

MTCCA Athenian Dialogue – WEBSITE CONTENT

Athenian Dialogue: *Big Magic* by Elizabeth Gilbert sponsored by Maine Town & City Clerks' Association – 3/4 & 3/5/26

Dates: Two 3.5-hour sessions – Wednesday, March 4 & Thursday, March 5, 2026

Location: Interactive Zoom Meeting

Time: 9:00am-12:30pm EST - EACH DAY

Cost: MTCCA Member: \$60; Non-Member: \$80 (**Does not include the price of the book; book must be purchased independently**)

Facilitator: Shelly Crosby MMC, CMC, CCM, Town Clerk, Town of Orono, Maine

Class size is limited to 30 participants.

Deadline to register is February 25, 2026

Participants must obtain and read the book or listen to the audio before class.

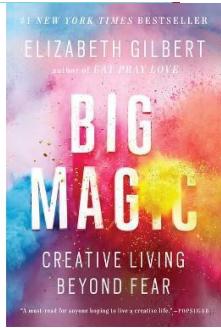
Worth 3 points towards CMC or MMC after completion of essay assessment.

Participants must attend both days in their entirety to receive full credit.

What is an Athenian Dialogue?

Athenian Dialogues explore leadership principles and practice, drawing on the insights contained in a book that all participants have read. Dialogues are conversations in which we have the opportunity to share our experience and understanding as it relates to the ideas of the author and the relevance of those ideas to their public leadership role.

Read the book, participate in class and complete assessment – earn 3 CMC or MMC points



About our book:

Big Magic: Creative Living Beyond Fear by Elizabeth Gilbert is a book about embracing creativity by letting go of fear, finding inspiration, and pursuing passions with curiosity rather than pressure. The "deluxe" edition is a special, limited-run version that includes unique artwork by Lourdes Sanchez, making it a collector's item. The core message across all editions is that creativity is a joyful, accessible part of life, not a painful struggle, and that everyone has "strange jewels" of potential to uncover.

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Confirmation and Zoom link:

Registrants will receive their Zoom link and meeting details no later than 24 hours in advance. An official workshop confirmation from MMA will follow with further instructions and access to meeting materials.

Please reach out to training@memun.org if you have not received your link the day prior to the training.

Cancellation Policy:

Cancellations must be submitted using this [Cancellation form](#) to cancel your registration for an event. Cancellations received **before** 3/4/25 will be charged a \$15 cancellation fee. Any registrant who does not attend and does not cancel their registration (i.e., no-show) and any cancellation received the day of the event will be charged the full registration fee. Exceptions to this policy will not be considered.

Certificates of attendance will be provided after the event, via email.

How to REGISTER: (NOTE - This is not a MTCCA membership account)

You will need to create a log in to the MTCCA's Ebiz registration platform to register for this training, through the Maine Municipal Association's website. Follow the instructions below:

Step: 1 - Navigate to the MMA website at www.memun.org
Step: 2 – Select the Register option on the MMA homepage
Step: 3 – Complete and submit the register New User form

Once you've submitted the new user registration form, the MMA member services team will activate and provide sign on credentials, this process can take between 24-48 hours.

If you require further assistance, please email AGmemberservices@memun.org

Once approved, register here - <https://www.memun.org/Training>

Payments: You can pay online via credit card or you can mail your payment to:

MTCCA C/O MMA
60 Community Drive
Augusta, Maine 04330

If you have questions regarding the training content, please contact the Educational Services Office at (207) 623-8428 or training@memun.org. If you have questions about your registration, payment or MTCCA membership please email AGmemberservices@memun.org