

Why Run For a WMCA Position?

There are many reasons which I could list but I'm going to let our current officers tell you why they chose to run for office, how they and their municipality benefited from it.

Past President - Nancy J. Zastrow - Village of Pewaukee

The reason I chose to run for 1st Vice President and then succession into President was because I wanted to give back to the organization that has helped me become the best Clerk for my community. I also wanted to make a difference and open doors for other Clerk's to throw their hat into the ring to get involved. During my term as President, I was the "crazy" President that wore a tiara when I attended District meetings. I wanted the members to know that I was approachable and open to any ideas that were suggested. Serving this wonderful organization was the best year of my life, I met many new people and have made lots of lifetime friendships. I would encourage anyone that is a member of WMCA to consider serving for our organization, either as a committee member, district director or Board of Director position. It will be an experience of a lifetime that will open doors for you both personally and professionally.

District 4 Co-Director Lois Frank, Village of Cambria

This year I celebrate my 20th year working for the Village of Cambria. I'm very proud of the work that I do and that of my fellow clerks and treasurers. I feel that over the years I've gotten so much from WMCA that I want to give back. The way I can do that is by serving on committees and by being an officer. The leadership, organizational, and time management skills that I obtain help me both personally and professionally. And of course the networking amongst my peers and friends is priceless!

District 5 Co-Director JoAnn Lessor, Town of Oconomowoc

I have always appreciated the WMCA and what it offers to the members in the way of education and networking. When I received my scholarships to attend the Municipal Clerk and Treasurer's Institute paid for by the WMCA, I made an oath to myself that I would never forget the generosity afforded to me nor would I take the knowledge that I would obtain for granted. I felt that it was my duty to give back to such a great organization in whatever capacity I could. With that being said, I have since been a District Secretary, sat on a WMCA Committee, and I am currently a District Co-Director. With my involvement in these different areas I have met other members, which have turned into great sources of reference as well as professional and personal friends. As for what my involvement in the WMCA has done for my municipality, I believe that I have gained additional organizational skills, learned time management, prioritizing skills, and have been able to speak more proficiently during board meetings and business meetings. WMCA gives to its members a lot, and it's up to the individual member on how much they want to give back, and I for one, recommend giving back even if it's a small amount, you will be rewarded many times over.

District 6 Co-Director Char Peterson, City of Appleton

Stepping forward to be a Co-Director has afforded me the opportunity to establish an excellent network with my fellow colleagues. I was hesitant at first because I don't have a lot of time to spare. However, I learned very quickly that it doesn't take a lot of your time being a co-director because it is a team effort. Being actively involved has helped me grow professionally providing me with inexpensive resources I may not have discovered previously that are available at my fingertips. Thank you WMCA!"

District 8 Co-Director Kim Albano, Town of Woodruff

My name is Kim Domini-Albano. I was elected Woodruff Town Clerk 2 years ago and was the Deputy Clerk for 1 year prior. I ran for the office of Co-Director of District 8 because I wanted to give back to the Wisconsin Municipal Clerk's Association. I have been the recipient of scholarships for the UW-Green Bay Clerk's Institute, had the security of being matched up with a Clerk Mentor, attended WMCA Conferences and made connections with other clerks who have been of great support. The WMCA also gives me the chance to have my voice heard as it relates to new legislation and keeps me up to date on changes. The WMCA has been invaluable to me and is much of the reason why I have accomplished my duties successfully and have not lost my mind! I love my position as Town Clerk and I am very grateful to the WMCA.