

Illinois Association of County Clerk and Recorders

The Illinois County Clerk and Recorders Association met for their fall conference at Embassy Suites in East Peoria September 9-12. Training and information was presented on a wide variety of topics by Conference Chairmen: Mason County Clerk Bill Blessman – “Ask the State’s Attorney” and “Election Central”, Sangamon County Recorder Josh Langfelder – “Recording 101” and “Recording Issues”, Macon County Recorder Mary Eaton – “MERS Litigation”, Champaign County Clerk Gordon Hulten – “Tax Manual Updates”, Kankakee County Clerk Bruce Clark – “Bonds 101”, Richland County Clerk Alice Mullinax – “Vital Records”, Perry County Clerk Kevin Kern and Carroll County Clerk Brian Woessner – “Agendas, Minutes, Budgets, and More”, and Marshall County Clerk Andrea Mahoney-Platt “IMRF and Retirement Issues”. The offices of County Clerk and Recorder cover a wide variety of issues and the Conference Chairmen did a fantastic job obtaining guest speakers and providing the members with important tools to perform the tedious functions of their offices.

New officers were slated to be voted on at the Affiliate Meeting at IACO on November 20, 2012 for 2013: President Josh Langfelder, 1st Vice President Brian Woessner, 2nd Vice President Alice Mullinax, Secretary Mary Eaton, Treasurer Kevin Kern and Sergeant at Arms Scott Erickson.

The 4 State Zones nominated their choices for Clerk and Recorder of the Year: Zone 1 Pope County Clerk Connie Gibbs, Zone 2 Cass County Clerk Michael Kirschner, Zone 3 Marshall County Clerk Andrea Mahoney-Platt, and Zone 4 Carroll County Clerk Brian Woessner. IACCR of the Year Chairman Johnson County Clerk Robin Harper-Whitehead provided information on the candidates and collected the votes of the State Association. The new Clerk and Recorder of the Year chosen was Cass County Clerk Michael Kirschner. Congratulations, Kirsch, this was a well deserved honor for a veteran in our field. Thank you for your dedication and hard work to the citizens of Cass County, the State of Illinois, and the IACCR. Michael was provided with a plaque at the Conference.

This Conference also honored past County Clerks and Recorders. Those that joined us at our banquet were former County Clerks and Recorders George Schrage (Adams), Bill Downey (Clark), Betty Coffrin (Coles), Judy Myers (Vermilion), Terry Desmond (DeKalb), Jack Allen (Douglas), Becky Kraemer (Edgar), Randy Rumler (Fulton), Mark Mossman (Gallatin), Michele Zippay (Macoupin), Florine Miller (McDonough), Peggy Ann Milton (McLean), Marj O’Brien (Menard), JoAnn Thomas (Peoria), Mark Harkrader (Peoria), Judy Greene (Piatt), Pat Rhodes (Piatt), Dick Leibovitz (Rock Island), and Bob Lutz (Tazewell). It was a true pleasure to have these former Clerks and Recorders join us and be recognized for their past service.

The Conference concluded with a “Special Action Auction” from our Special Action Committee. Many “interesting items” were auctioned off to members to support the Special Action Fund which promotes the IACCR in various ways. Thank you to

Moultrie County Clerk Georgia England, Chairman of the Special Action Committee and her “clerks” and “auctioneers” for providing us with our entertainment for the evening.

This year has been a busy one! I have enjoyed being President of such a fine organization. Our association is filled with forthright, humble, and honorable public servants and it is truly a pleasure and privilege to have represented you. I would like to thank Zone Presidents Alice Mullinax, Tina Conard, Andrea Mahoney-Platt and Sandy Wegman for their assistance in getting out information in a timely and efficient manner to our members. And a special thank you to our Executive Committee! You made this year a great one. I am leaving you in good hands with the incoming President, Josh Langfelder.

Wishing all of you a great election! Blessings!

Very truly yours,
Sally Litterly, Logan County Clerk
2012 President, IACCR