



Welcome from the Committee

On behalf of the MCI Institute Training Committee, welcome to the 2015 MCI Institute and Academy!

2015 brings an exciting week beginning with a Pre-Institute & Academy Session on Sunday – open to all - that will whet your appetite for the coming days. Jam-packed through the week are courses geared toward new and continuing Clerks as well as more challenging topics for the seasoned Clerks.

The awesome and energetic Aric Bostick will be doing a presentation entitled “Fired Up!”. You will find he is extremely motivating and entertaining all at the same time. After his session, you will find yourself more enthusiastic and ready to meet every challenge on your job.

Ancel-Glink’s top-notch attorneys Robert Bush, Keri-Lyn Krafthefer and Adam Lasker will tell us about what is happening in the state of Illinois. A topic we are all interested in as our state is faced with many challenges.

David Erb, Finance Director for the Village of Mount Prospect, Chris Black, Finance Director for the City of Rockford, and Julie Zolghadr, Manager of the Budget Division for the City of Springfield will provide a detailed overview of governmental budgeting, including the purpose of budgeting, types of budgeting, the legal framework for budgeting, monitoring your budget, and how an organization could work on improving their budget or make it a better communication tool for their constituents.

The list of presenters goes on—these presenters have credentials and knowledge guaranteed to enhance your learning experience. This year, we will also be celebrating our 50<sup>th</sup> year anniversary. Many of the MCI past presidents will be on hand at the Thursday night banquet to share their memories and experiences. You won’t want to miss this!

The 2015 Institute and Academy will send you back to your municipalities with a renewed sense of purpose and many great ideas and actions that can be implemented to help you meet the challenges of your job.

A great deal of work goes into the MCI Institute and Academy and we are thrilled to see it come together and to be able to offer it to you. We are pleased to welcome our new Institute Director, Peggy Brown and Registration Coordinator, Debbie Meadows. They have worked tirelessly to make their first year with the MCI a huge success. They have also worked diligently to ensure that the Municipal Clerks of Illinois Institute and Academy Program has been accepted, fully approved and authorized by the IIMC Program Review and Certification Committee. Approval was received on October 6<sup>th</sup>. We applaud their dedication to ensure that we are fully capable of certifying all our clerks as they complete the institute and academy.

JoAnne Ragona and Charlene Smollen, MCI Institute Training Committee Co-Chairs  
Patty Burns, Marilyn Karr, and Maryanne Fair - MCI Institute Training Committee

From the Director

Welcome!

We want to welcome you to the 2015 MCI Institute and Academy. Eastern Illinois University is proud and very pleased to have been given the opportunity to form a partnership with Municipal Clerks of Illinois. We are very proud of the presentations we have planned for you and sincerely hope you enjoy the sessions and feel empowered by the information you obtain.

We want to extend our appreciation to the members of the ITC. Without their guidance and willingness to answer any and all of our questions, we would not have been able to put on this institute and academy.

We hope that you find the 2015 MCI Institute and Academy an enlightening and entertaining experience.

MCI Institute Director  
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