



From the President's Desk



Wow what a couple of years this has been! Being the Association President during a Pandemic has been chaotic, interesting and challenging. The world changed so quickly, and it is still hard to believe how weird it was just a few months ago. The Pandemic put everyone's family life, work life and this Association on a pause, but that pause did not stop the work that had to be done, get done.

The Executive Committee and Board members made hard decisions, like cancelling the 2020 Institute and virtually all training sessions, that were in the best interest for the health and safety of our members. Did I accomplish everything that I set out to do? Unfortunately, no because our hands were tied, but the groundwork has been laid and the Association will continue moving forward and getting stronger. We need to bring the pride back, be engaged, and excited about being members again. This Association is filled with people who are great

resources because let's face it no one knows what we go through, except people who are going through the same things.

I have told this story many times, but I never aspired to be the President of this Association, it just happened. I remember sitting in the back of the room at my first Institute, well heck and most training sessions, thinking if I wanted to make a difference, then I had to put myself out there, step up, apply for committees and then eventually the Board so that I could be the difference. I have made many memories and friends throughout the years through this Association that I will cherish for the rest of my life and am looking forward to making many more.

I want to thank everyone for their support during these difficult times and I feel the Association is in great hands with incoming President Angela Wasson and Vice President Mollie Prasher. The 2021 Institute was a HUGE success and was filled with engaging education sessions topped with a more inclusive, personal feel. I LOVED it! I also want to thank everyone who stepped up to be on a committee, especially my committee chairs, and anyone in between who may have helped.

Although I will no longer be President, I will continue to be an active member of this Association that has given me so much.

OUR MISSION

The Ohio Municipal Clerks Association advances the municipal clerk profession through education, networking, and mentoring, which establishes clerks as experts in their field and leaders in the communities they serve

Membership Services Committee

This year at the Annual Banquet at the OMCA Institute we honored the 2020 Clerk of the Year along with the 2021 Clerk of the Year. The 2020 Clerk of the Year was Tony Rodgers from the City of Huber Heights. He was honored with the Clerk of the Year presentation during a zoom meeting last year but he did not receive his award until the Annual Banquet this year. Tony also serves as the Treasurer for OMCA. This was well deserved and we congratulate him.

We were also able to surprise the 2021 Clerk of the Year, Elizabeth Slagle from the City of Hudson. She was surprised by her husband Gary, City Manager Jane Howington and Business Operations Manager Melissa Raber who nominated Elizabeth. Elizabeth has been with the City of Hudson since January 1995. She has worked tirelessly over the years to modernize the clerk's office operations, assisting with implementation of new legislative software and working to archive many of the City's old council permanent records for staff to access for years to come. She is known for her long institutional knowledge of the legislative history in Hudson and is unofficially their historian on many days.

She has not missed a beat in the Clerk's office during the pandemic as she adapted her role with zoom meetings. She is a member of IIMC, OMCA, NEOMCA and the Tri-County Clerk's Association. She has attained her CMC and is working toward her MMC which she hopes to achieve prior to her upcoming retirement. We wish her all the best when that time comes but for now congratulations.

2021 Clerk of the Year Recipient Elizabeth Slagle



Administrative Committee

The Administrative Committee has spent the last year trying to recruit Board members, but especially Village Board members. We have been moderately successful, but still need to recruit three Village Board members. Over the course of the past two years, we have lost many Board members, who resigned for a variety of reasons: April Beggerow, Carie Cottongim, Kim Grime, Deb Hladky, and Tanya Newell. If you include the three-year plus vacant Village position, that is a changeover of half of the Board.

The Committee presented the slate of candidates for the 2021-2024 OMCA Executive Board at the OMCA Annual Institute.

Village Members

Laurie Beran, Village of South Amherst
Jamie Morley, Village of Waynesville
Stacey Task, Village of Reminderville

City Members

Helen Dunlap, City of Broadview Heights
Dianne Miscisin, City of Beavercreek
Dana Schroeder, City of North Royalton

Vice President

Mollie Prasher

Even with all of these members being approved for their respective Board positions, we are still down three Village Board members. If you think you would be interested in serving on the Board, please contact Mollie Prasher at mprasher@ci.reynoldsburg.oh.us Serving on the OMCA Board is an opportunity to make a difference and let your voice be heard.

A BIG thank you to outgoing Board members Janice Bates, Past President and Deborah Morgan, Board member!

The list of next year's Board and Executive Committee members are:

Executive Committee Officers

Angela Wasson	President	City of Monroe
Mollie Prasher	Vice-President	City of Reynoldsburg
Julie Taylor	Secretary	City of Fairborn
Anthony Rodgers	Treasurer	City of Huber Heights
Dee Werbrich	Immediate Past President	City of Hilliard

City Board Members

Fijabi Gallam, City of Brunswick
Kari Egbert, City of Sidney
Tracy Simons, City of Bedford
Dana Schroeder, City of North Royalton
Helen Dunlap, City of Broadview Heights
Dianne Miscisin, City of Beavercreek

Village Board Members

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The Committee and upcoming President Wasson have set the date and location for the next Strategic Planning meeting for November 19, 2021 located in the City of Reynoldsburg.

I want to thank my wonderful, fantastic, funny, and supportive Committee members for their hard work and camaraderie in helping complete these tasks. Remaining Committee members Helen Dunlap, Mary Johnston, Kathy King and Jill Pierce and former Committee members Carie Cottongim, Deb Hladky, and Meghan Wheeler.

Legislative Committee

Amendments to the by-laws were approved by those members that were present at the annual institute on July 12, 2021. Approved by-law amendments are as followed:

1. ARTICLE III. Membership

Section 2. Each full member shall have one vote.

CHANGED TO: Each full member and each retired member shall have one vote.

2. ARTICLE V. Fiscal Year

Section 1. The fiscal year for the Association shall commence on August 1 of each calendar year and shall end July 31 of the following year. The terms of office shall coincide with the fiscal year.

CHANGED TO: The fiscal year for the Association shall commence on January 1 and shall end on December 31 of each year beginning January 1, 2022.

3. ARTICLE VI. Executive Committee

Section 4. The term of office for Directors shall be three years. Each year the term of two Directors representing member cities and two Directors representing member villages shall expire. No Officer or Director shall be eligible for more than one successive full term in the same office. For the purposes of establishing an initial rotation, at the first meeting of the Executive Committee following establishment of these By-Laws, the Board of Directors shall determine the time of expiration of each position on the Board. From then on, all terms shall be for three years. No elected Officer or Director shall hold office for more than 90 days after he/she ceases to be an officer of a municipality, except that in the case of retirement from public office, the Executive Committee member may serve until the end of his/her term of Association office.

CHANGED TO: The term of office for Directors shall be three years. Each year the term of two Directors representing member cities and two Directors representing member villages shall expire. No Officer or Director shall be eligible for more than one successive full term in the same office.

The terms of office for all Officers and Directors shall commence on January 1 of the calendar year beginning January 1, 2022. For the purposes of establishing an initial rotation, at the first meeting of the Executive Committee following establishment of these By-Laws, the Board of Directors shall determine the time of expiration of each position on the Board. From then on, all terms shall be for three years. No elected Officer or Director shall hold office for more than 90 days after he/she ceases to be an officer of a municipality, except that in the case of retirement from public office, the Executive Committee member may serve until the end of his/her term of Association office.

Section 8. The Secretary shall keep the official record of the proceedings at all Association and Executive Committee meetings. All minutes shall be kept in a permanent book form and maintained by each succeeding Secretary. Keep the official record of all proceedings of the Annual Business meeting and all meetings of the Executive Committee and prepare draft minutes to be distributed at least one month prior to the Annual Business meeting and the Executive Committee meetings on the Association website. The Secretary shall also maintain the original copies of all contracts and memorandums of understanding. The Secretary shall perform such other duties as the office may require, or as assigned by the President or Executive Committee. (Amended July, 2019).

CHANGED TO: The Secretary shall keep the official record of the proceedings at all Association and Executive Committee meetings. All minutes shall be kept in a permanent book form and maintained by each succeeding Secretary. Keep the official record of all proceedings of the Annual Business meeting and all meetings of the Executive Committee. ~~and prepare draft minutes to be distributed at least one month prior to the Annual Business meeting and the Executive Committee meetings on the Association website.~~ The Secretary shall submit draft minutes of the Annual Business meeting to be posted on the Association's website 30 days prior to the next Annual Institute. The Secretary shall also maintain the original copies of all contracts and memorandums of understanding. The Secretary shall perform such other duties as the office may require, or as assigned by the President or Executive Committee.



Professional Development

2021 is going by quickly and it has been a great year so far! We just finished up with the amazing OMCA Annual Institute at Embassy Suites in Dublin! It was great seeing old friends and making new ones and we missed those of you who couldn't be there! Big thank you to the Region V members who came up to Ohio to join us! The week was full of incredible education sessions led by spunky, motivating, knowledgeable, and at times, amusing presenters.

It was a good mix of information including the popular Clerking 101 and 201, Ethics with the always entertaining Susan Willeke, proofreading tips; we got creative with Legos, and had a good discussion about the Cambridge Citizens Police Academy. The Batter Up Summer Bash on Tuesday was a fun evening filled with great food, games, laughter, comradery, and lots of really good raffle items! Thank you to everyone who donated an item or basket! Proceeds from the raffle tickets, \$466.00, will go to the Marilyn McLaughlin Scholarship Fund. The Wednesday Banquet was a special event – we were honored to have Katie Horstman, an original player for the All-American Girls Professional Baseball League, as our guest. OMCA President Dee Werbrich sat down with Katie for a conversation about her days playing in the league from 1941-1945. Katie is a spunky woman with some good stories (she was not a fan of Madonna on the set of *A League of Their Own*!) and Dee was “gob smacked” at the opportunity to meet and talk with her.

The evening continued with the announcement of the 2021 Clerk of the Year recipient Elizabeth Slagle who works as Clerk of Council for the City of Hudson. The award was presented by 2020 Clerk of the Year Anthony Rodgers who is the Clerk of Council from the City of Huber Heights. Congratulations to you both! Angela Wasson from the City of Monroe was sworn in as the incoming OMCA President and is excited to continue working for the future of the membership.

THANK YOU TO OUR WONDERFUL VENDORS FOR THEIR SUPPORT AT THE INSTITUTE:

American Legal Publishing
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ICC*
Kofile Technologies
Municode
Ohio Insurance Services Agency, Inc.
Ohio Plan
R.I.T.A.
SOCS Website Solutions
Televic Conference

CHECK OUT THESE AWESOME EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES LEFT IN 2021!
Each Athenian Dialogue and One-Day Academy qualifies for 3 points!

2021 ATHENIAN DIALOGUES:

THE JULY ATHENIAN DIALOGUE HAS BEEN RESCHEDULED AS A TWO-DAY ZOOM SESSION! This Athenian only is being offered at the OMCA Institute cost of \$50!

August 31 2:00pm-5:00 pm and September 1 9:30am-12:30 pm

Book: When Women Played Hardball by Susan E. Johnson

Zoom link will be sent to participants

Facilitator: Tami Kelly, MMC – Clerk of Council for Grove City

October 13 9:00am-4:00pm

Book: The Essential Ronald Reagan by Lee Edwards

Location: Everal Barn, 60 N. Cleveland Ave, Westerville, OH 43081

Facilitator: Deb Hladky, MMC – Retired Clerk of Council for Oakwood Village

Host: Mary Johnston, MMC

2021 ONE-DAY ACADEMIES

September 16 9:00am-4:00pm

Subject: *Special Audits and Fraud Red Flags; OPERS (tentative)*

Speaker: Representative from Auditor of State's Office;

Host: Diane (Dee) Werbrich

Location: 3800 Municipal Way, Hilliard, OH 43026

November 18 9:00am-4:00pm

Subject: *Parliamentary Procedures with Public Records Retention Schedule Workshop*

Speaker: Representative from The Ohio Historical Society

Host: Tracey Wonner

Location: The Ohio State Reformatory, 100 Reformatory Rd, Mansfield, OH 44905

ALL REGISTRATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT [OMCA.US](https://www.omca.us)

We hope to see you at the Athenian Dialogues and One-Day Academies!

Enjoy the rest of your summer! Fall will be here before you know it!

Your Professional Development Committee,

Stacey Task, Co-Chair

Sharon Cassler, Co-Chair

Kari Egbert

Fijabi Gallam

Connie Gaylor

Kerry Macomber

Dana Schroeder

Tracey Wonner



Dee Werbrich with Katie Horstman

Banquet Speaker
Katie Horstman
Member of the
All-American Girls Professional Baseball League
1951-1954



Katie "Horsey" Horstman played for the Fort Wayne Daisies and Kenosha Comets as a pitcher, catcher, third base, and outfielder. She played on the 1953 All-Star team. Throughout her career, she batted .286, had an ERA of 2.50, hit 16 homeruns in 1954, and had a career 29-11 pitching record.



Kari Egbert Lego Lesson





Mary Johnson swearing in Angela Wasson



2021 OMCA Institute



Ways and Means Committee

OMCA Financial Update

The purpose of the Ways and Means Committee is to work in cooperation with the Treasurer to oversee the financial activities of the association, create an annual budget for the association, be responsible for the sale of OMCA merchandise, conduct an annual audit, and oversee all OMCA fundraising efforts.

The last two years have been challenging times for OMCA as it has been for many other entities and organizations. The pandemic resulted in the cancellation of the OMCA educational opportunities in 2020 and the first half part of 2021 and the cancellation of the 2020 OMCA Annual Institute scheduled to take place Dublin, Ohio in July, 2020. OMCA and individual Clerks had to rapidly adapt to new ways of doing business while navigating COVID-19, social distancing, virtual meetings, and many other new aspects of municipal government service. The leadership of OMCA has worked diligently to effectively manage the finances of OMCA during this period and to maintain the continued and future viability of the association. In these efforts the OMCA Board has been very successful.

While there are still outstanding revenues and expenses related to the 2021 OMCA Annual Institute, the financial well-being of OMCA has been successfully maintained.

The current balance in the OMCA checking account as of July 20, 2021 is \$116,555.35.

The current balance in the OMCA Marilyn McLaughlin Fund account as of July 20, 2021 is \$2,500.04.



Ohio and Kentucky Clerks!

OHRAB CITIZEN ARCHIVIST AWARD 2021

The Ohio Historical Records Advisory Board is the central body for historical records planning in the state. Board members represent Ohio's public and private archives, records offices, and research institutions.

<https://link.edgepilot.com/s/2242a6be/XUwuC8MlCk6gypzHNWakYQ?u=http://www.ohrab.org/>

Celebrate Ohio's Citizen Archivists by Honoring the Accomplishments of a volunteer in an Ohio Archival Institution. The Ohio Historical Records Advisory Board Citizen Archivist Award honors volunteers in Ohio's archives who work long hours answering reference requests, processing collections, and indexing historic records. This award recognizes a volunteer in an Ohio archive who best exemplifies the dedication and hard work volunteers—our citizen archivists—contribute to Ohio's archives each day.

All Ohio institutions responsible for archival records that provide free public access to at least a portion of their collections are eligible. Preference will be given to volunteers whose work increases access to archival collections in Ohio. OHRAB will accept nominations from Ohio archival institutions as well as the general public.

Departments employing members of OHRAB are not eligible, but other departments in their institutions are eligible. The winning volunteer will receive a plaque and \$180 to be used to obtain archival education via a conference, class, or webinar. If the award winner chooses not to accept the award money, it may be used by the volunteer's archival institution for the archival education of its other volunteers.

Nominating letters should be no longer than two pages, 12-pt, single spaced, describing the accomplishments and dedication of the volunteer. Each must include the nominee's name along with a contact person's name, mailing and email addresses, and phone number.

Send nominations via email or U.S. mail to: Tina Ratcliff
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Nominations must be received by September 17, 2021.

Questions? Contact Tina Ratcliff at ratcliff@mcohio.org or [937.496.6932](tel:937.496.6932)