

## Virginia Municipal Clerks Association Institutes and Academy

### Athenian Dialogue -Greenlights

Thursday, July 14, 2022

9:00 AM - 4:00 PM Eastern

Matthew McConaughey's *Greenlights* is not a conventional memoir. As he neared age 50, the Oscar-winning actor revisited the journal that he had kept for the previous 35 years to see what he could learn from it. The result is this book, which combines hard-earned insights about the art of living with vivid accounts of McConaughey's upbringing in rural Texas, his adventures in the movie business, his global travels, and his lifelong search for love and fatherhood. Part autobiography and part life-guide, *Greenlights* both explains and illustrates McConaughey's philosophy of "catching greenlights" — recognizing and even creating those moments when life says "yes" and you cruise into success as you pursue your destiny. Matthew believes the positive aspects of a person's life can be explained by the concept of "greenlights." (304 pages)

Information from [go.vcu.edu/athenian](http://go.vcu.edu/athenian) -

### Athenian Dialogues

In collaboration with the [International Institute of Municipal Clerks](#) (IIMC), this Athenian Leadership Society Dialogue series is offered by the [Virginia Municipal Clerks Association](#) (VMCA) Institute and Academy and hosted by Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU).

### About the Athenian Leadership Society

The [Athenian Leadership Society](#) is an advanced IIMC Leadership Development Program. Athenian Dialogues focus on helping municipal clerks develop critical thinking skills and increase their leadership ability. Athenian Dialogues provide valuable knowledge, vision and understanding to build increased leadership capacity and add value to the contribution of municipal clerks in improving local government.

After completing ten Athenian Dialogues, active IIMC members with good standing are eligible to apply to become fellows in the IIMC Athenian Leadership Society.

### IIMC Education Points

All our Athenian Dialogues are IIMC pre-approved. Athenian Dialogues are eligible for 3 CMC Education Points or 3 MMC Advanced Education Points each with completion of the required learning assessment. A maximum of 18 points can be applied to a CMC application and another separate 18 points to an MMC application.

### Virtual Dialogues

Athenian Dialogues explore leadership principles and practices, drawing on the insights contained in a book that all participants have read. Dialogues are a channel of communication in which municipal clerks share their experience and understanding as they relate to the author's ideas and the relevance of those ideas to their public leadership role.

Dialogues will be held online using Zoom meetings. VCU will provide you with a link where you can connect through your PC, Mac, Linux, iOS, or Android device.

### **IIMC Requirements**

Per [IIMC policy](#), participants must read the entire book prior to attending the Dialogue.

Attendees are expected to limit outside distractions to allow for an effective learning environment and be fully present for the duration of the Dialogue. In addition, participants must have a stable camera and audio connection for the entire session. Participants that opt not to have an audio connection or a camera connection will be removed from the session.

### **Assessment**

To earn IIMC education points, participants must successfully complete a written assessment approximately two weeks after the conclusion of the session and submit it to the dialogue facilitator for review and approval. The exact due date will be noted in the assessment description. If alternative arrangements are not made in advance, participants who fully attend the session, but do not complete the assessment by the deadline, will be provided with an "attendance only" certificate instead of an IIMC education points certificate.

### **Certificates**

After your facilitator confirms your attendance and approves your assessment, VCU will send you a link for you to certify your participation and receive your electronic certificate. Your certificate will be immediately available for download and automatically emailed to you. VCU will send this link to you approximately one month after the assessment submission deadline. Attendance only certificate links will be sent within two business days of the close of the Dialogue. If you have a special circumstance and need your certificate sooner, please let us know, and we will work with the facilitator to accommodate your situation.

### **Cost per Dialogue**

- \$75 for VMCA members
  - \$100 for IIMC members
- Books must be purchased separately on your own.*

### **Registration**

Registration is limited to 24 participants. The minimum enrollment is 10.

### **Registration Options**

#### **IIMC Points**

To earn International Institute of Municipal Clerk (IIMC) education points, participants must fully participate and successfully complete a written assessment no later than two weeks after the conclusion

of the session and submit it to the dialogue facilitator for review and approval.

**Attendance Only**

To earn an "attendance only" certificate toward your fellow application to the IIMC Athenian Leadership Society, clerks must fully participate in the entire dialogue.