Michigan Court Administration Association

A BIT OF MCAA HISTORY and INFORMATION…

- **When was MCAA formed as an organization**
  - *In 1966, originated as the Michigan Municipal Court Clerks Association in November 1966 and evolved into the Michigan Court Adminstrators Association (MCAA), which was chartered in 1970. In May 1976, this became the Michigan Court Administration Association.*
- **Who was Wayne Berg**
  - *Former court administrator and President of MCAA (1981-82) for whom the Distinguished Service Award is named. Mr. Berg died in office while Administrator of the 10th District Court in Calhoun County. Prior to his tenure at the 10th District Court, he served as Administrator of the 80th District Court in Clare County.*
  - *The Wayne Berg award modified to the Dave Walsh Distinguished Service Award. Dave Walsh, retired court administrator, from the 47th District Court in Farmington Hills, who is a mentor to the court administration profession and has provided a voice for MCAA.*
  - *This award is presented by MCAA, at the yearly annual conference, to someone who has made a significant contribution to the enhancement of the profession of court administration over an extended number of years.*
- **Who was the first president of MCAA**
  - *Shaker Brackett from the 68th District Court, was elected the first President of the Michigan Municipal Court Clerks Association at the charter meeting in Flint in November 1966. Various succeeding founding presidents were: Paul Gustafson, 69th District Court, which later merged into the 70th District Court (1967-1969), Kenneth Welch, 9th District Court, which was later merged into the 8th District Court (1970-71 and MCAA), Armond Agosti, 9-2 District Court, which was also merged into the 8th District Court (1971-72), John VanSlambrouck, 1st District Court (1973-74), Edwin Rinn, 75th District Court (1975-1976), James Farrar, 61st District Court (1977), David Recher, 3B District Court (1978), Sue Carter, 8th District Court (1979) who was the First (1st) Female President, Wayne Berg, 10th District Court who passed away in office in 1980.*
  - *There have been several elected presidents since 1980, all representing the courts and our mission.*
- **How did the "scale and quill" become the official MCAA logo**
  - *It was designed by Chloie Frye of the 51st District Court and subsequently officially adopted by the MCAA Board. The design was proposed by Shaker Brackett at the first MMCCA meeting in November 1966 and adopted by the attending members at the first meeting. The logo was subsequently adopted by MCAA.*
- **What is the Mission of MCAA**
  - *The mission of the Association is to support its members in advancing the profession of court administration in the State of Michigan.*
  - *The Association has an obligation to conduct its affairs consistent with the Michigan Uniform Code of Conduct for Court Managers and Administrators*
- **What officers represent the MCAA Board**
  - *President*
  - *Vice President*
  - *Second Vice President – Conference Chair*
  - *Recording Secretary*
  - *Corresponding Secretary*
  - *Treasurer*
  - *Immediate Past-President*
  - *Parliamentarian*
  - *Eight (8) Board of Directors*
- **How long is a MCAA Board Officers term & when does the MCAA Board Meet**
  - *Each term is two (2) years*
    - *Immediate Past President will serve until their successors are duly qualified and acting.*
    - *President may serve for no more than two (2) consecutive full terms and may not serve more than six (6) consecutive years, including unexpired terms.*
  - *The MCAA Board meets four (4) times a year one being at the Annual Meeting during the Annual Michigan Court Managers Conference*
- **What are the Awards offered by MCAA**
  - *Court Administrator of the Year: A MCAA member who has made a noticeably significant contribution to the field of court administration and management.*
  - *Rising Star Award: A MCAA member, court administrator or deputy court administrator with five or fewer years of experience in the position who has made a significant accomplishment(s) in their position that demonstrates a promising future as a leader in court administration.*
  - *Dave Walsh Distinguished Service Award: **Reference the Wayne Berg Award above***
  - *Soaring Above the Rest Award: A MCAA member who has contributed in a distinctive way to improve the lot of those less able to help themselves, devoted himself/herself to sustain and selfless voluntary service or shown innovation and/or creativity in delivering lasting results.*

- **What is the Education Committee for MCAA**
  - *Partnership with National Center for State Courts, Institute for Court Management*
  - *Provides the opportunity for a Certified Court Manager's program (CCM) and a Certified Executive Program (CCE) in the State of Michigan for Michigan Court Leaders.*
  - *The program goal is to educate and build relationships amongst our State's court professionals.*
  - *More information can be located at: https://www.micourtadmin.com/305516/Page/Show?ClassCode=Page&Slug=ccm-cce-education-opportunities*



  - **What memberships are available:**
    - *Regular Membership*
    - *NACM/MCAA dual membership*
      - *National Association Court Managers (NACM) partnered with Michigan Court Administrator Association (MCAA) to offer a discounted membership rate*
    - *Associate Membership*
    - *Honorary Membership*
  - **How do I apply for membership:** www.micourtadmin.com