**Georgia Municipal Clerks Association**

**Virtual Board Meeting**

**October 18, 2023**

**10:00 am – 10:44 am**

**Call To Order and Comments**

Vice President Deborah Walker-Reed called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone in attendance.

**Roll Call:**

The roll call was given by Vice President Walker-Reed with the following members in attendance:

Regina Russell, President Sandra Haggard, District 5 (absent)

Deborah Walker-Reed, Vice President Telina Allred, District 6 (absent)

Vernice C. Thompson, Treasurer (absent) Kim Reddick, District 7 (absent)

Sharon Nelson, Secretary Margaret Shelley – District 8 (absent)

Melissa Chosewood, District 1 (absent) Angie Conner, District 9

Marilyn Chastain, District 2 Melinda Crook, District 10

Shandrella Jewett, District 3 (absent) Christina Evans, District 11

Richard McCoy, District 4 Naomi Atkinson, District 12

Vicki Wainwright, Immediate Past President

**Others**

Sherri Bailey, GMA

Janice Eidson

Jennifer Sikes, Mount Vernon

Shavala Ames

**Approval of Minutes**

No quorum was present and no significant business was conducted.

**Financial Report**

No quorum was present and no significant business was conducted.

**President Report**

**Officer Reports**

**District Director Reports**

Marilyn Chastain, District 2, reported that she held a district meeting last week and had 12 clerks present for the meeting. She also noted that she would like to run for District 2 Director during the next election since she will not complete a full term this year. In accordance with the Constitution of the Georgia Municipal Clerks Association, Section 7.5, this would be acceptable.

Christina Evans, District 11, reported that GMA’s District 11 meeting was held last night with 49 people in attendance. District 11 will hold their Lunch & Learn on October 25th in Valdosta.

**Committee Reports**

The Marketing Committee reported that Ms. Molene Burke, age 91, was recognized as the first City Clerk of Walthourville, appointed by the Governor when the city was chartered in 1974. Her story is highlighted on the GMCA Facebook page.

**GMA Update**

Sherri Bailey reminded everyone that fall district meetings continue throughout the month. Newly Elected Officials training registration will open this week and Cities United Summit registrations will open on November 14. She asked to have a board member attend the November 16 Talk It Up Thursday to discuss the GMCA mentoring program. She also reminded everyone to check the GMA calendar as it is updated often. Weekly reports from GMA go out each Monday. She stated that we could send her anything we would like included. She also reminded everyone that the National League of Cities will hold their annual convention in Atlanta, November 16-18 and encouraged everyone to attend.

**IIMC Region III Update**

Janice Eidson stated that 39 people have fully registered for the meeting from the states of Georgia, North Carolina and Florida. Four people have registered for Thursday only and one person for Wednesday only. We have three exhibitors thus far along with one $1,000 sponsorship. Thirteen seats remain for both Athenian dialogues. Pam Helton continues to work with Kia on a sponsorship. Richard McCoy will also reach out to the representative he has been working with.

**Other Items Not on the Agenda**

Deborah Walker-Reed reminded everyone of the upcoming Clerks Advisory retreat to be held December 6-8. We will have gifts for county attendees as well as the regular gift exchange. She also gave a brief update on HB324 and stated she is working to get some training on the bill.

**Adjourn**

There were no other discussions and the meeting was adjourned at 10:44 am.

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Regina Russell, President

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Sharon Nelson, Secretary