



VIRGINIA MUNICIPAL CLERKS ASSOCIATION

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THE VIRGINIA MUNICIPAL CLERKS ASSOCIATION INSTALLS NEW EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FOR 2018-2019

The Virginia Municipal Clerks Association (VMCA) elected and installed new officers for the 2018-2019 Year at its annual business meeting held in Norfolk, VA, May 19, 2018:

President: **R. Allan Bull, MMC** - City Clerk, City of Norfolk
1st Vice President: **Travis O. Morris, CMC** - Sr. Deputy Clerk, Albemarle County
2nd Vice President: **Kyna Thomas, CMC** - Deputy Clerk, City of Lynchburg
Treasurer: **Elizabeth "Libby" Hume, MMC** - Town Clerk, Town of Cape Charles
Secretary: **Jennifer Berry, CMC** - Town Clerk, Town of Front Royal
Historian: **Ann Phillips** - Deputy Clerk, County of Frederick
Parliamentarian: **Sandy Madison, MMC** - City Clerk, City of Chesapeake
Immediate Past President: **Kari J. Van Diest, MMC** - Deputy Clerk, City of Winchester

**MMC (Master Municipal Clerk) and CMC (Certified Municipal Clerk) are professional designations earned through the International Institute of Municipal Clerks.*

President, R. Allan Bull, MMC, most recently served as Coordinator for the 72nd International Institute of Municipal Clerks Conference in Norfolk, VA, with approximately 1,000 attendees. He has held the positions of First Vice President and Second Vice President in the VMCA, along with various committee positions. Mr. Bull has served the City of Norfolk for over 20 years, having been hired in 1997. Mr. Bull came to the City Clerk's Office in June 2000 and rose to the position of Chief Deputy Clerk in July 2011. As of July 2, 2018, Mr. R. Allan Bull is the new City Clerk for the City of Norfolk.

First Vice President, Travis O. Morris, CMC, has 13 years of municipal government experience, serving as Sr. Deputy Clerk to the Albemarle County Board of Supervisors since 2012 and previously as Deputy Clerk, Clerk of the Circuit Court since 2005. Mr. Morris has served as VMCA Second Vice President, Secretary, Co-chair of the Website Development Committee, a member of the Education Committee, Clerk of the Year Committee and IIMC's Conference Committee. He is also a member of the Virginia Association of Government Archives & Records Administrators (VAGARA), and is pursuing the MMC designation through IIMC.

Second Vice President, Kyna Thomas, CMC, has over ten years of municipal government experience, serving as an administrative leader and facility manager for the Lynchburg Department of Human Services for five years and as Deputy Clerk of Council since December 2012. Ms. Thomas is the recipient of the 2018 VMCA Clerk of the Year Award, and has served the association as Region V Director and coordinator of the 40th Annual Conference and Meeting in Lynchburg, VA. She is a member of IIMC, VAGARA and VMCA-Region V, and serves as the City of Lynchburg Freedom of Information Officer. Ms. Thomas earned her B.A. and M.B.A. degrees from Lynchburg College and is pursuing the MMC designation through IIMC.

Treasurer, Elizabeth “Libby” Hume, MMC, is Town Clerk for the Town of Cape Charles, where she has served for ten years. The Town of Cape Charles is a member of VML and Ms. Hume attends the conferences. She is a member of VAGARA, International City/County Management Association (ICMA), International Public Management Association (IPMA-HR), Society of Human Resource Management (SHRM), the IIMC Diversity-Inclusivity Task Force, and a Fellow in the IIMC Athenian Leadership Society.

Secretary, Jennifer E. Berry, CMC, has nearly 20 years of municipal government experience, serving as Clerk of Council to the Front Royal Town Council since 2005 and previously as the Administrative Assistant for the Department of Public Works & Utilities for the Town since 1998. Ms. Berry has served on VMCA’s Education Committee, and currently serves on the VMCA By-laws Committee. She is pursuing the MMC designation through IIMC.

Historian, Ann Phillips, is pursuing her CMC through the IIMC. Ms. Phillips has served as Deputy Clerk for Frederick County for six months, and previously served as Town Clerk for the Town of Berryville for three years. Prior to serving as Town Clerk, Ms. Phillips served on the Berryville Area Development Authority and was a project manager for *Air Photographics, Inc.* She earned a B.A. in geography from Mary Washington College in 1984, and served as VMCA Historian for the 2017-2018 year.

Parliamentarian, Sandy Madison, MMC, has served for three years as City Clerk and 12 years as Deputy City Clerk. Ms. Madison is a past President, Vice President, Secretary and Region X Director for the VMCA. She is also a member of IIMC and VAGARA.

Immediate Past President, Kari J. Van Diest, MMC, has 11 years of municipal government experience, serving as the Deputy Clerk of Council with the City of Winchester since 2007. Ms. Van Diest has served as VMCA President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, and two years as Historian. She has been a member of the Clerk of the Year committee and was honored to receive awards as the 2016 VMCA Clerk of the Year and the 2011 VMCA Region III Clerk of the Year. Ms. Van Diest is a member of the IIMC and VMCA-Region III.

The Virginia Municipal Clerks Association, affiliated with the International Institute of Municipal Clerks, promotes professional development for municipal clerks through continuing education and networking opportunities, and is open to every city, town and county in the Commonwealth of Virginia. The VMCA challenges its members to use their abilities, talents, and strengths in the proficient and effective delivery of local government services. Local officials are encouraged to support membership to the VMCA. To learn more about the organization visit: <http://www.vmca.com>.