

YORK COUNTY TOWN & CITY CLERK'S ASSOCIATION
SECRETARY'S REPORT
April 17, 2008

The York County Clerks held their **SPRING DINNER** meeting at the Captain's Galley restaurant in Old Orchard Beach on April 17, 2008. There were 26 members and guests in attendance.

April Dufoe, Kennebunkport; Kim McLaughlin, Jeff Thompson, Old Orchard Beach; Claire E. Morrison, Susan Cote, Sanford; Shirley Harrison, Lyman; Joanna Moran, Merton Brown, Kennebunk; Jessica Keyes, Wells; Simone Boissonneault, Arundel; Carmen Lemieux, Tricia Neault, Biddeford; John Myers, Joan Weeman, Brenda Brown, Joan Plummer, Buxton; Janice Saunders, Dayton; Wendy Rawski, Patricia Levesque, Eliot; Maryann Place, Melissa Tibbetts, Kathy Pridham, Kittery; Kerry Thorne, Waterboro; Mary-Anne Szeniawski, York; Geoff Herman, Maine Municipal Association; Robert Nadeau, Drummond & Woodsum.

President Kim McLaughlin opened the meeting by welcoming everyone.

The Secretary's and Treasurer's reports were accepted as written.

Old Business – None.

New Business – Maryann Place of the Scholarship Committee said that the committee only received one application for a scholarship to the New England Municipal Clerks Institute from Michele Hughes, Deputy Clerk in Saco. After some discussion, the Association voted to award Michele a scholarship for up to \$200 depending upon her need.

Next, we discussed updating the Scholarship Application. We agreed to remove the \$100 & 1 person per office limit, and have the Association decide these issues after the report from the Scholarship Committee. We also set the application deadline at April 1st. After a few other wordsmithing changes, it was voted to amend the Scholarship Application.

Lastly, we discussed amending the By-Laws. Some of the changes that were discussed: change the meeting times to spring and fall; increase the dues to \$6.00 since that is what we have been charging for quite a while now; have the Association appoint the Nominating & Scholarship Committees instead of the President; how vacancies in office should be filled; and the process to remove someone from office. President McLaughlin will incorporate all the changes that were discussed into the By-Laws and e-mail them out to all the members before the fall meeting. At the fall meeting, the membership will vote whether or not to amend the By-Laws.

Speakers for the Evening – Geoff Herman of the Maine Municipal Association and Robert Nadeau of Drummond & Woodsum - Geoff Herman and Rob Nadeau spoke on the new and changing school consolidation law. Since the legislative session had not closed yet and there were 2 bills still pending, they didn't have all the definite answers but explained what the bills entailed for changes to the original 2007 law and, if adopted, how that would impact clerks in particular. They answered many questions from the membership. All agreed that the new Budget Validation piece to the consolidation law is very confusing and will be difficult to administer.

The **FALL DINNER** meeting date was set for Thursday, September 18, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. at the Captain's Galley in OOB provided there isn't a conflict with the Sec. of State's Election Conference. The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

April Dufoe, Secretary