



## Vice President Candidates For The 2026 - 2029 International Institute of Municipal Clerks Board of Directors

The following Municipal Clerks have announced their intention to seek office on the 2026 – 2029 IIMC Board of Directors. There are four candidates for Vice President. IIMC will conduct a membership-wide election for the Vice President candidates beginning Monday, March 2 and concluding Monday, March 9, 2026. The elected Candidate for the office of Vice President will be announced at the Annual Business Meeting on Thursday, May 21, 2026, during the Annual Conference in Reno, Nevada.

**Vice President Candidates are listed alphabetically by last name.**



**Julie Barnett, MMC, City Clerk  
Evans, Colorado**

My name is Julie Barnett, MMC, from the City of Evans, Colorado and I want to be your next IIMC Vice President. I became a member of IIMC in March 2014 after being appointed as the Deputy Village Clerk in Buffalo Grove, Illinois. During my clerk career, I have served as the President of the North/Northwest Cook County Clerks Association and served as District 2 Director for the Illinois Municipal Clerks Association. After moving to Colorado, I became involved with the Colorado Municipal Clerks Association. I have served on several Colorado Municipal Clerks Association committees, including the Education Committee, Legislative Committee, Membership Committee and Scholarship Committee.

Elected as your Region VIII East Director in 2023, I have worked with the IIMC Board of Directors to create a diversified and inclusive environment for all municipal clerks by promoting membership and mentoring, engagement with IIMC and by supporting continuing education. Lifelong learning is essential in the role of the clerk. For the last two years, I have been the Board Liaison to the Membership and Mentoring Committee. Working with the Committee Chair, I have tasked the committee with taking a renewed look at the mentoring program to ensure that clerks are getting the guidance they need when they need it.

As your IIMC Vice President, I will lead with intention and continue to build our relationships with our international partners, promote innovative ideas and ensure that education remains relevant to our roles as Municipal Clerks. I will work toward building relationships with the next generation of clerks to ensure that they have the knowledge and skills they need in our profession and encourage them to embrace technology as it rapidly evolves. I will look for additional opportunities with affiliate organizations that align with IIMC's mission and values to provide enhanced partnerships that are beneficial to both organizations. I look forward to working with the Futures Group to evaluate our long-term organizational sustainability as well as the IDEAL Committee in fostering a culture that recognizes the unique backgrounds and perspectives of all members of IIMC. All of our Committees are comprised of dedicated members that work hard to enhance your experience as a member and I am thankful for them all.

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**Elena Hilby, MMC, City Clerk  
Sun Prairie, Wisconsin**

For nearly two decades, Elena Hilby has carried a simple belief into every community she has served: the way clerks show up shapes how people experience their local government. Clerks are often the first point of contact, the keepers of transparency, and the quiet organizers who support trust in local institutions. Elena is running for IIMC Vice President because she believes deeply in the people who do this work and in the importance of strengthening a global profession defined by service, integrity, and connection.

Elena's leadership is grounded in clarity, respect, and collaboration. During her term as President of the Wisconsin Municipal Clerks Association, she helped guide the organization through a period of significant transition, including changes in executive administration, technology upgrades, and improvements to internal processes. Throughout that time, she worked closely with the Board to keep communication steady and decisions accessible so members felt informed, valued, and supported. This experience reinforced her belief that strong organizations are built through transparency, shared understanding, and relationships rooted in trust, especially during times of change.

Her perspective is shaped by serving in municipalities of different sizes and structures, from large urban departments to small offices with limited staff. Elena understands that clerks around the world work in environments that vary widely in resources, legal frameworks, cultures, and languages. Effective leadership, in her view, begins with listening. She believes IIMC is strongest when it reflects the realities clerks face, honors their experiences, and responds in ways that are practical, inclusive, and respectful of day-to-day challenges across regions.

Engagement, for Elena, means showing up with genuine curiosity and consistency. Whether through regional visits, conferences, virtual meetings, or one-on-one conversations, she wants clerks to feel seen, heard, and supported. She understands the pressures clerks face and knows how meaningful it can be to connect with someone who understands those responsibilities firsthand. As Vice President, she will work to strengthen communication across regions, deepen cross-regional relationships, and create more opportunities for clerks to learn from one another. Her leadership centers on listening first, communicating clearly, and building trust through clarity and care.

Elena is committed to strengthening the pillars that support the profession: education, connection, and empowerment. She believes professional development should be accessible, adaptable, and responsive to the diverse environments clerks serve. She supports flexible learning formats, leadership development, and mentorship opportunities that help clerks at every stage build confidence and grow in their roles. Her experience as a long-time educator and mentor within WMCA has shown

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### **Elena Hilby, MMC**

her the power of shared learning and the lasting impact of feeling supported while taking on new challenges.

As a Region VI Director and a clerk who believes deeply in this profession, Elena is grateful for the opportunities IIMC has provided. She would be honored to continue serving the organization as Vice President, working alongside members, staff, and Board colleagues to strengthen education, connection, and empowerment for clerks around the world.



### **Angela R. Johnson, MMC, Clerk – Treasurer Meeteetse, Wyoming**

Angela R. Johnson, MMC, ACPFA, ACPFIM, is a dedicated municipal professional with more than 25 years of hands-on experience serving the Town of Meeteetse, Wyoming. She brings extensive expertise in municipal administration, budgeting, public finance, records management, payroll, utility operations, grant writing, and strategic planning. Her career reflects a steadfast commitment to transparency, fiscal responsibility, and efficient, responsive local government.

Angela is an active and engaged leader within the International Institute of Municipal Clerks (IIMC). Her service includes roles as Region VIII-East Director, Chair of the Education and Professional Development Committee, and member of the Budget Committee, Public Relations and Marketing Committee, Futures Committee, and Diversity Task Force. Through these roles, she has worked to strengthen professional education, support organizational sustainability, and ensure IIMC programs remain relevant to clerks serving communities of all sizes and structures. She is also a past President, Vice President, and Education Committee Chair of the Wyoming Association of Municipal Clerks and Treasurers (WAMCAT), where she focused on leadership development, mentorship, and accessible training opportunities.

As a candidate for IIMC Vice President, Angela recognizes that one of the organization's key challenges is meeting the diverse needs of an international membership while navigating rapid change in technology, governance, and regulatory environments. She believes these challenges can be addressed through strong communication, careful fiscal stewardship, and forward-looking education. With more than two decades of budgeting and financial oversight experience, Angela is committed to ensuring membership resources are used responsibly and in direct support of member priorities.

Angela's approach to leadership is grounded in engagement and service. She values open dialogue with members and believes effective leadership begins with listening. Through regional outreach, conference participation, committee involvement, and mentorship initiatives, she is dedicated to supporting clerks at every stage of their careers. She understands the pressures clerks face—from staffing shortages to increased public expectations—and works to promote practical tools and solutions that support daily operations.

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### **Angela R. Johnson, MMC**

Professional development is central to Angela's vision for IIMC. She advocates for expanded online and hybrid education options, increased scholarship opportunities, strong partnerships with state associations and educational institutions, and clear leadership development pathways. Her goal is to ensure every clerk, regardless of location or community size, has access to meaningful training and advancement opportunities.

Angela is also deeply committed to promoting inclusivity and diversity within IIMC. She believes a strong organization reflects the varied backgrounds, experiences, and perspectives of its members. By supporting inclusive committee participation, equitable access to education, and respectful collaboration across cultures and regions, she works to ensure all clerks feel valued and represented.

In addition to her municipal career, Angela has served on numerous boards related to education, health-care, investment oversight, and youth programs, reflecting her deep commitment to community service. Rooted in a small Wyoming community but engaged at a regional and international level, Angela brings steady, experienced, and collaborative leadership to her service. As IIMC Vice President, she is committed to strengthening education, supporting members, and ensuring the long-term sustainability and relevance of the municipal clerk profession.



### **Linda Larter, MMC, MBE, BA (Hons), Chief Executive/Town Clerk Seven Oaks Town Council, UK**

In 2023 I was elected as a Board Director to IIMC, representing Region XI. I am a member of the International Committee, IDEAL Committee and a founder of the Clerks without Borders project.

I am hoping to use my experience to be more involved in IIMC and therefore standing as Vice President. It would be wonderful in IIMC 80th anniversary year to celebrate the I in IIMC to have an international Vice President.

Key challenges in the role are to reassure the membership of its great IMC Board working together to improve working lives and wellbeing of fellow Clerks. My method of working is to be honest and transparent even in difficult situations to ensure there is trust and understanding.

In the three years of being a Board Director I hope that I have demonstrated I can work with colleagues across the world sharing experiences and knowledge for all our benefits.

Informal learning and experiences are important to the role of Clerks as is networking with fellow Clerks, the Clerks Without Borders provides this worldwide opportunity, I would continue to champion this.

I was honoured to be invited onto the IDEAL Committee working with colleagues to address barriers perceived or real within IIMC for inclusivity and diversity. I would continue this work, build on a strategy to implement the proposals and ideas created.

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### **Linda Larter, MMC**

I have been a Clerk for 38 years working with councils from 250 to 70,000+ population, and two new councils.

I have a Local Policy BA (Hons) degree, studied distant learning for 5 Years (normally 6) whilst a Clerk. I also meet the required Personal Development Points to be a Fellow of the Society of Local Council Clerks (SLCC) in the UK. I was honoured to be President of SLCC for two years (during Covid) now a Board Director.

In 2000 the Millennium Commission nominated me for an MBE for a community project. King Charles (then Prince of Wales) carried out the Investiture at Buckingham Palace.

I have been heavily involved in the UK Civility & Respect Project. Also Chair of UK SLCC Educational Trust. Both of these projects have transferable skills and information worldwide.

Currently Chief Executive / Town Clerk for Sevenoaks Town Council with 16 elected Councillors and staff of 59 [www.sevenoakstown.gov.uk](http://www.sevenoakstown.gov.uk). Responsible for the governance and operation of the council with a wide variety of functions including cemetery, sports fields, community buildings, youth facilities etc.

The Clerk's role in England is different to other countries and combines the roles of Clerk, Parliamentarian, City Manager, Project Manager and more.

During Covid I provided a weekly update, this has remained popular and is now a weekly blog Town Clerk's Updates - Sevenoaks Town Council.

I am very fortunate in my IIMC roles to be supported by my husband Chippy, two grown up sons, my Council — both Councillors and my team. I am very grateful for this.