



2026 VMCA Conference

April 15, 2026 – April 17, 2026

The Inn At Virginia Tech

901 Prices Fork Road
Blacksburg, Virginia 24061

Preliminary Program

Athenian Dialogue offers **3.0** CMC or MMC Education Points
Conference offers **3.5** CMC or MMC Education Points



Wednesday, April 15, 2026

9:00 am – 4:00 pm:	Athenian Dialogue <i>TBD</i> Hosted by Libby Hume	3 Points
12:00 pm – 1:00 pm:	Boxed Lunch	
4:30 pm – 5:30 pm:	Welcome Reception Join us to mingle with fellow clerks	
5:30 pm – 8:00 pm:	Dinner On Your Own An open evening to explore the surroundings, dine independently, or unwind.	
8:00 pm – 10:00 pm:	Paint Night Pre-registration required: \$35 per person	

Thursday, April 16, 2026

7:00 am – 8:00 am:	Breakfast	
8:00 am – 10:00 am:	Swear In and Buckle Up Janice Bates, MMC Clerk of Council, Tipp City, OH	.5 point
10:00 am – 12:00 pm:	Council gets the Spotlight. Clerks keep the Batteries Charged Honorable Joseph Cobb Mayor, City of Roanoke, VA	.5 point
12:00 pm – 1:00 pm:	Lunch	.5 point
1:00 pm – 3:00 pm:	From Clerk to Mentor Janice Bates MMC Clerk of Council, Tipp City, OH	

**** Breaks are incorporated into each session****

3:00 pm – 5:00 pm:	Code of Virginia Sections Every Clerk Should Know Honorable Fred Parker Washington Co. Treasurer	.5 point
5:30 pm – 6:00 pm	Cocktails	
6:00 pm – 8:00 pm:	Awards Banquet Dinner	

Friday, April 17, 2026

7:00 am – 8:00 am:	Breakfast	
8:00 am – 10:00 am	Effective Time Management & Municipal Resilience Chief John P. Clair Town of Blacksburg Police	.5 point
10:00 am – 12:00 pm:	FOIA in a FLASH & Parliamentary Procedures Michael Bedsaul Esq. and Stephen Durbin, Esq. Sands Anderson	.5 point
12:00 pm – 1:00 pm:	Lunch	
1:00 pm – 3:00 pm:	The Digital Curb Cut: ADA Title II for Municipal Clerks Dr. S. B. Chandler Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University	.5 point

Conference Concludes

3:00 pm – 4:00 pm:	Executive Board Meeting	
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