

**Minutes of the Mississippi Municipal Clerks and Collectors Association
Business Meeting
2011 Spring Conference
March 25, 2011**

The Business Meeting of the Mississippi Municipal Clerks and Collectors Association met on Friday, March 25, 2011 at the Imperial Palace in Biloxi Ms. President Mary Ann Hess called the meeting to order at 11:15 a.m. The following members of the Executive Board were present: President Mary Ann Hess, Past President Jackie Benson, 1st Vice President Angela Bean, 2nd Vice President Shelia Heath, Treasurer Michael Jinks, Secretary Helen Johnson, Central District Trustee Kim Vaughn, and Northern District Trustee Celia Boren.

President Hess called the meeting to order and extended a gracious welcome to all in attendance. The new clerks were acknowledged by President Mary Ann Hess.

Cinderella Morris moved to approve the minutes from the December 17, 2010 Business Meeting. The motion was seconded by Nita Westbrook and with unanimous approval, the motion carried.

Kathy Johnson moved to accept the financial report from July 1, 2010- March 18, 2010. The motion was seconded by Cinderella Morris, with unanimous approval, the motion carried.

Committee reports were given in the following order:

Legislative Committee-Michael Jinks stated that there were several Senate Bills on the floor. If these bills are had been approved, they would have financially impacted municipalities.

Education Committee-Eddie Myers stated that IIMC would be held May 8-12, 2011 in Nashville, TN. Municipal Clerks interested in attending this conference should make reservations early. The regional conference is inclusive of Mississippi, Louisiana, Arkansas, Oklahoma, and Texas. Clerks who attend classes will receive up to 8 points towards their IIMC Certification.

Silent Auction Committee-Angela Bean stated that silent auction volunteers are needed to serve at the MML Convention in June. The funds collected from the silent auction will be used as scholarships for high school seniors and municipal clerks.

Publicity Committee-Jackie Benson stated that the clerks should email pictures and updated information to the MMCCA website as soon as possible.

Scholarship Committee- Lisa Russell stated that applications to apply for scholarships were available on the MMCCA website.

Certification Committee-Bettye Massey informed those in attendance that the graduation certification applications must be received by the end of next week.

Mentoring Committee-Celia Boren stated that there were forms available for clerks interested in serving as mentors to the new clerks.

Strategic Planning Committee- President Mary Ann Hess stated that there were several amendments to the bylaws which will be discussed under new business

Old Business

The winter legislative update will be held on December 7-8, 2011 and the Region IV Conference will be held December 9-10, 2011 in Jackson MS.

New Business

President Mary Ann Hess presented the proposed amendments to the Bylaws, Article III. Under Bylaws, Article III, Section One, the amendment was recorded as follows:

To be considered as an eligible candidate for officer or trustee (including treasurer and secretary, a member should have satisfied the following requirements):

- 1. Have acquired certification at the time they take office;***
- 2. Served as a committee member for a minimum of two years, with preference given to one of those years as a committee chairman.***
- 3. Have their current membership in good standing.***
- 4. Have active attendance at three conferences (examples: Mississippi Municipal Clerks and Collectors Association, Mississippi Municipal League, International Institute of Municipal Clerks).***

Interested clerks should submit their name and/or nomination form to the nominating committee for consideration.

After a brief discussion, to clarify the changes, Nita Westbrook moved to approve the amendment. Cinderella Morris seconded the motion and with unanimous approval, the motion carried.

In further new business, President Mary Ann Hess presented a letter of resignation from Wonda Dale, as the Southern District Trustee. President Hess stated that the Executive Committee voted for the position to remain open until the June 2011 election. Jackie Benson moved to accept the resignation from Wonda Dale and to leave the Southern District Trustee position open until the June 2011 Election. The motion was seconded by Shelia Heath and with unanimous approval, the motion carried.

There being no further business for discussion, the meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m. this the 25th day of March 2010.

Mary Ann Hess, MMCCA President
Municipal Clerk- Laurel, MS

Attest:

Helen Johnson, MMCCA Secretary
Municipal Clerk- Hollandale, MS