

TMCA News

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TMCA President
Amanda Campos, TRMC
City Secretary, Burleson

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As I reflect on this past year, I remember the challenge I laid out in my speech: BE BOLD.

My year of traveling around the state and visiting with chapters allowed me to see the challenge met head-on by all our members. We took steps as individuals and collectively as a group to make sure our presence was felt. We took the stage on a statewide level by presenting two affiliated sessions at the Annual Texas Municipal League (TML) Conference in San Antonio this year. Previously each affiliate member of TML would apply to present a session; this year we had two great topics and submitted both. I am proud that the value in our sessions was appreciated and we were given the opportunity to present both topics.

We grew our membership this year reaching a record number of members! We launched a new software platform, MemberClicks, to help connect us all and provide information at our fingertips. The future is exciting with the endless possibilities of this new software. This will grow

over time as we as members use the platform. All our committees supplied endless hours of work to make sure all the work of the association was covered. Thank you to all who served!

Individually I saw members walk in their boldness. Each one of you providing support to each other, to your communities, and to this association. I witness chapters make sure they are creating connections with each other, providing education opportunities, and asking for time to promote our profession. I heard more this year from other local officials how impressed they were with one or more of you, recounting how a city secretary was there to provide technical support for their community on open meetings, open records, elections, and general good governance. I know of several of our members actively looking for opportunities to make a difference in local government at a state level. Keep pushing forward!

Lastly I leave with one final note. A big thank you to my fellow board members and staff. Each of these members work hard to make sure our vision and mission is accomplished. There is not one person who is not positive or bold. Our staff is growing and I am extremely proud of all of them. I look forward to the years to come and know our association will continue to excel and...BE BOLD. •

51st Annual
**ELECTION
LAW**
Seminar

JAN. 12-13, DENTON, TEXAS

REGISTER TODAY—EARLY REGISTRATION ENDS DEC. 28

TOPICS

General Session—Legislative Update on Elections from Secretary of State

General Session—The Purpose of Texas Municipal League

Campaign Funding, TEC Reports, Forms, and Regulations

Candidate Packets and Orientation

Early Voting for Early Voting Clerks

Election Contracts and Joint Elections

Ethics and Election Integrity

Finance Elections

ISD Elections: What You Need to Know

Local Option Election

Ordering an Election, Posting & Publishing

Notices, Canceling Elections

Poll Watchers and Inspectors

Polling Locations and Ballots (includes Recruiting and Training Election Workers)

Residency of Candidates

Runoffs, Vacancies, and Recounts

Special Elections

What Happens Before and After an Election

Optional Pre-Seminar Session: Step by Step Conduct of an Election

"No matter how many years one has been conducting elections, there is always something new to learn, whether it is changes in the election laws or a way to do something differently."

"I loved hearing first-hand experiences from the city clerks themselves."

"Camaraderie among all the secretaries is awesome. This seminar is always so helpful to me."

"Since this is my first election, I think the most valuable part was hearing the questions that others in the seminars asked. It let me know that I was not alone in my fears."

—TMCCP Election Law Seminar attendees

2022 TEXAS MUNICIPAL CLERK OF THE YEAR NOMINEES

Congratulations to the following TMCA members who were honored by their peers with nominations for the 2022 Texas Municipal Clerk of the Year Award. This award is based upon years of service as a municipal clerk, TRMC certification and recertification, TMCA service, local TMCA chapter service, and other municipal clerk-related service, and works such as instructing, convening, IIMC participation, and more.

Congratulations to these inspiring leaders in Texas government!



Roxanne Benitez, TRMC
City Secretary, Stafford
Salt Grass Chapter



Miguel Cantu, TRMC
City Secretary, Grey Forest
Alamo Chapter



Machiel Covey, TRMC
City Secretary, Clarendon
Panhandle Chapter



Amanda Elizondo, TRMC
City Secretary, Harlingen
Lower Rio Grande Valley Chapter



Shelley George, TRMC
City Secretary, Allen
Lone Star Chapter



Rebecca Huerta, TRMC
City Sec., Corpus Christi
Coastal Bend Chapter



Sharon McFadden, TRMC
City Secretary, Hillsboro
Red River Chapter



Ellie Monteaux, TRMC
City Sec. & Asst. City Mgr., Livingston
Pineywoods Chapter



Alicia Richardson, TRMC
CS/Chief Gov. Ofc., North Richland Hills
North Texas Chapter



Myrna Rios, TRMC
City Clerk, Austin
Capital Chapter



Christi Shivers, TRMC
City Secretary/Fin. Director, Mexia
Central Texas Chapter



Elaine Simpson, TRMC
City Secretary, Liberty Hill
Hill Country Chapter



Amber Villarreal, TRMC
City Secretary, Waxahachie
Yellow Rose Chapter



Christi Wynn, TRMC
City Secretary, Brownwood
Bluebonnet Chapter



TMCA, INC. ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET

Georgetown, October 20, 2022

The Texas Municipal Clerks Association had a wonderful 2022 Awards Banquet! There was a mariachi band and door prizes donated by TMCA chapters and TMCA sponsors. We made some great memories—see all our photos in the following pages.

2023 TMCA President Jannette Goodall was sworn into office, and 2022 President Amanda Campos was recognized for her service this year.

Allen City Secretary Shelley George was recognized as 2022 Texas Municipal Clerk of the Year. Carrollton City Secretary Chloe Sawatzky was our Emerging Leader. The President's Choice 2022 Chapter of the Year was the TMCA Lower Rio Grande Valley Chapter. Distinguished Service Awards were presented to Burnet City Secretary Kelly Dix, Harlingen City Secretary Amanda Elizondo, Allen City Secretary Shelley George, and Rowlett City Secretary Susie Quinn. We recognized our 2022 retirees and our Municipal Clerk's Office Achievement of Excellence recipients.

Friends of TMCA Kirk Franklin (of Franklin Legal Publishing, our sponsor and champion for over two decades) and Rose Kanusky (seminar speaker, author of TMCA's *Texas Municipal Election Law Manual* and our annual election calendar) were recognized as honorary TMCA members. Retired Llano City Secretary Toni Milam and retired Humble City Secretary Jenny Page were recognized with lifetime TMCA membership.

President Campos recognized retired Schertz City Secretary Brenda Dennis, Fredericksburg City Secretary Shelley Goodwin, and Waxahachie City Secretary Amber Villarreal with President's Choice Awards.

Nearly three dozen scholarships were awarded to TMCA members.

Pictured at top right: *Amanda Campos (left) is presented an award of appreciation for her presidency by Jannette Goodall on behalf of the TMCA membership.* Lower right: *TMCA chapters gifted many door prizes for banquet attendees.*



2022 Texas Municipal Clerk of the Year Shelley George

Shelley George delivered her acceptance speech at the Oct. 20 TMCA Awards Ceremony

Photos by Paul Traves



Tonight is the highlight of my career as a city secretary. Congratulations to all the nominees this year, and I commend you for your service and dedication to your communities, chapters, and TMCA.

Thank you, Irma Parker, for nominating me to the Lone Star Chapter, the Lone Star Chapter for nominating me for the TMCA Municipal Clerk of the Year, and the TMCA Committee for selecting me.

Twenty-five years ago, Judy Morrison hired me to work at the City of Allen, and her passion for service as city secretary continues to inspire me to this day. Now with almost 20 years of service as city secretary, I start each day trying to serve to the best of my ability...my citizens, my council, my city team, my community, and other Texas municipal clerks.

When I think of what we do as city secretaries, I see us as “doers.” We are the constant resource to the public within our city. I always think, “Who you gonna call...the city secretary.” Because when our citizens don’t know whom to call, they know that when they call their city secretary, a welcoming voice will answer their call and provide the information they need.



I greatly value being a member of TMCA and have had so many opportunities to make a difference, from serving on committees to teaching at seminars to serving on the TMCA Board. No matter where you are in your career, I hope you will find ways to meet your passion as a servant leader. I know some of you are limited by your availability due to the size of your office, which may be just you for many. I encourage you to find ways to make a difference that fit your life, from serving on a TMCA committee in your local chapter, in your church, or service club such as the Lions Club.

Shelley George's Acceptance Speech



Before I take my seat, I am truly thankful to God for all the blessings he has provided me. He brought me here to this profession that allows me to give back to my neighbors. My husband and my children are my cheerleaders, and their love gives me strength at all times. My city team makes serving that much

better, and I am blessed with many good friends and co-workers who work together to make Allen the best place to live, work and play. And thank you to each of you and those who have served and retired for making a positive impact on my life and my career.

2022 Emerging Leader Chloe Sawatzky

Photos by Paul Traves

Carrollton City Secretary Chloe Sawatzky was selected by the TMCA Awards Committee for our 2022 Emerging Leader Award. She was nominated by University Park City Secretary Christine Green and Addison City Secretary Irma Parker.

“Chloe distinguishes herself as an ‘Emerging Leader’ by promoting and personally fulfilling TMCA’s mission of providing professional development through training and professional interaction,” Christine Green said in her nomination. “I’ve enjoyed working with Chloe this year in my role as NTMCA President. Chloe was one of the first members to respond to a call for committee volunteers. She cheerfully accepted the assignment of Membership Committee Chair and promptly went to work calling and emailing members with reminders to renew as well as seeking new members. I asked Chloe to maintain the chapter’s roster at 90 members and she delivered! This committee job is always a challenge with members retiring, changing jobs, or leaving the area altogether, so her success was a demonstration of her commitment.

“Chloe also engages with fellow clerks by regularly attending chapter meetings and participating on our chapter and statewide listserv discussions.

“Beyond these examples of Chloe’s commitment to NTMCA, I am impressed with her positive presence, approachability,



and eagerness to contribute to the municipal clerk profession.”

Irma Parker said in her nomination of Chloe, “Our nominee has a passion for helping people through public service. While in high school, Chloe worked in her home town local public library. After graduating from the University of Oklahoma in 2019 with a BA in Communication, Chloe moved to Texas and joined the City of Carrollton as an administrative coordinator. Through hard work and dedication she quickly advanced to become the deputy city secretary, and served in that position for two years while earning her TRMC designation through TMCA. While working on her certification, Chloe joined and has been active with the Urban Management Assistants of North Texas (UMANT), serving on the Special Events Committee, as well as with NTMCA serving as the 2022 Membership Chair.

After attaining her TRMC in January 2022, Chloe was promoted to Carrollton city secretary. Chloe is currently working towards her CMC through IIMC. As an active contributor to the City of Carrollton, Chloe has participated in numerous programs, such as serving on the employee appreciation committee STARS, completing the Carrollton Citizens Fire Academy, and completing the Carrollton Talent eXchange Program, putting in over 40 hours with the Public Works Department. Through and due to all of this, Chloe’s passion for local government continues to grow.”

2023 TMCA Executive Board

Seated in front row chairs, from left to right:

Trustee Crystal Roan, TRMC, City Secretary, Missouri City; **President-elect Lee Woodward, TRMC**, City Secretary/PIO, La Porte; **President Jannette Goodall, TRMC**, City Secretary, Fort Worth; **Vice President Alicia Richardson, TRMC**, City Secretary/Chief Governance Officer, North Richland Hills; **Treasurer Gretchen Mercer, TRMC**, City Secretary/Director of Administrative Services, Canyon; and **Secretary Jeana Bellinger, TRMC**, City Secretary, Brenham.

Standing from left to right:

Trustee Michelle Hicks, TRMC, City Secretary, Waco; **Trustee Deborah Sorensen, TRMC**, City Secretary, Roysse City; **Trustee Irma Parker, TRMC**, City Secretary, Addison; **Immediate Past President Amanda Campos, TRMC**, City Secretary, Burleson; **Trustee Roxanne Benitez, TRMC**, City Secretary, Stafford; **Trustee Zanea Carpenter, TRMC**, City Secretary, Muleshoe; **Trustee Sharon McFadden, TRMC**, City Secretary, Hillsboro; **Trustee Ellie Monteaux, TRMC**, City Secretary and Assistant City Manager, Livingston; and **Trustee Rebecca Huerta, TRMC**, City Secretary, Corpus Christi.

Executive Board photo by Paul Traves



Below: Photos from the 2022 TMCA Annual Business Meeting during which board members were sworn into office. (Photos courtesy Jannette Goodall.)



WELCOME

2023 TMCA President Jannette Goodall

President Goodall delivered her acceptance speech at the Oct. 20 TMCA Awards Ceremony

Photo by Paul Traves



Jannette Goodall, TRMC

Good evening and thank you all for attending the banquet. A special thank you my friends, staff (current and former), and Capital Chapter peeps who have for years supported me and challenged me to become a better person. In addition, to the many Texas clerks who during the past few Athenian Dialogues have given me inspiration and ideas. I also want to thank the TMCA staff for the great job they do and for the fact that they have not learned that giving me access to a microphone is not a good idea, but I will do my best to keep it short (I only have seven pages), and I promise to be on my best behavior.

Last year at this time, Amanda challenged each of us to be BOLD and I am sure there were a few of us that thought, BOLD, I am just trying to survive, Amanda. However, I want to thank her for pushing us to embrace boldness.

We all know that the past couple of years have been difficult and challenging for all of us, but it has also been a time of change and opportunity. These opportunities have allowed each of us to shine and excel even when we were tired and frustrated. Being bold is about change, change that requires courage, innovation, and creativity, at which we



Photo by Paul Traves

The City of Fort Worth's Assistant City Secretary Ron Gonzales, TRMC; City Secretary Jannette Goodall, TRMC; and Assistant to City Secretary Melissa Brunner.

President Goodall's Acceptance Speech

excelled and made it possible for our municipalities to embrace innovation and new processes.

As I was thinking about what to say tonight, I wondered how do I follow a call for being BOLD. We have demonstrated we can be and are bold, so what is next? A vacation, right? Well, not so quick. OK, so you can take a vacation, and I encourage you to do so, and in fact if anyone wants to go to Ireland and needs a personal chauffer, let me know—I will work cheap. Seriously, though, being bold is a continuous thing, but it is time to take it to the next level.

We should never stop being bold, but I would like to challenge each of you to become a boldly inspired leader. The Latin root of inspire means to breathe

or blow into. Do not worry I

am not asking you to give each other CPR. Rather

I challenge each of you to ask yourself the following question two questions: “is what I am doing today getting me closer

to where I want to be tomorrow” and “is what TMCA

doing helping me get closer to where

I want to be tomorrow.” If the answer is no to either of those questions, then it is time to step up through bold inspiration and help us make a change.

TMCA can only be as strong as each of our individual members. Our Certification requires serious commitment both to achieve and to maintain. Our awards recognize the very best in our organization. However, we must always be forward-thinking about the changing needs and environment to ensure we are providing a value to our members. Only you can provide us with that insight.



Photos by Paul Traves

2023 President Goodall is administered the oath of office at the banquet.

William Ward, an early American motivational speaker said:

- Do more than belong; participate.
- Do more than care; help.
- Do more than believe; practice.
- Do more than be fair; be kind.
- Do more than forgive; forget.
- Do more than dream; work.

I would like to modify his advice a bit and challenge each of you to the following:

- Do more than belong; participate. Serve on your local chapter; volunteer to serve on a committee; volunteer to present at a seminar or webinar.
- Do more than care; help. Volunteer to help with the seminar registration desk or introduce a speaker; serve as a mentor; volunteer to testify before the State Legislature.
- Do more than believe; practice. Live our Code of Ethics and be that leader and example for both your organization and your community. Join a community group or event to demonstrate we are not only a vital member of the organization, but we are an asset to the communities we serve.

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- Do more than be fair; be kind. Reach out to a colleague that is having a difficult time; take a new clerk to lunch; invite a new member to sit with you at a seminar; send someone a birthday card or Halloween card.
- Do more than forgive; forget. Reach out to someone you have lost contact with for whatever silly little reason, life is too short to let things from our past haunt us.
- Do more than work; DREAM AND DREAM BIG. While work is important, I want you to dream and dream big. Complete that degree or certification. Start on a new certification or degree; become an Athenian fellow or facilitator; take that dream vacation.

It does not matter what you do, just move outside of your comfort zone and become the boldly inspired leader that each of us were destined to be; but most importantly, be happy and do not have regrets. Make a difference in your community and our profession, but most importantly become the person you want and deserve to be; become that inspiration to someone else.

I also want 2023 to be the year that you each learn to brag about your achievements, your accomplishments and activism. I want to see posts on our Facebook page, the newsletter, billboards, chapter discussion groups and websites, and I want to hear about them when I visit each of your chapters this year. I also want to know what we as an organization can do for you. That includes those of you who have not started your certifications or are on the fence about the value of the certification.

It is time that we step out from behind our desks and proclaim to the world (or at least our organization)



Melissa Brunner presents Jannette Goodall with flowers at the banquet.

Photo by Paul Traves

that “damn I am good, and you are lucky to have me, and I am just beginning.” That is my dream and hope for each of you in this room.

Jane Goodall said, “What you do makes a difference. And you have to decide what difference you want to make.”

I would like to close (yes, I know — thank goodness) with the following.

God, thank you for the closed doors. For not allowing me to settle for second best.

Every time i thought i was being rejected from something good, you were re-directing me to something better.

I pray for peace when frustration creeps in; for strength to press on when i am told no.

Thank you for teaching me that “no” is just a step to a bigger and better “yes.”

Now let’s make 2023, the year of our bigger yes, to answering yes to the question “is what I am doing today is getting me closer to where I want to be tomorrow.”

WELCOME

New Executive Board Trustee Zanea Carpenter

Congratulations to our new trustee to the 2023 Executive Board



“It is an honor and a privilege to have the opportunity to serve on the TMCA Executive Board. This organization and it’s members have been a life line in my career. To be a part of that continued growth in our profession is challenging

and I am excited to be a part of the future

success.” —Zanea Carpenter

Zanea Carpenter has served as city secretary of the City of Muleshoe since 2016. Previously she served the city as deputy city secretary (2008-2016) and utility billing supervisor (2004-2008).

Zanea has a long history of involvement in the Association. She has served on the TMCA Retirement Committee (2012), Audit Committee (chair 2018), Nominating Committee (2020-2021), and Municipal Clerk of the Year Committee (2022).

Zanea is a speaker for the TMCCP Election Law Seminar (2021-2022) and has volunteered as an TMCCP Election Law Seminar convener (2013-2018).

She is active in the TMCA South Plains Chapter, where she has held the offices of vice president (2021-2022), secretary (2019-2020), and chapter director (2017-2018). Her

committee service with the chapter includes Municipal Clerk of the Year (2016, 2020, 2021), Chapter Seminar (2017, 2018, 2020), and TMCA Seminar (2019).

Zanea was the South Plains Chapter’s 2018 Clerk of the Year.

She earned her Texas Registered Municipal Clerk Certification in 2008 (No. 527) and has recertified three times. She is an IIMC Certified Municipal Clerk and holds an Associate of Science of Business Administration, Clovis Community College.

We asked Zanea to tell us a little bit about herself:

“It’s Always a good day in Muleshoe, Texas,” a quote that we repeat often in my hometown. I grew up in Muleshoe, graduated from high school here and returned home some years later to be closer to family. When I was hired into city government, I did not realize the what an amazing career

choice this would be. Public service is hard work but so rewarding.

“Married to my husband Jeff for 30 years, we have raised three beautiful daughters, Shelby, Shayla, and Shyanne. We also have two wonderful grandchildren, Mary-Lyla and Liam. We are members of Calvary Baptist Church where we serve in multiple functions. We love camping and spending time with those we love.”





New Lifetime & Honorary Members

Retired city secretary Toni Milam (*above left*) and retired city secretary Jenny Page (*not pictured*) were honored at the Annual Banquet as lifetime TMCA members.

Honorary TMCA membership was presented to Rose Kanusky (*pictured at center*), our TMCA *Texas Municipal Election Law Manual* author, and Kirk Franklin (*above right, with his wife, Lama*) of Franklin Legal Publishing (A General Code Company), our longtime sponsor and supporter.

2022-2023 Recipients of TMCA’s Municipal Clerks Office Achievement of Excellence Award

City of Alamo Heights
 City of Alton
 City of Arlington
 City of Athens
 City of Austin
 Town of Bartonville
 City of Bedford
 City of Bellmead
 City of Brenham
 City of Burleson

City of Canyon
 City of Colleyville
 City of Denison
 City of Euless
 City of Farmers Branch
 City of Fredericksburg
 City of Georgetown
 City of Graham
 City of Grey Forest
 City of Hudson Oaks

City of Humble
 City of Keller
 City of La Porte
 City of Lakeway
 City of Lubbock
 City of Manor
 City of McAllen
 Town of Pecos City
 City of Pharr
 City of Plano

Town of Prosper
 City of Richardson
 City of Rosenberg
 City of Royse City
 City of San Antonio
 City of Seabrook
 Town of Trophy Club
 City of Wichita Falls





Distinguished Service Awards

Congratulations to awardees Allen City Secretary Shelley George, Rowlett City Secretary Susie Quinn, Harlingen City Secretary Amanda Elizondo, and Burnet City Secretary Kelly Dix.



Chapter of the Year

TMCA President Amanda Campos selected the Lower Rio Grande Valley as our 2022 Chapter of the Year (pictured here at their May 2022 meeting with guest President Campos).



President's Choice Awards

President Campos recognized retired Schertz City Secretary Brenda Dennis, Fredericksburg City Secretary Shelley Goodwin, and Waxahachie City Secretary Amber Villarreal.

Congratulations to 2022 Retirees

Rachel Austin, Jonestown

Shannon Bennett, Deer Park

Janet Davis, Santa Fe

Heide Edmonson, Daingerfield

Kathryn Roberson, Pantego

Laura Scarlato, Richmond

Vicki Tarrant, Celina

Pictured at right: Retirees Zina Tedford, Castle Hills; Brenda Dennis, Schertz; Leticia Vacek, Trophy Club; and Betty Jo Harris, Sabinal

Photo by Paul Traves



Thank you to Leticia Vacek for these photos from our Annual Banquet!



2022 Major Scholarships

Congratulations to the TMCA members who applied for and were awarded scholarships for 2023! The TMCA Scholarship Committee awards scholarships annually amongst a pool of applicants based upon factors of eligibility. (Continued on next page.)



Belton Planning Admin. **Melinda Brice** is awarded a **LeAnn Gallman Scholarship** sponsored by **Underwood Law Firm**



Bryan Assistant City Secretary **Christina Cabrera** is awarded the **Lineberger Goggan Blair & Sampson Scholarship**



Belton City Clerk **Amy Casey** is awarded the **Franklin Legal Publishing (A General Code Company) Scholarship**



Pilot Point City Secretary **Lenette Cox** is awarded the **Ad Comp Scholarship**



Robinson City Secretary **Misty Cryer** is awarded the inaugural **Betty Collier Scholarship** sponsored by **GrantWorks, Inc.**



Pelican Bay City Secretary **Cynthia Daniels** (left) is awarded the **Peggy Burnside Scholarship** sponsored by **City Hall Essentials**



Sanger City Secretary **Kelly Edwards** (left) is awarded a **Municipal Code Corporation (Powered by CivicPlus) Scholarship**



Belton Executive Administrative Asst. to City Mgr./Deputy City Clerk **Michelle Fogle** (right) is awarded a **McCreary Veselka Bragg & Allen Scholarship**



Magnolia City Secretary **Kandice Garrett** (right) is awarded the **Sandra Watkins TMCCP Election Law Scholarship**



Caldwell City Secretary **Melissa Gonzalez** is awarded a **Granicus Scholarship**



Tarrant Regional Water District Public Information Coordinator **Courtney Kelly** is awarded the **American Legal Publishing Scholarship**



Livingston City Secretary & Asst. City Manager **Ellie Monteaux** is awarded the **Susan Rocha Scholarship** sponsored by **Bojorquez Law Firm**



Lakeway City Secretary **Jo Ann Touchstone** is awarded a **Municipal Code Corporation (Powered by CivicPlus) Scholarship**



Quinlan City Secretary **Laura Kennemer** is awarded a **GrantWorks, Inc. Scholarship**



Eagle Pass City Secretary **Imelda Rodriguez** is awarded a **GrantWorks, Inc., Scholarship**



North Richland Hills Assistant City Secretary **Traci Henderson** is awarded a **GrantWorks, Inc., Scholarship**



Danbury Dep. City Secretary **Cynthia Sharp** is awarded a **LeAnn Gallman Scholarship sponsored by the Underwood Law Firm**



Ovilla City Secretary **BJ Taylor** is awarded a **Dorothy F. Byrd Scholarship**

Scholarship awardees not pictured:

- Dr. Joyce Snay Scholarship**—Leander Deputy City Secretary **Stefanie Borchers Brown**
- GrantWorks, Inc., Scholarship**—Vinton Village Admin **Andrea Nichole Carrillo**
- Municipal Code Corporation Innovations (MCCI) Scholarship**—Chandler City Secretary **Ronda Cockerham**
- Dr. Joyce Snay Scholarship**—Schertz Deputy City Secretary **Sheila Edmondson**
- Dr. Joyce Snay Scholarship**—Rusk City Secretary **Cinda Etheridge**
- Lila Fern Martin Scholarship**—Wharton City Secretary **Paula Favors**
- Municipal Code Corporation Innovations (MCCI) Scholarship**—Benbrook Deputy City Secretary **Beth Fischer**
- GrantWorks, Inc., Scholarship**—Converse HR Director **Lisa Hernandez**
- Dorothy F. Byrd Scholarship**—Crowell City Secretary **Tonya Hopper**
- McCreary Veselka Bragg & Allen Scholarship**—Seabrook Deputy City Secretary **Robin Lenio**
- Dorothy F. Byrd Scholarship**—Kerrville City Secretary **Shelley McElhannon**
- Dorothy F. Byrd Scholarship**—Irving Deputy City Secretary **Jennifer Phillips**
- GrantWorks, Inc., Scholarship**—Wichita Falls Deputy City Clerk **Theodore Stoll**
- Dr. Joyce Snay Scholarship**—Fair Oaks Ranch Deputy City Secretary **Amanda Valdez**
- ICC Community Development Solutions Scholarship**—College Station Deputy City Secretary **Ian Whittenton**
- Dorothy F. Byrd Scholarship**—Stephenville Executive Secretary **Karen Wilkerson**



Betty Collier

Introducing the GrantWorks Betty Collier Memorial Scholarship

Thank you to GrantWorks, Inc., for the generous 2023 scholarships they sponsored through TMCA for the education of Texas city secretaries. We are also excited to announce the new Betty Collier Memorial Scholarship.

“GrantWorks is honored to sponsor the Betty Collier Memorial Scholarship through the Texas Municipal City Clerks Association. Betty was a beloved Texas public servant for over 30 years, serving as the Driscoll City Secretary, Bishop City Administrator, and later GrantWorks’ Director of Client Services. She loved working with city and county staff to navigate the world of grants, making it her mission to take on the extra burden attached to grant management so her clients could focus on their duties. She was beloved by the GrantWorks family, her community, and dozens of Texas city and county contacts for her steady hand, warmth, and humor.

“This scholarship is presented in her memory to one deserving candidate over the next 10 years to assist in their completion or recertification of the Texas Municipal Clerks Certification Program.”

THANK YOU TO OUR SCHOLARSHIP DONORS & SEMINAR SPONSORS

Thank you to all those who donated in 2022 toward TMCA scholarships and seminar sponsorships!

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Granicus

*two Granicus Scholarships
Platinum Seminar Sponsorship*

GrantWorks, Inc.

*introducing the Betty Collier Scholarship
and 5 additional GrantWorks, Inc.,
scholarships*

ICC Community Development Solutions

*ICC Community Development Solutions
Scholarship*

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MCCi Silver Seminar Sponsorship
& two MCCi Records Management Scholarships

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Scholarship*

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two LeAnn Gallman Scholarships

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Central Texas Chapter

By Chapter Secretary Liz Caraway, TRMC, Deputy City Secretary, Temple

The Central Texas Chapter had a very informative quarterly meeting in September, hosted by the City of Nolanville. We were honored to have with us TMCA President Amanda Campos, who provided a very informative talk on the state of the association as well as shared invaluable ideas with the chapter on how to grow our members and utilize local resources.

Additionally, the Texas Attorney General’s Consumer Fraud Division office presented an enlightening talk concerning fraud and consumer protection. The presentation included identify theft, internet and email scams, phone and mail scams, as well as senior and elderly, disaster and emergency and financial and insurance scams. they also discussed ways to protect consumers and yourself.

Chapter members approved the slate of officers for the upcoming term, updated committee members, and nominated Beverly Hills City Secretary Renee Flores as the Chapter Clerk of the Year. Several members of the chapter also attended the Texas Municipal League conference in San Antonio in early October. •

Coastal Bend Chapter

By Chapter Secretary April Hilbrich, TRMC, City Secretary, Victoria

Greetings form the Coastal Bend! This quarter the City of Rockport hosted the quarterly meeting at the Gnarly Marlin Restaurant. The following members were in attendance included Rebecca Huerta, City Secretary, City of Corpus Christi; Gabby Hernandez, City Secretary, City of Beeville; Cathy Duhart, City Secretary, City of Sinton; Teresa Valdez, City Secretary, City of Rockport; Kimberly Henry, Assistant to the City Manager, City of Rockport; Ruby Mowles, City Secretary, City of Ingleside; Jana Stork, Assistant City Secretary, City of Ingleside; Mary Valenzuela, City Secretary, City of Kingsville; and April Hilbrich, City Secretary, City of Victoria.



Above: Members of the Central Texas Chapter with honored guests during the chapter’s quarterly meeting at the City of Nolanville.

Below: The Coastal Bend Chapter at their quarterly meeting in the City of Rockport.



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Attendees enjoyed socializing with one another and discussions about the recent TMCA seminar hosted in Corpus Christi. President Huerta provided updates on the attendance of the social events hosted by the chapter during the August seminar in Corpus Christi, TMCA board activity, and the October 13th Athenian Dialogue being hosted by the chapter. During the business portion of the meeting, attendees discussed nominating April Hilbrich, City Secretary, City of Victoria as 2022 Chapter Member of the Year. Treasurer Hernandez also suggested increasing the dues amount. After a brief discussion, the attendees decided to review the bylaws concerning dues and to place the item on a future agenda to be considered by the membership.

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. •

Hill Country Chapter

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

Hello, everyone, from the most beautiful region of Texas. We have rolling hills, spring-fed rivers and lakes, diverse art and music, specialty shopping, plenty of adult beverages, and of course some of the hardest working municipal clerks.

Since the last newsletter, the Hill Country Chapter has had three meetings. The June meeting was held at Sozial Haus in Fredericksburg. Laurie Cassidy, Blanco City Secretary was elected to fill a vacancy for the treasurer's position. The update on the 2023 Athenian Dialogue to be held in Kerrville was discussed.

August took our chapter to Kingsland, where those in attendance had a day of training, as well as a visit with our special guest, Amanda Campos, TMCA president. The day was filled with discussions and education on the city secretary's roles within city government and the relationships between city secretary, city manager, and city council. There was even a painting exercise on teamwork. Amanda also provided an update on the upcoming TMCA platform, as well as recent TMCA board decisions.

In October 13 the chapter held another meeting via Zoom. Kathleen Springs, TMCA, provided a short training session on the TMCA platform. Andrea Cunningham, Dripping Springs City Secretary, was elected to fill a vacancy for the chapter's secretary position. A sub-committee was formed



Pictured at right: The Hill Country Chapter at their meeting in Kingsland.

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to start planning for an event for the 2024 seminar coming to Fredericksburg.

At every meeting those in attendance participated in updates regarding their City Happenings. Those members with birthdays and work anniversaries received well wishes.

Next meeting was scheduled for December 2 in Blanco.

The Hill Country Chapter would like to thank Amanda Campos for attending, providing tips, and education at our training session, as well as a great year under your leadership as president. •

Lone Star Chapter

By Chapter President Susie Quinn, TRMC, City Secretary, Murphy

This year has seen many changes to the Lone Star Chapter. First, we changed our Lone Star Chapter website and financial system. Next, we changed our fiscal year from September to October to begin using the calendar year. One change in doing that meant the current officers were held over

until the new officers begin their term in January 2023. Normally, we meet nine times per year, but this extended year has us meeting eleven times. We averaged 22 members in attendance for the meetings.

We had a round table discussion led by Kristi Morrow (Frisco) in October in McKinney where we discussed “Passion Makes A Difference.” A great holiday party was held in Frisco in December. In February, we met at the Dodson House in Farmers Branch. The speaker was Jeff Brady regarding “How to Handle Reporters.” March led us to Garland where speaker Laura De La Vega brought us information about Neighborhood Vitality. In April, we journeyed to Allen and learned important lessons related to Rape Aggression Defense (R.A.D.). June brought us to Wylie to hear Joseph Tidwell explain the importance of “Having a Positive Mindset.” July took us to Richardson where we met with the North Texas Chapter of Municipal Clerks (NTMCA) and enjoyed a presentation by TMCA President Amanda Campos. In August, we met virtually and recognized our Member of the Year—Tenitrus Bethel

(Fairview) and Clerk of the Year—Shelley George (Allen). September brought us to Collinsville where Sergeant John Chesiree gave us tips on “Personal Safety and Defusing a Difficult Situation.” In October, we returned to Murphy, where we honored all the Committee members, presented the Lone Star Chapter President’s Choice Awards to René Dowl (Garland), Irma Parker (Addison), and Carole Kuykendall (Greenville). Lastly, was the December Holiday event held in The Colony. This year’s program included the installation of officers by President-elect Jannette Goodall (Fort Worth) as well as our annual ornament gift exchange and silent auction for our scholarships.

This year we had a good number of Lone Star members attend the Advanced Institute held in Georgetown in October where Shelley George (Allen) and Susie Quinn (Murphy) received two of the five Distinguished Service Awards. Our proudest moment was when our very own Shelley George (Allen) received the well-deserved Texas Municipal Clerk of the Year for 2022. •



The Lone Star Chapter in Garland in March 2022.



The Lone Star Chapter in Allen.



Lone Star Chapter President Susie Quinn (left) presents the President's Appreciation Award to René Dowl, Garland City Secretary



Lone Star Chapter February meeting in Farmers Branch



President Susie Quinn (right) presents the Distinguished Service Award to Carole Kuykendall, Greenville City Secretary



October meeting in Murphy



October meeting in Murphy



August virtual meeting



July joint meeting in Richardson



June meeting in Wylie

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North Texas Chapter

By Chapter President Alice Holloway, TRMC, City Secretary, Joshua

The North Texas Municipal Clerks Association recently held a meeting on October 12 with nearly 30 members in attendance.

The newly appointed board has started strong and with high expectations. The new board is:

- President Alice Holloway, City of Joshua
- Vice President Shelley Scazzero, City of Hudson Oaks
- Treasurer Lisa Cabrera, City of Krum
- Secretary Lisandra Leal, City of Grapevine
- Historian Crystal Dozier, City of Willow Park

Thanks to Amy Shelley and the City of Southlake for hosting the October meeting and providing a wonderful lunch for everyone. During the meeting, Kelly O'Brian, President Dallas Chapter of ARMA International, provided an overview of "Keeping up with Records."

The chapter is in the planning process of hosting an Athenian Dialogue early in 2023, so be watching for the official announcement.

We would like to recognize and thank Past President Christine Green, City of University Park; Lindsay Wells, City of Richland Hills; and Art Camacho, City of Haltom City. Board service is the most demanding volunteer

role; they all took on their board duties with dedication, grace, and seriousness.

The next North Texas Municipal Clerks Association Chapter meeting was November 9, hosted by the City of Willow Park and the City of Hudson Oaks. Shawn Smith, TABC Regional Licensing Supervisor, gave a presentation and answered questions.

If you are interested in joining our chapter or visiting one of the meetings, please visit the chapter website at www.ntmca.org or contact me at aholloway@cityofjoshuatx.us for more information. We would love to have you as part of our fantastic chapter. •



The North Texas Chapter in October



The Red River Chapter in September

Red River Chapter

By Chapter President Marie Balthrop, TRMC, City Clerk, Wichita Falls

Due to a recent job change, the Red River Chapter lost a valued member and our Vice President Sharon McFadden. Although we are very excited for Sharon, she will be greatly missed. Sharon was an active member, our TMCA Board Representative, and was selected as the River Chapter Clerk of the Year Nominee. We wish Sharon the best of luck in her new position in Hillsboro.

Two chapter seminar travel stipends were awarded to Theodore Stoll and Sandy Page to support their efforts in certification and recertification, and we are thankful we have been able to offer this financial support.

In June, Kirk Franklin, Franklin Legal/General Code, visited our chapter and gave a presentation on all of the services Franklin Legal/General Code has to offer. The move to General Code is an exciting opportunity and

those cities that work with Kirk were happy to hear about the new services available.

In September we met to discuss needed updates to our Chapter Constitution and By-Laws, and appointed the nominating committee that will recommend a new slate of officers for 2023. We also appointed two members to the Christmas Project committee to select a charitable organization for our annual Christmas project. We would like to

Above right: The Red River Chapter in October. Front row, left to right: Theodore Stoll, Sharon McFadden, Marie Balthrop. Back row: Kirk Franklin, Brenda Tarpley, Jacquelyn Kane, Gerri McDonald, Sandy Page.

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congratulate Wichita Falls Deputy City Clerk Theodore Stoll for being awarded a major scholarship at the Annual Awards Banquet; and congratulate Burkburnett City Secretary Margie Poole on receiving her SHRM-CP Certification; and congratulate all TMCA members that received awards, scholarships,

or were sworn in as TMCA Executive Board members.

Our next meeting will be held in Wichita Falls on December 7th and current TMCA President Amanda Campos will be in attendance. We will have our annual Christmas

ornament exchange and donate to our annual Christmas project. We encourage all City Secretaries and City Clerks in our area to attend. If you would like more information please contact chapter President, Marie Balthrop, at (940) 761-7410. •

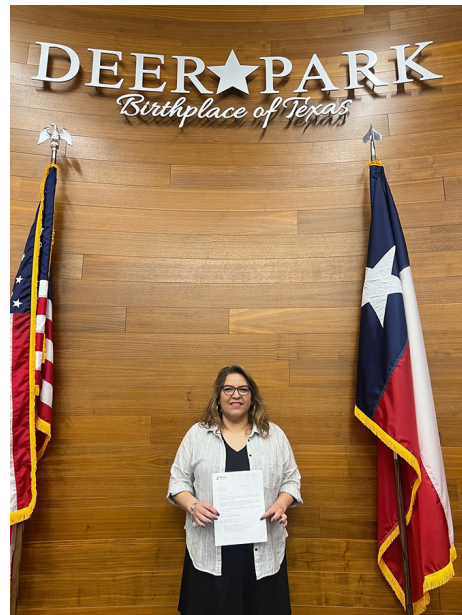


Salt Grass Chapter

By Gladis Sanchez, TRMC, Open Government Analyst, La Porte

The Salt Grass Chapter members meet on the second Wednesday of each month and the meetings were attended in large numbers. The Salt Grass Chapter meetings is the perfect opportunity for members to build and enhance their personal and professional leadership skills while building relationships and networking with other chapter members and non-members.

Salt Grass Chapter members have stayed active in their professional growth and development. Through the Institute of Certified Managers (ICRM), City of La Porte City Secretary, Lee Woodward, has earned the following certifications: Certified Records Manager (CRM) and Certified Records Analyst (CRA); Deputy City Secretary, Sharon Harris earned her credential as a Registered Parliamentarian (RP) through the National Association of Parliamentarians; City of Deer Park Deputy City Secretary, Sonia Acosta was awarded a Seminar Registration Fee Scholarship by the TMCA Certification Committee for the TMCCP Advanced Institute Seminar in Georgetown. We are proud of our



Scholarship recipient Sonia Acosta, Deer Park Deputy City Secretary

members that continue to reach professional development milestones.

Congratulations to the following chapter members! New City Secretary Cassie Stephens, City of Hilshire Village, was appointed on October 18. The former City Secretary Susan Blevins will continue as the City Administrator until she retires in January 2023. Elanna Killian was promoted as the

Deputy City Secretary at the City of Humble on October 1, where she previously served as the Records Clerk, Administrative Assistant, and Executive Assistant since 2001.

The City Secretary's Office at the City of Humble has streamlined their alcohol licensing and permitting processes by transitioning from the issuance of one-year to two-year permits and in a short time frame (May 2022 to September 2022) worked to update delinquent business accounts and collected \$39,720. Way to go, City Secretary's Office in Humble!

The Salt Grass Chapter was on hiatus from May to July, so members could focus on elections. City Secretary Roxanne Benitez at the City of Stafford hosted the Chapter's returned meeting in August with President Tracylynn Garcia, Assistant City Secretary, City of Tomball, leading a round table discussion "How to Handle Challenges and Overcome Them," with special guests and retired city secretaries Patrice Fogarty and Deloris McKenzie who are also known as trailblazers in the world of municipal clerks.

The Chapter had a great turnout at the 21st Annual Public Information Act Seminar,

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hosted by the City of Missouri City. Attorneys Jahanna Ward and Tamara Smith from the Attorney General's Office, provided information on compliance with the Public Information Act relating to the basics of the Public Information Act and processing requests; Attorney General letter rulings; law enforcement/first responder requests; frequent requestors and the 36-hour rule; 25% surcharges; and copyrights, trademarks, and third-party materials. Attorney Daniel Sylvia from Olson & Olson presented on Law Enforcement, HIPAA, EMS and Other Specialty Records.

Next on the Salt Grass agenda is the installation of a 2023 executive board to be sworn in at our annual Christmas Banquet. The Salt Grass Chapter will be re-energized and ready to start recruiting new members to our chapter. •



Top right: Missouri City staff and Attorney General's Office attorneys at the chapter's 21st Annual Public Information Act Seminar in Missouri City.

Center right and inset above: The Salt Grass Chapter's 21st Annual Public Information Act Seminar in Missouri City.

Lower right: Deloris McKenzie and Patrice Fogarty, special guests and retired trailblazing city secretaries, at the chapter's August round table discussion, "How to Handle Challenges and Overcome Them."



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South Plains Chapter

By Veronica Olguin, TRMC, City Secretary/Manager, Morton

The South Plains Chapter met on September 14 at the Library Community Room in Wolf-forth. The meeting was hosted by Sylvia Garza City of Sundown.

President Perez introduced speaker Ruby Ann Ramirez, South Plains Community Action. Ramirez addressed the group on their services provided to citizens. Ramirez is a fitness instructor who encourages each of us to take care of ourselves to be content not only in our everyday job duties, but with our overall health.

Patricia Isaguirre, Hale Center, gave update on the chapter seminar. Thank you all who attended.

South Plains Chapter will continue with

its door prize donation of \$100.00 gift card for the TMCA/TMCCP Advanced Institute, and the chapter will also continue with its donation of \$250.00 each to the Dorothy Byrd, Lila Fern Martin, and Dr. Joyce Snay scholarships.

The next meeting will be December 21 with the City of Whiteface hosting.

Members in attendance at the September meeting:

Zanea Carpenter, TRMC, City Secretary, Muleshoe

Patricia Isaguirre, TRMC, City Secretary, Hale Center

Kim Perez, TRMC, City Administrator, Ralls

Beth Walls, TMRC, Retired City Secretary, Levelland

Veronica Olguin, TRMC, City Manager/Secretary, Morton

Leslie Randolph, Deputy City Secretary, Ransom Canyon

Sylvia Garza, City Secretary, Sundown
Sharon Trumble, Retired City Secretary, New Deal

Belinda Terrell, TRMC, City Secretary, Whiteface

Susan Collazo, TRMC, Assistant City Secretary, Post

Laurie Odom, Utility Clerk, Post

Cheyenne Flores, City Secretary, Crosbyton

Meg Nelson, City Secretary, Post

Elena Quintanilla, TRMC, City Manager, Ransom Canyon

Johnna Ware, City Secretary, Ralls

Terri Robinette, City Secretary, Wolfforth

Melissa Fields-Allgeyer, Human Resources, Levelland

Joann Beard, TRMC, City Secretary, Smyer

Ray Beard, Guest •

West Texas Chapter

By Chapter President Marcia Bentley-German, TRMC, Chief Deputy City Secretary, Midland

The West Texas Chapter had a quarterly meeting on September 28 in Odessa. The chapter will be offering up to three \$500 reimbursement scholarships for TMCCP seminars in 2023.

The chapter had their next quarterly meeting on November 16 in Monahans. Monahans City Secretary Tonya Todd was an amazing host and prepared a great meal for the group. Everyone had a great time playing the White Elephant Christmas Gift Exchange in the gorgeous Ward County Event Center.

TMCA President Amanda Campos was in attendance and gave the group ideas on how to engage and encourage more members to become more involved with the West Texas Chapter. •

Top right: The West Texas Chapter at their meeting in Odessa on September 28.

Near right: The West Texas Chapter at their meeting in Monahans on November 16.

