any climate – from seaside cliffs, humid jungles, bone-dry deserts, or frosty mountains, they naturally thrive as long as there is sun and water. Without sun, they grow pale; and with too much water, they wither.

"There are over 10,000 known succulent varieties around the world, and they come in all different shapes, sizes, and colors. Just as you as chapter members come from different cities and towns; some of you are freshly planted seedlings and some are seasoned; some are strong, some are gentle; all varieties brighten whatever "climate" or environment you are in by flourishing under any circumstance, enduring all situations, and thriving with the perfect amount of both sunshine and water.

"Succulents bloom best when they are expertly grouped together to support each other throughout the seasons. Just as these officers have been selected to lead, you are asked to support them and the chapter by serving as active members.

"Coastal Bend Chapter, I present to you your 2021 officers. Please join me in congratulating them.

"Thank you for inviting me to your meeting. It has been my honor to conduct your installation ceremony."



TMCA Executive Board Update

By President **Aimee Nemer, TRMC**
 City Secretary, Richardson

The TMCA, Inc., Executive Board met in Dallas on March 26, 2021. All board members attended including the newest trustees, Jeana Bellinger, TRMC, City Secretary, Brenham, and Michelle Hicks, TRMC, City Secretary, Lacy Lakeview.

The Board appointed Amanda Campos to serve as President-elect for the remainder of the 2021 term. Maria Jackson, City Secretary, Missouri City, former President-elect, submitted her Board resignation in February due to personal commitments.

The Board reviewed the Association’s financials and approved a clean Audit Committee report.

The Board received the directors’ reports. TMCCP statistics reporting 1,026 graduates to date, 59,2021 graduates, 62,2021 recertification graduates, over 600 active enrollees, and over 950 members (at the time of the March report)

Administrative Director Sheehan advised the board of two new scholarships.

The Board received an update from Education Director Holt on 2021 seminars including webinar options.

The Board received the Award of Excellence Committee report and approved 25 Municipal Clerks Office Achievement of Excellence awards to be bestowed to:

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| Abilene | Greenville |
| Angleton | Haslet |
| Anna | Irving |
| Azle | North |
| Brownsville | Richland Hills |
| Buda | Quinlan |
| Canadian | Rockport |
| Carrollton | Schertz |
| Coppell | Shady Shores |
| Corpus Christi | Southlake |
| Duncanville | Victoria |
| Forest Hill | Weatherford |
| Garden Ridge | Wylie |

The Board approved a \$400 scholarship that can be awarded for a webinar 6-pack.

The Board approved the following recertification credits for webinars effective January 1, 2021, with certain requirements:

- 5 points for 2 webinars
- 10 points for 4 webinars
- 20 points for 6 webinars

The Board changed the nomination deadline for Municipal Clerk of the Year to July 1 effective with 2022 nominations. (The 2021 deadline has been extended to July 9.)

The Board discussed the 2021 TML Annual Conference and how TMCA will participate.

Received various TMCA Committee reports.

Miriam Sheehan Transitions to TMCA/TMCCP Administrative Director

We're excited to announce the advancement this March of Miriam Sheehan from Assistant Administrative Director to Administrative Director! Miriam was promoted upon the retirement of longtime TMCA employee Administrative Director Peggy Burnside.

Miriam has been with TMCA/TMCCP since 2006. She began as Administrative Assistant, then served as Administrative Specialist, and most recently Assistant Administrative Director. If you have been pursuing the TRMC or have graduated in the last fifteen years you are well acquainted with Miriam: Miriam was there to enroll you in the program, help plot your path to certification, answer questions about accessing homework, send and receive your borrowed textbooks through the TMCA loan library, reassure exam-taking anxieties, helped you register for TMCCP seminars and secure your attendance hours, helped you reach the finish line as you met your final requirements for certification, and called your name as you walked across the stage at graduation. She also helped enroll you in recertification, and guided you through your new goals as you maintained your TRMC certification.

As Administrative Specialist Miriam also oversaw TMCCP seminar registrations, was crucial to the on-site logistics of our TMCCP seminars, oversaw the thousands of purchases and subscriptions to our *Texas Municipal Law & Procedure Manual*, *Texas Municipal Election Law Manual*, and *Texas Municipal Clerks Handbook*, and stepped up in countless other ways as a vital part of the crew that keeps the TMCA/TMCCP office running smoothly.

Miriam will be assuming the duties of former Administrative Director Peggy Burnside, which will include working with the TMCA Executive Board and serving on the Advisory Management, Certification, and Scholarship Committees; liaising with the University of North Texas; engaging with hotels across Texas as she organizes our TMCCP seminars; collaborating with our Education Director on our TMCCP seminars and webinars; working with our seminar sponsors and scholarship donors; overseeing our TMCCP budget; overseeing and collaborating in the creation of our publications, and much, much more as she co-directs TMCA/TMCCP.

Miriam lives in Denton with her husband. She has four grown children—a son and three daughters—two sons-in-law, and two beautiful grandkids. She loves reading, playing word games, working puzzles, and taking care of her grandbabies.

Miriam will be at our next in-person seminar in Granbury on June 17-18—we hope to see you there. And as always, Miriam welcomes your emails and calls any time you want to reach out with a question or to speak: miriam.sheehan@unt.edu, 940-565-3488.



TMCCP Election Law Seminar



2014 Election Law Seminar: Education Dir. Dr. Amy Holt, now-retired Admin. Dir. Peggy Burnside, and current Admin. Dir. Miriam Sheehan



TMCCP Election Law Seminar



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TMCA/TMCCP EDUCATION DIRECTOR'S CORNER

TMCA/TMCCP Webinars



TMCCP Education
Director
Dr. Amy Holt

It goes without saying that the pandemic has affected the way we serve the members of TMCA. Just like in your cities and towns, we have had to change on a dime and figure out new ways to provide education. One way we have done this is with webinars. We offered our first webinar August 31, 2020. We offered fourteen webinars last year. This was an effective way to facilitate learning, especially for those who could not travel. We intentionally offered so

many in this short amount of time to ensure that those individuals who were due to graduate in 2020 had the opportunity to complete their graduation requirements. We continue to offer webinars not only because of the continuing pandemic, but also because we recognize it is an effective education option for those of you who find it difficult to be out of the office and travel to seminars for many different reasons.

This year we will offer six webinars. The Certification Committee and the Executive Board voted to allow these webinars to be used for your certification efforts. Currently, if you are pursuing your initial certification you can complete six webinars to take the place of one seminar attendance requirement. You can only do this once during your initial certification. [Learn more here.](#)

If you are pursuing recertification you can complete six webinars to take the place of one seminar attendance requirement. You can only do this once for each time you recertify. You can also use webinars to complete your education points for

recertification. (Please note the same webinars you use for seminar attendance credit cannot also be used for earning education points.) [More information here.](#)

We know there are many benefits of both virtual and in-person seminars.



Virtual seminars take away the barrier of travel. If you live in a geographically remote area, then virtual learning is really advantageous for you. Additionally, when you are an office of one, we know that it can be impossible for you to travel to seminars with much frequency. We are also mindful that your personal lives may make it very hard to be away for multiple days. Finally, we understand that even though our seminars are one of the best values out there, it is still expensive to travel to our educational offerings due to tight budgets.

In-person trainings allow the attendees to remove themselves from their regular environments and concentrate on learning. Also, we recognize the importance of your ability to network and interact with other city secretaries at in person learning events. This interaction allows you to exchange ideas and provide support to one another. Finally, the nature of being able to listen to a lecture or workshop and participate in person increases learning exponentially.

You can find out more information [about our upcoming webinars here](#) and [about webinars in general here](#). As we continue to expand our online education efforts, we will certainly communicate that to you.

Happy learning!

TMCCP Certificates Earned

Congratulations to the following enrollees who recently earned course certificates in the Texas Municipal Clerks Certification Program after completing the homework, attending the required seminars, and passing the examination for the designated course.

Course 2

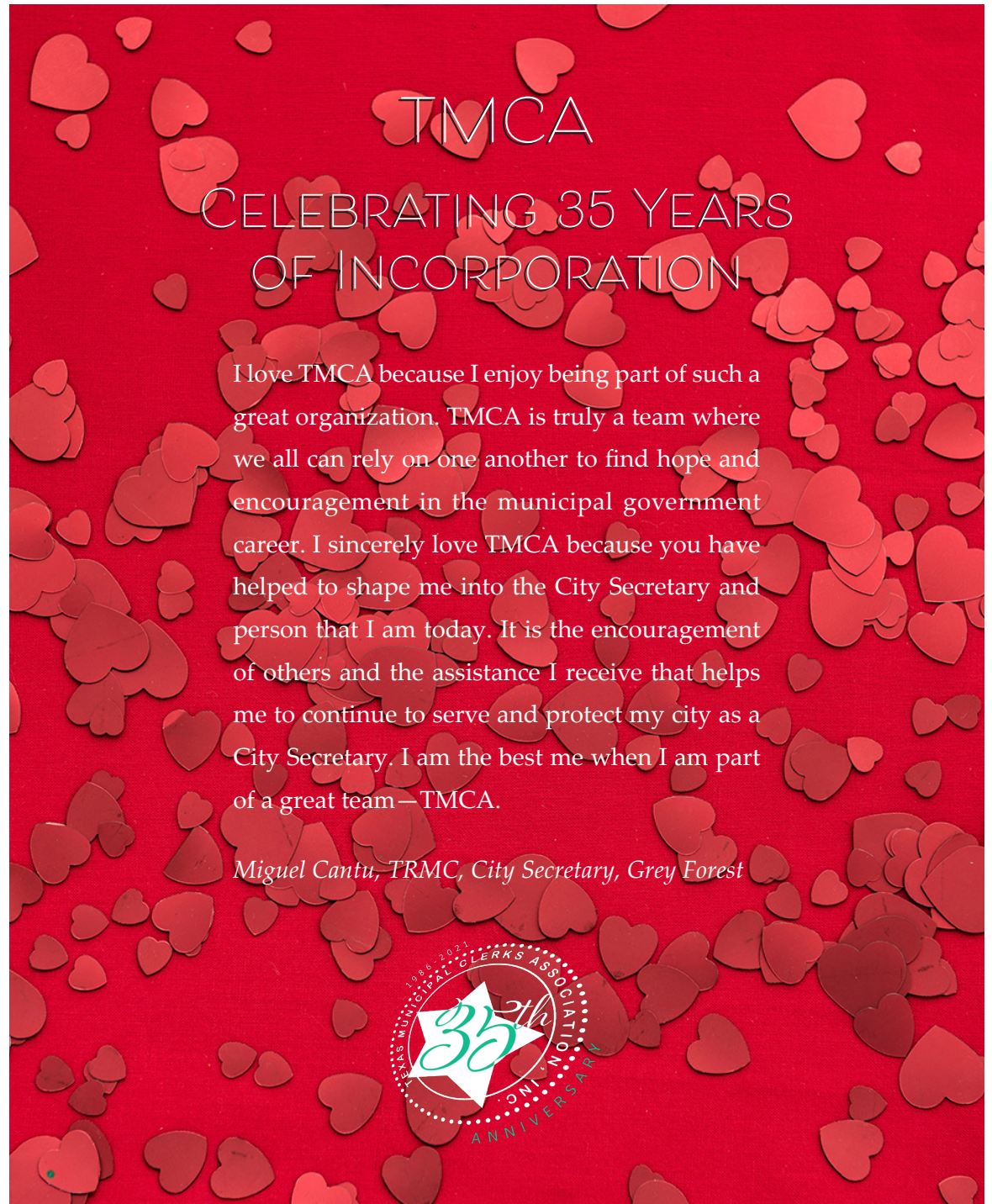
Tina Flores, San Antonio

Course 3

Kelly Belmore, Roman Forest
 Katherine Cenicola, Cedar Hill
 Jillian Cloud, Arlington
 Karen Evans, Richland Hills
 Tina Flores, San Antonio
 Karen Frost, Georgetown
 Katy Froyd, Cresson
 Stephanie Guerrero, Seabrook
 Lisandra Leal, North Richland Hills
 Jennifer Lynch, Smithville
 Lisa McCracken, College Station
 Michael Muscarello, Webster
 Margie Poole, Burkburnett
 Bethany Prewitt, Ennis
 Rachel Rowe, Kilgore
 Bana Schneider, Columbus
 Celia Senoret, Odessa
 Karen Stack, Brenham
 Jessica Lopez Tucker, Luling
 Natali Vargas, Anahuac
 Cindy Woodard, Memphis

Course 4

Andrea Corley, Levelland
 Deana Powell, Winona
 Rachel Rowe, Kilgore



TMCA CELEBRATING 35 YEARS OF INCORPORATION

I love TMCA because I enjoy being part of such a great organization. TMCA is truly a team where we all can rely on one another to find hope and encouragement in the municipal government career. I sincerely love TMCA because you have helped to shape me into the City Secretary and person that I am today. It is the encouragement of others and the assistance I receive that helps me to continue to serve and protect my city as a City Secretary. I am the best me when I am part of a great team – TMCA.

Miguel Cantu, TRMC, City Secretary, Grey Forest



APPLY NOW!

Applications Open for 2022 TMCA Committees

By President-elect/Vice President **Amanda Campos, TRMC**

City Secretary, Burleson



Amanda Campos, TRMC

It feels like we are beginning to return to a somewhat normal world and I know we are all ready! Let's look at this next year as our year to showcase our talents and give back to each other. I have the perfect idea to achieve this: volunteer to serve on a committee. Our committees are a vital part of our association. Committees allow all of us to do more than belong—it creates an opportunity to participate. Participation is one of the best methods of educating both our ourselves and our fellow members. Participation can boost confidence, provide an opportunity to meet fellow clerks not in your area, and give different perspective on our organization.

There are several committees to choose from, each with a unique need. Review the list and make a choice; choose based on your interest, choose based on your knowledge, choose based on member recommendation, or simply choose each one and let us place you where we have the biggest need. Please just choose.

The **Committee Interest Questionnaire** deadline is **September 1, 2021**. Send your application to **acampos@burlesontx.com** or mail to Amanda Campos, TMCA President-elect, City of Burleson, 141 W. Renfro, Burleson, Texas 76028. If you have questions or want to discuss choices feel free to reach out to me: I will answer what I can or connect you with someone with more direct knowledge.

2022 Committees

AUDIT COMMITTEE

**AWARD OF EXCELLENCE
COMMITTEE**

AWARDS COMMITTEE

CERTIFICATION COMMITTEE

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

**MUNICIPAL CLERK OF THE YEAR
COMMITTEE**

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

RETIREMENT COMMITTEE

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE

TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

TML BOOTH COMMITTEE

Celebrating Texas City Secretaries Retiring in 2021



By Retirement Committee Chair
Sharon McFadden, TRMC

City Secretary, Graham

Please contact TMCA Retirement Committee Chair Sharon McFadden, TRMC, if you are a city secretary/municipal clerk who has retired or plans to retire this year (January 1 to December 31, 2021). We want to honor you!

If you are a city secretary/municipal clerk retiring this year, please complete the **2021 TMCA Member Retirement Information Sheet** as soon as possible and return it to Committee Chair Sharon McFadden or another committee member. The committee is working to complete the list of 2021 TMCA retirees before our October 2021 Annual TMCA Awards Banquet in Galveston. Names of all TMCA retirees retiring in 2021 will be announced at the banquet.

RETIREMENT COMMITTEE

Sharon McFadden, TRMC, Graham, Chair
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Christine Green, TRMC, University Park
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Jessie Hanks, TRMC, Kaufman
jhanks@kaufmantx.org

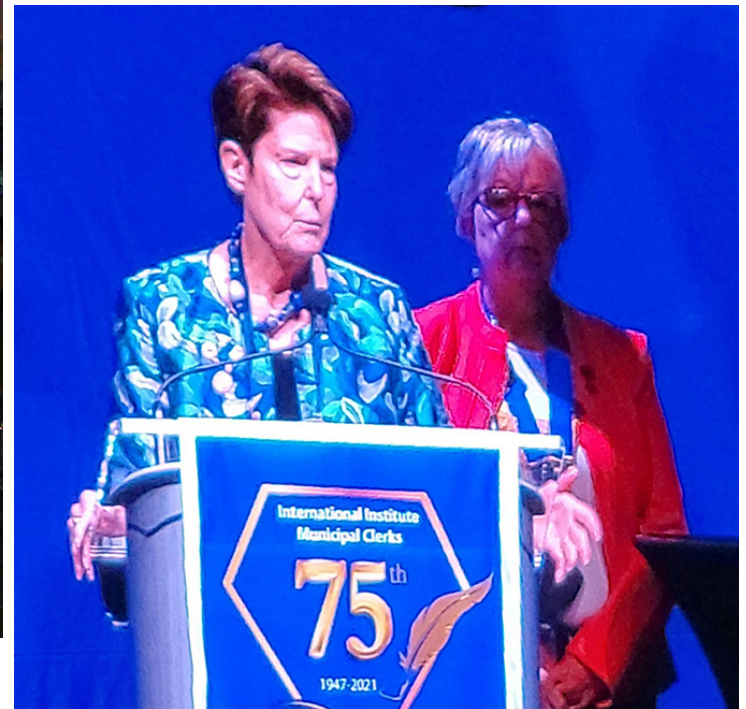
Laura Kennemer, TRMC, Quinlan
lkennemer@cityofquinlan.net

Carla Oldacre, TRMC, Greenville
coldacre@cityofwillspoint.com

IIMC Annual Conference

Texas was well-represented at the IIMC Annual Conference in Grand Rapids, Michigan, in May despite an attendance cap and a sold-out conference! It was a great event.

Below: TMCA President-elect Amanda Campos, city secretary, Burleson, represents Texas in the annual Parade of Flags. *At right:* Fort Worth City Secretary and IIMC Past President Mary Kayser was awarded honorary IIMC membership.



IIMC ANNUAL CONFERENCE

At right: Thank you to TMCA Treasurer Jannette Goodall, City Clerk, Austin, for sharing this photo of TMCA President-elect/VP Amanda Campos, City Secretary, Burleson, giving an update from Texas at the Region IV meeting at the IIMC Conference.

Below right: Thank you to TMCA President-elect/VP Amanda Campos for this picture of our Texas clerks at the IIMC Region IV meeting in Grand Rapids. *From left to right:* Burleson City Secretary Amanda Campos, Austin City Clerk Jannette Goodall, Austin Deputy City Clerk Myrna Rios, Austin Assistant City Clerk Erika Brady, Frisco City Secretary Kristi Morrow, Angleton City Secretary Frances Aguilar, and Fort Worth City Secretary Mary Kayser.

Below: Thank you to TMCA Treasurer Jannette Goodall, City Clerk, Austin, for sharing this photo of Austin Deputy City Clerk Myrna Rios being inducted as a Fellow into the IIMC Athenian Leadership Society.



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TMCA

Thank you to the TMCA Alamo Chapter for sharing their love of the Association!

I love TMCA because of the great support and relationships they enable us to form. They are always available to assist with any questions you may have to help you succeed!

—Elsa T. Robles, TRMC,
City Secretary, Alamo Heights

I love the willingness of this group to offer advice and guidance when needed. It is so helpful, especially to new city secretaries like me!

—Kyndra Munoz, City Secretary, Olmos Park

I love TMCA because of the huge learning opportunity it represents.

—Kerry McCollough, City Secretary, Potteet

I love TMCA because I meet other clerks and stay knowledgeable on legislative changes.

I really love the networking during the chapter meetings. As a fairly new assistant city secretary, I have reached out to chapter members for advice—many times.

—Robert Cardenas,
Assistant City Secretary/Court Admin., Selma

I love TMCA because of the wonderful education opportunities they provide.

[I love TMCA because of] what I do; it gives me great pleasure in helping others and working with a team (TMCA) that truly cares.

TMCA allows me to help members connect with others to assist their needs, i.e., ordinance, election candidate packet, etc. If I can be that one person that makes a difference in the life of another, because TMCA has provided us our network with others, that is my reward at the end of the day. It is truly about the relationships we build in this world that keep us connected through a common bond, and as one said to me recently, “The spirit of being kind.”

[I love TMCA:]

2. Because I feel that I am working with professionals that I can learn from, and that they will push me to take on new and challenging opportunities.

3. Because I am treated with respect, given daily encouragement. I feel respected and valued for what I bring to TMCA.

4. Because I feel a sense of belonging and like and respect the professionals I work with.

5. Because I can contribute to a larger purpose.

—Brenda Dennis, TRMC, City Secretary, Scherz

I enjoy TMCA because every member I have met so far has been more than willing to help and teach me about being a city secretary.

Helping each other. Lasting friendships made over the years.

—Debra Howe, TRMC, City Secretary, Castroville

I love TMCA because of being able to see and reach out to other city secretaries/clerks.

—Debbie Molina, City Secretary, Jourdanton

I enjoy the networking.

—Megan Rodriguez,
Assistant to City Secretary, Hondo

I love the networking that TMCCP allows us. Also learning from each of the city secretaries.

I love the TMCCP staff as well.

This was my first time attending [a chapter meeting]. I found it very informative and think I will definitely benefit from information that is being shared. I’m looking forward to filling out my membership form.

—Gracie S. Garcia, City Secretary, Charlotte

I love TMCA because it helps me stay informed of legislative changes and to make friends who work in the profession.

—Kristin Mueller, Dir. of Economic Development/
City Clerk, Universal City



TMCA CHAPTER NEWS

Alamo Chapter

By Chapter Vice President **Amanda Valdez, TRMC**

Deputy City Secretary, Fair Oaks Ranch

The Alamo Chapter met on February 24 for our regular business meeting. The chapter honored the officers who kept our chapter thriving during a pandemic. President Peggy Cimics of Cibolo, Vice President Debby Goza of Live Oak, Secretary Kristin Mueller from Universal City, and Treasurer Christina Picioccio from Fair Oaks Ranch were presented with certificates of appreciation, a bouquet of flowers, and a round of applause for their dedication to our organization over the past two years.

At this meeting, our chapter also voted in a new slate of officers: President Brenda Dennis of Schertz, Vice President Amanda Valdez of Fair Oaks Ranch, Secretary Debbie Molina of Jour-danton, Treasurer Christina Picioccio of Fair Oaks Ranch, and Historian Miguel Cantu of Hondo were appointed for two-year terms (2021-2022). Special thank you to Brenda Dennis for hosting the meeting at the Schertz Civic Center, providing lunch for the attendees, and gifting the flowers to the previous slate of officers.

The Scholarship Committee announced the recipients of two \$375 scholarships at this event. They are Brenda Dennis of



Newly elected officers of the Alamo Chapter take their oath of office (from left to right): President Brenda Dennis, Vice President Amanda Valdez, Treasurer Christina Picioccio, and Historian Miguel Cantu. *Not pictured: Secretary Debbie Molina.*

ALAMO CHAPTER

Schertz and Tina Flores from the City of San Antonio. In addition to the major scholarships, and thanks to the gargantuan efforts of the Scholarship Committee, the chapter was also able to provide fourteen \$150 scholarships to Amanda Valdez, Carole Vanzant, Christina Picioccio, Debby Goza, Elsa Robles, Jennifer Reyna, Debbie Molina, Kristin Mueller, Lisa Hernandez, Miguel Cantu, Rachel Dominguez, Roberto Cardenas, Saundra Passailaigue, and Sorayda Sanchez. We are thankful for the hard work put in by past committee members and for the generosity we are able to share with our membership.

Congratulations!

The Alamo Chapter had two big announcements by our members. Miguel Cantu has accepted the position of City Secretary for

the City of Grey Forest. Sheila Edmondson also recently accepted the position of Deputy City Secretary in Schertz. Congratulations and good luck to you both.

The new officers have been meeting via Zoom and brainstorming to reinvigorate the members of the Alamo Chapter after a year of not meeting due to COVID-19. We have planned to incorporate special segments into the meetings that will help us all get to know each other better, special themes for upcoming meetings, and providing support to new members and those going through the certification program. The Alamo Chapter expected at least two new members to be present at the April 28 meeting along with visitors from surrounding cities in hopes that they will feel welcomed and want to join.



At right, pictured from top to bottom: 2020-2021 Chapter President Brenda Dennis presents 2019-2021 Chapter Vice President Debby Goza with a bouquet of flowers as a token of appreciation for her service.

2019-2021 Chapter Secretary Kristin Mueller receives flowers from the newly elected president.

2019-2021 Chapter Treasurer Christina Picioccio poses with her flowers at the February Alamo Chapter meeting.

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One of our newest ventures as a chapter is the reintroduction of a chapter newsletter. Miguel Cantu, the chapter's historian, and liaison to the Communications/Membership Committee and its members Elsa Robles, Robert Cardenas, and Rene Hinojosa, have produced this periodical for our members. In the first issue they have sought to introduce individuals, spotlight surrounding chapters, and feature a history of the city secretary. We are already looking forward to the next issue and a new scavenger hunt hidden inside.

February chapter meeting attendees:

Vice President Debby Goza, City of Live Oak

Treasurer Christina Picioccio, City of Fair Oaks Ranch

Secretary Kristin Mueller, City of Universal City

Brenda Dennis, City of Schertz

Amanda Valdez, City of Fair Oaks Ranch

Ana Federico, City of Leon Valley

Sandra Passailaigue, City of Leon Valley

Kyndra Munoz, City of Olmos Park

Donna Lowder, City of Live Oak

Jocelyn Schneider, City of Live Oak

Robert Cardenas, City of Selma

Sheila Edmondson, City of Cibolo

Rachel Dominguez, City of Windcrest

Edward DeHoyos, City of Windcrest

Miguel Cantu, City of Hondo

Patty Cox, City of Kirby

Yolanda Benitez, Retiree

Megan Rodriguez, City of Hondo

Melinda Uriegas, City of San Antonio (virtual)

Debbie Molina, City of Jourdanton (virtual)

Sorayda Sanchez, City of Uvalde (virtual)

TMCA CHAPTER NEWS

Bluebonnet Chapter

By **Shawna Atkinson, TRMC**

City Secretary, Abilene

The Bluebonnet Chapter met on March 10 at the Abilene Zoo.

Shawna Atkinson, City Secretary of Abilene, and Councilmember Weldon Hurt of Abilene, welcomed everyone to the Abilene Zoo. Councilmember Hurt gave a brief history of the City of Abilene and delivered the invocation. A boxed sandwich lunch was provided by the City of Abilene.



Mari Cockerell, Communications Director for the City of Abilene, gave a presentation and training on media relations: how to handle requests from the media, looking your best in interviews, and navigating social media. Her presentation was very informative and entertaining!

The business section of the meeting was short, approving minutes and the treasurer's report, and asking everyone to submit their nominations for the TMCA Municipal Clerk of the Year to the president before the next meeting. Upcoming meeting locations were decided and the silent auction results were read: \$64 for the Bluebonnet scholarship fund was raised.

After the meeting, everyone got the opportunity to walk around the Abilene Zoo and see the animals!

The Bluebonnet Chapter meets quarterly on the second Wednesday of the month at noon. The next meetings will be held on June 9 in the City of Coleman and September 8 at a location still to be determined. Everyone is welcome to join for lunch and fellowship!

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Capital Chapter

By Chapter President **Myrna Rios, TRMC**

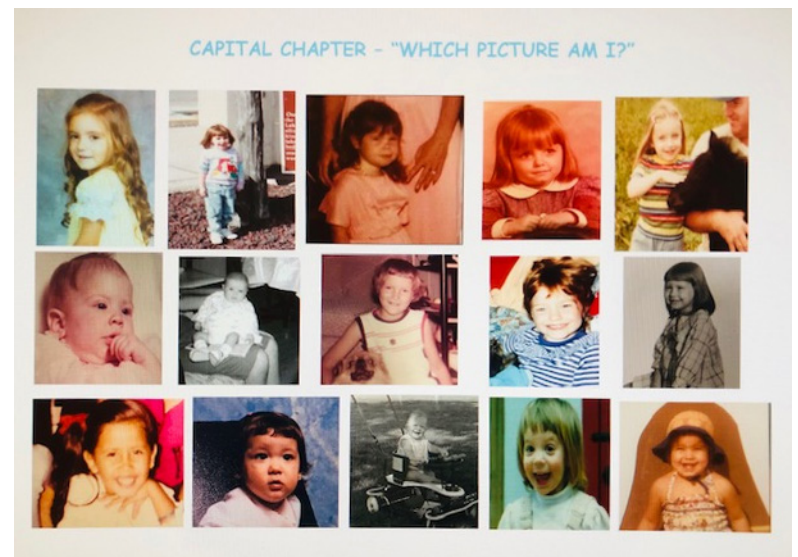
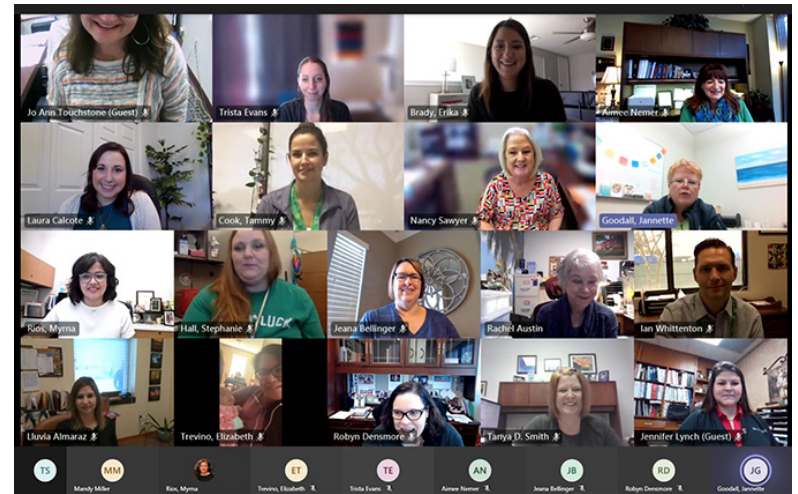
Deputy City Clerk, Austin

The Capital Chapter last met for our regular virtual meeting on March 17.

It is hard to believe that one year ago we wrote about the pandemic and how 2020 would be the year of many firsts. In one year, it was because of municipal clerks that business would continue as usual—even though virtually. We have since mastered the art of a virtual world, social distancing, and finding creative ways to make this life changing event bearable. While restrictions are slowly being lifted, the Capital Chapter voted to continue to meet virtually with two in-person meetings to be scheduled in the summer and fall.

We discussed education opportunities to host an Athenian Dialogue in the near future—stay tuned for more information once approved. The Chapter Scholarship Committee presented their outreach plan that brings awareness to all our members of the scholarship funds available to be used toward education opportunities. We were happy to announce that two chapter members applied and were awarded scholarship funds for training and to pay for membership dues. The chapter is not all business: we played a fun game—“Which picture am I?”—pictured at right. How cute are we?!

Congratulations to chapter member Stephanie Mills from Westlake Hills on receiving her Certified Municipal Clerk designation from IIMC, and to all the Capital Chapter TMCCP Recertifying Class of 2021: Lucretia Alvarez,



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Taylor; Ann Franklin, Bastrop; Debora Penberg, Leander; Myrna Rios, Austin; third recertification—Karen Thompson, Pflugerville; fifth recertification—Mary Lynne Stratta, Bryan.

The next scheduled meeting is a hybrid meeting to take place in July. Please contact Chapter President Myrna Rios, Deputy City Clerk, Austin at myrna.rios@austintexas.gov with questions or if you would like to virtually join us!

Members virtually present at the March 17 meeting:

Special guest appearance by TMCA President Aimee Nemer
Myrna Rios, Deputy City Clerk, Austin – Chapter President
Tanya Smith, City Secretary, College Station – Chapter Vice President
Robyn Densmore, City Secretary, Georgetown – Chapter Treasurer
Trista Evans, Deputy City Secretary, Pflugerville – Chapter Secretary
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Laura Calcote, City Secretary, Wimberley
Mandy Miller, Administrative Assistant, Manor
Lluvia Almaraz, City Secretary, Manor
Rachel Austin, City Secretary, Jonestown
Jannette Goodall, City Clerk, Austin
JoAnn Touchstone, City Secretary, Lakeway
Nancy Sawyer, City Secretary, Liberty Hill
Tonya Sumner, City Clerk, Thorndale
Elizabeth Myers, Deputy City Secretary, Jonestown
Stephanie Hall, Boards and Commissions Coordinator, Austin
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TMCA CHAPTER NEWS

Coastal Bend Chapter

By Chapter Secretary **April Hilbrich, TRMC**

City Secretary, Victoria

Greetings from the Coastal Bend Chapter! This quarter our chapter held a Zoom meeting on March 25. Those in attendance were Mary Valenzuela, City Secretary, City of Kingsville; Ruby Beaven, Assistant City Secretary, City of Rockport; Mary Acosta-Gonzalez, City Secretary, City of Mathis; Cathy Duhart, City Secretary, City of Sinton; Rebecca Huerta, City Secretary, City of Corpus Christi; Gabriela Hernandez, City Secretary, City of Beeville; TMCA President Aimee Nemer, City Secretary, City of Richardson; and April Hilbrich, City Secretary, City of Victoria.

The meeting theme was “Women in Leadership” and Corpus Christi Mayor Paulette Guajardo provided an inspirational talk about her success in business, as well as her election to and leadership as mayor. The presentation was enjoyed by all.

Certificates and plaques were presented to outgoing chapter officers Mary Valenzuela, City Secretary, City of Kingsville; Rebecca Huerta, City Secretary, City of Corpus Christi; Ruby Beaven, Assistant City Secretary, City of Rockport; and Cathy Duhart, City Secretary, City of Sinton.

TMCA President Aimee Nemer, TRMC, City Secretary, City of Richardson, installed the new chapter officers: President Rebecca Huerta, City Secretary, City of Corpus Christi; Vice President Cathy Duhart, City Secretary, City of Sinton; Treasurer Gabriela Hernandez, City

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Secretary, City of Beeville, and Secretary April Hilbrich, City Secretary, City of Victoria.

The Coastal Bend Chapter would also like to announce that we will host a virtual Athenian Dialogue facilitated by League City City Secretary Lee Woodward on August 26. The Athenian Dialogue will cover *I Am Malala: The Girl Who Stood Up for Education and Was Shot by the Taliban* by Malala Yousafzai.

If you would like to join the Coastal Bend Chapter please contact April Hilbrich, City Secretary, City of Victoria, at ahilbrich@victoriatx.gov or 361-485-3040.

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Hill Country Chapter

By Chapter President **Shelley Goodwin, TRMC**
City Secretary, Fredericksburg

The Hill Country in Texas is known for its wineries, shops and its colors—green grass, multi-colored wildflower, streams, and rolling hills. The scenic views never disappoint even during the Frozen February views of ice and snow. The Hill Country Chapter members are as bright and cheerful as our scenic views, and while we did not meet in person, we virtually gathered on February 24 after the Hill Country thawed out.

The meeting began with welcomes, Committee Reports were provided, and then special guest Cara McPartland, TRMC, TMCA board liaison, spoke to the chapter. Cara explained to the chapter about the benefits of joining TMCA, becoming certified, and how she can assist the chapter with our needs.

The meeting continued with a discussion of upcoming May 1, 2021, election deadlines that occur during March and April, as well as the TMCA education opportunities for 2021. Those in attendance discussed “City Happenings”: the discussions lead into the role each of us played in the recent winter storm, and how our cities were handling the issues left by the storm.

The meeting ended with the support for the members who had January-March birthdays and work anniversaries, as well as congratulations to those who recertified: Shelley Goodwin, second recertification; Elaine Simpson and Christina McDonald, third recertification; and our record setter member Brenda Craig, fifth recertification.

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Lone Star Chapter

By Chapter President **Deborah Sorensen, TRMC**

City Secretary, Royse City

The Lone Star Chapter met via Zoom in February, March, and April. On February 10 the City of The Colony hosted the virtual chapter meeting. Our program featured Krystal Hays with Municode educating us on “The Circle of Governance™.” On March 3 the City of Garland hosted the virtual chapter meeting. Our program featured Debra Austin, who gave a presentation on “Find Clarity, Stay Focused and Keep Your Sanity—3 Essential Steps.” This was a much-needed presentation.

On April 8 the City of Anna hosted the virtual chapter meeting. Speaker Courtney Ramsey gave an excellent presentation on “Quit Hitting Snooze on Tough Conversations.” The Chapter awarded \$250 scholarships to Rene Dowl (Garland), Shelley George (Allen), and Deborah Sorensen (Royse City), and a \$500 scholarship to Tenitrus

Bethel (Town of Fairview). Susie Quinn was awarded an Athenian Dialogue Scholarship.

Our chapter will host a Records Workshop to be held on Wednesday, September 15, from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Atrium in Garland. More information will be forthcoming about the great line-up of presenters who will be speaking that day.

We are excited about meeting in person at our next chapter meeting. Please join us as a member or guest at one of our upcoming chapter meetings on June 9 in Greenville or July 8 in Plano. Visit www.tmcalonestarchapter.com to learn more about the Lone Star Chapter or contact Chapter President Deborah Sorensen (Royse City) at dsorensen@roysecity.com.

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North Texas Chapter

By Chapter President **Traci Henderson, TRMC**

Assistant City Secretary, North Richland Hills

Greetings TMCA Members! Hello again from North Texas! The last submission was before the great snowmageddon! I hope all of our members are doing well and somewhat back to normal, or our new normal so to speak.

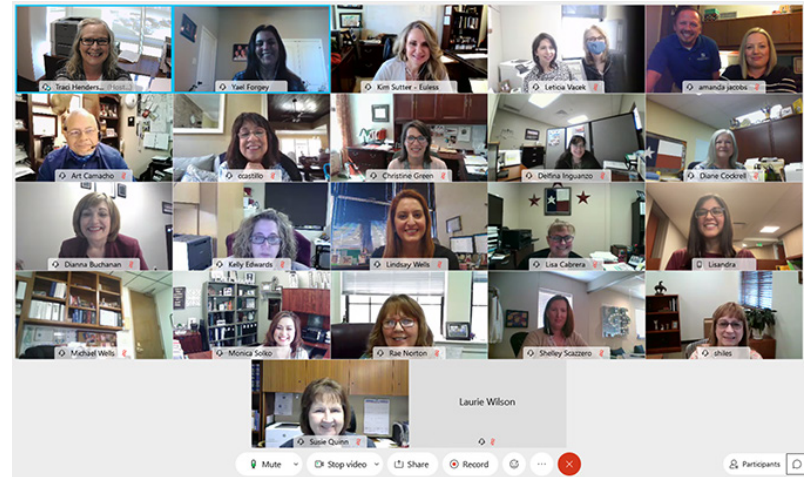
The North Texas Municipal Clerks Association (NTMCA) has continued to meet virtually, but are excited to meet in person for our Awards Banquet in June.

At our February meeting we welcomed Sandy Potter with Texas Health who shared ways to achieve wellness and getting back to normal or baseline, and stated normal is different for everyone. Sandy shared the leading causes of stress and gave us tools to improve our stress levels: meditation, deep breathing, sleep, exercise, finding new ways to spend time with friends, finding balance, faith, and volunteering.

In March we had our very own NTMCA chapter members Tammy Dixon, Town of Bartonville; Malinda Nowell, City of Weatherford; and Theresa Scott, Town of Flower Mound present timely and useful information on setting the tone for solid relationships with our mayors and councils. This included information on the timing and ways materials were distributed, orientation, training, and navigating some tricky political waters.

In April we will welcome Kayla Maldonado who will share “Five Steps to Move Your Community Forward on the Digital Transformation Spectrum.”

The North Texas Municipal Clerks Chapter wishes you a successful and uneventful election season!



NTMCA members at meetings in February (*at top*) and March (*above*).

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Panhandle Chapter

By Chapter Secretary **Kim Fowler, TRMC**

City Secretary, Perryton

Since the last newsletter, the Panhandle Chapter has met twice. Our February 18 meeting was via Zoom and our April 22 meeting was in person.

The February virtual meeting was called to order by President Machiel Covey, TRMC, city secretary, Clarendon, which was followed by a round table discussion session. Normal chapter business followed including the approval of the minutes and financials. The annual audit was discussed and due to COVID-19, members agreed they should wait to do the audit until the audit committee can meet in person. President Covey also reminded members of upcoming TMCCP seminars “Municipal Budget Cycle” in April and “A Potpourri of Essential Life and Work Skills—Don’t Leave Home Without Them!” in Granbury on June 17-18.

For the first time in what felt like forever, we were finally able to meet in person on April 22 at the Amarillo Club in Amarillo. We had excellent attendance with 15 members present and 2 past members joining also. Suzanne Bellsnyder, President of Texas Panhandle Women and former Spearman City Manager, was our guest speaker. Suzanne spoke about the importance of women in our communities through their involvement in social, civic, and economic development opportunities. After Suzanne’s uplifting and positive presentation, we celebrated the retirement of Frances Hibbs, City Secretary of Amarillo, and her 31 years of service. Frances will be dearly missed but we are so excited for what this next chapter in life holds for her.



At top: The chapter’s April meeting. Seated, from left to right: Charlene Gardner, Kristina Solomon, Francis Hibbs, and Gretchen Mercer. Standing, from left to right: Kim Rehkopf, Cindy Woodward, Christine Athey, Stella Sauls, LaAnn Gallman, Karen Price, DeShayne Hall, Tonya Montoya, Kim Fowler, Machiel Covey, Mandy Hodge, and Kimberly Sloat.

Above: Gretchen Mercer, City Secretary, Canyon, presents a cake and retiree blanket to Frances Hibbs, City Secretary, Amarillo.

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In chapter business, the Audit Committee, Kimberly Sloat and Stella Sauls, was able to meet on March 30. Upon reviewing everything, they both felt that Treasurer Charlene Gardner is doing an amazing job. Charlene was also nominated to represent our chapter as the TMCA Municipal Clerk of the Year. We all feel that Charlene is an excellent choice to represent our chapter.

It was so good to see everyone in person and we look forward to our next chapter meeting on June 24 at 11:00 a.m. at the Amarillo Club in Amarillo.

Anyone interested in joining the Panhandle Chapter please contact Chapter Secretary Kim Fowler, City Secretary, Perryton at 806-435-4014 or citysecretary@perryton.com.

Members in attendance for the chapter's April meeting:

Machiel Covey, TRMC,
City Secretary, Clarendon – President
Mandy Hodge,
City Secretary, Gruver – Vice President
Kim Fowler,
City Secretary, Perryton - Secretary
Charlene Gardner, TRMC, Deputy City
Secretary, Pampa - Treasurer
Kimberly Sloat, TRMC,
City Secretary, Canadian - Historian
Gretchen Mercer, TRMC,
City Secretary, Canyon
Francis Hibbs, TRMC,
City Secretary, Amarillo
Cindy Woodard, City Secretary, Memphis
Kristina Solomon, City Secretary, Tulia
Christine Athey, City Secretary, Fritch

Stella Sauls, TRMC,
City Secretary, Borger
Tonya Montoya, City Secretary, Dumas
Karen Price, TRMC,
City Secretary, Pampa
DeShayne Hall,
Executive Assistant, PRC
Guests:
LeAnn Gallman,
Interim City Secretary, Amarillo
Kim Rehkopf,
Retired City Secretary, Dumas



At top: Guest speaker Suzanne Bellsnyder, President of Texas Panhandle Women.

Above: The February chapter meeting, bottom row, left to right: Machiel Covey, Stacie Miller, Gretchen Mercer; top row, left to right: Charlene Gardner, Kimberly Sloat, Cindy Woodward. Not pictured: Francis Hibbs.

TMCA CHAPTER NEWS

Salt Grass Chapter

By Chapter Secretary **Michelle Perez, TRMC**

Deputy City Secretary, Friendswood

The Salt Grass Chapter held their monthly meeting on February 10 in Huntsville via hybrid. Every February the chapter holds a Valentine's themed meeting. Members had the opportunity to join in-person or via Zoom. The City of Huntsville hosted the meeting with décor, desserts, and Valentine's Day card exchanges.

Colonel Dennis Beal, Deputy Executive Director of Business and Revenue Operations (*pictured at right*), gave a presentation on Texas Alcohol and Beverage Commission (TABC) Enforcement. The colonel showed samples of liquor bottles confiscated at the Mexico border. Often times, these bottles contain scorpions and an assortment of other animals.

Discussion took place regarding the Salt Grass Chapter's audit report, the upcoming Salt Grass Chapter Public Information Act Seminar in September, preparations for the TMCA booth at TML, and the chapter's involvement in the TMCA Advanced Institute Seminar to be held in Galveston. The chapter awarded the monthly door prize.

The Salt Grass Chapter held a meeting on March 10 at the Fire Administration Building in Pearland via hybrid. The chapter hosted free notary training, open to anyone who wanted to attend; it was presented by City Secretary Doris Speer and Assistant City Secretary Tracy Garcia of Tomball. Over 75 attended with the majority joining by Zoom.



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In addition, the Salt Grass Chapter congratulated City Secretary Melinda Welsh of Friendswood on her retirement. Ms. Welsh was presented with gifts from the chapter and TMCA.

Discussion took place regarding the chapter’s giveaway for the TMCCP Advanced Institute Seminar in October, rescheduling the April meeting, and held the monthly door prize.

The Salt Grass Chapter met on April 13 at the Garden of Eden Floral Tea Room in La Porte. La Porte Deputy City Secretary Sharon Harris presented parliamentary procedure: “Please Interrupt Me: A Parliamentary Camp Fire Ghost Story.” A camping themed meeting was a perfect setting.

Discussion took place regarding nominations for the TMCA Clerk of the Year. The chapter held its monthly door prize.

Salt Grass Chapter meetings are typically held on the second Wednesday of the month, January through April and August through December. Our meetings are open to anyone and we welcome visitors!

The Salt Grass Chapter will hold a Public Information Act Seminar in September via Zoom. We encourage everyone to attend!

Please join our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/TMCASaltGrassChapter for upcoming meetings and events.

At top: Assistant City Secretary Tracy Garcia of Tomball presenting Notary Training

At center: City Secretary Doris Speer of Tomball presenting Notary Training

Near right: City Secretary Melinda Welsh of Friendswood accepting retirement gifts from the chapter and TMCA



TMCA CHAPTER NEWS

Yellow Rose Chapter

By Chapter President **Amber Villarreal, TRMC**

Assistant City Secretary, Waxahachie

Hope your lives are returning to somewhat of a “normalcy” and you are enjoying the beautiful weather in Texas! The Yellow Rose Chapter meeting in April was held virtually and we were able to install Cynthia Olguin, City Secretary, City of Hutchins, as chapter secretary. We also recognized the following 2021 TMCA graduating and recertifying members: Kristin Downs (Duncanville), Leslie E. Galloway (Kennedale), and Caryn Stevens (Red Oak); first recertification: Lori Cartwright (Waxahachie), Mona Lisa Galacia (Grand Prairie), and Mary McDonald (Midlothian); second recertification: Cynthia Olguin (Hutchins). Congratulations to all graduates on earning their certifications to enhance our profession!

The City of DeSoto and the Yellow Rose Chapter said “see you later” to Kisha Morris-Perkins on March 26. She retired after more than 30 years in public service, with the last 14 spent in DeSoto as the City



Kisha Morris-Perkins

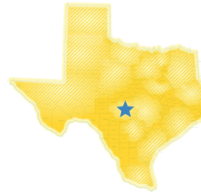
Secretary. Kisha was an active member of the Yellow Rose Chapter, serving on committees and as chapter secretary from 2014-2016. We will miss Kisha’s beautiful smile and wish her well in her retirement where she will get to devote more time to her family.

Our chapter would like to welcome new member Keera Seiger, City of Mansfield, and would like to congratulate Caryn Stevens, TRMC, on being named City Secretary for the City of Red Oak.

The next Yellow Rose Chapter meeting will be held in-person and virtually on June 3 in Mansfield.

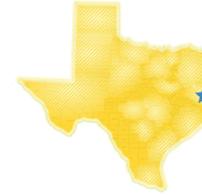
If you are interested in joining our chapter please reach out to myself, avillarreal@waxahachie.com, or Membership Committee Chair Cynthia Olguin colguin@cityofhutchins.org. Visit us at yellowrosetmca.com.

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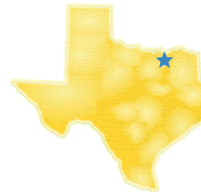
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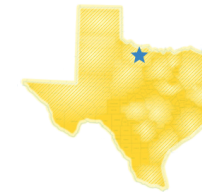
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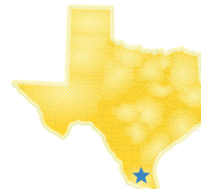
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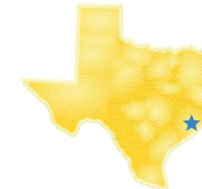
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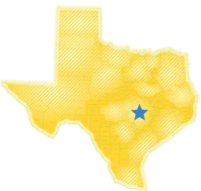
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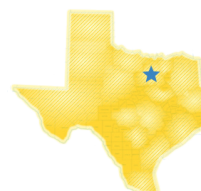
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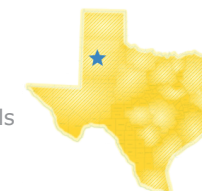
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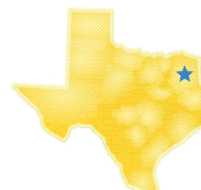
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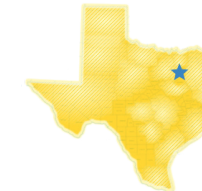
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