

## Message from the President



**President Linda M. Christopher**  
**MMC, NCCMC**  
**Village of Whispering Pines**



Hello Spring! I hope the winter weather is finally behind us and you are enjoying the beautiful blooms appearing across our state.

It was wonderful seeing many of you at the IIMC Region III Conference in Wrightsville Beach last month. The educational sessions were excellent, the food was fabulous, and networking with clerks from across the region was an awesome experience. For those attending the IIMC Annual Conference in Reno from May 17–21, I am disappointed that I cannot join you due to a work conflict. I know North Carolina will be well represented, and I look forward to seeing all your pictures!

I also want to extend a heartfelt thank you to the clerks who serve on our NCAMC Board and Committees; your dedication is the foundation of our Association's success. Immediate Past President Sabrena Reinhardt and First Vice President Brenda Blanco have sent out a call for applications to serve on the Board and Committees. As our theme says, We Shine Brighter Together, so I encourage you to get involved.

Looking ahead, keep an eye out for information regarding our April spring regionals, and mark your calendars for our annual Summer Conference in Wilmington, August 19–22.

Keep on Shining!  
**Linda M. Christopher**  
**NCAMC President**





## 2025-2026 Officers & District Directors

### Executive Committee

- **President Linda Christopher**, MMC, NCCMC, Whispering Pines
- **1st Vice President Brenda Blanco**, MMC, NCCMC, New Bern
- **2nd Vice President Betsy Shores**, MMC, NCCMC, Davidson
- **Recording Secretary Barb Rote**, MMC, NCCMC, Butner
- **Immediate Past President Sabrena Reinhardt**, MMC, NCCMC, Leland
- **Secretary/Treasurer Baxter Wells**, NCLM

### At Large Members:

- **Jackie Nicholson**, MMC, NCCMC, Wallace
- **Laura Getz**, MMC, NCCMC, Goldsboro

### District Directors

#### Region 1 (Districts 1-3)

- **District 1 - Jamie Whitley**, CMC, NCCMC, Manteo
- **District 2 - Jayne Beyer**, NCCMC, Cedar Point
- **District 3 - Jackie Nicholson**, MMC, NCCMC, Wallace

## New IIMC Certifications\*

### **Certified Municipal Clerks (CMC)**

- **Carla P. Citarelli**, Surf City
- **Catherine Cook**, Huntersville
- **Alison Glynn**, High Point
- **Laura Jacobs**, Biltmore Forest
- **Rebecca Murray**, Garner
- **Kathleen Patterson**, Elon
- **Gilberta B. Shaheen**, Highlands
- **Tymeeka L. Williams**, Kenly

### Region 2 (Districts 4-6)

- **District 4 - Laura Getz**, MMC, NCCMC, Goldsboro
- **District 5 - Pamela Perry**, MMC, NCCMC, Louisburg
- **District 6 - Stella Gibson**, MMC, NCCMC, Garner

### Region 3 (Districts 7-9)

- **District 7 - Jennifer Ayre**, MPA, MMC, NCCMC, Fayetteville
- **District 8 - Austin W. Yow**, MPA, CMC, NCCMC, Marvin
- **District 9 - Angela Lord**, MMC, NCCMC, Lewisville

### Region 4 (Districts 10-12)

- **District 10 - Nicole Harmon**, MMC, NCCMC, Boone
- **District 11 - Stephanie Watson**, MMC, NCCMC, Conover
- **District 12 - Wesley Barker**, NCCMC, Black Mountain



*\*This listing should include all certifications since the previous newsletter. We apologize if we have missed anyone.*



## 2025-2026 Calendar of Events

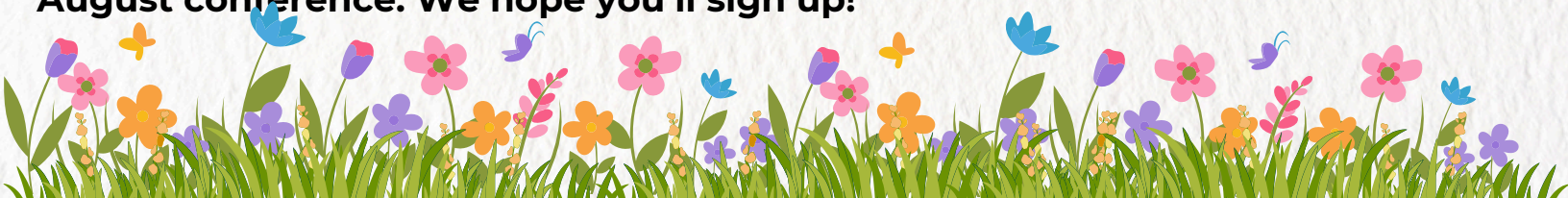
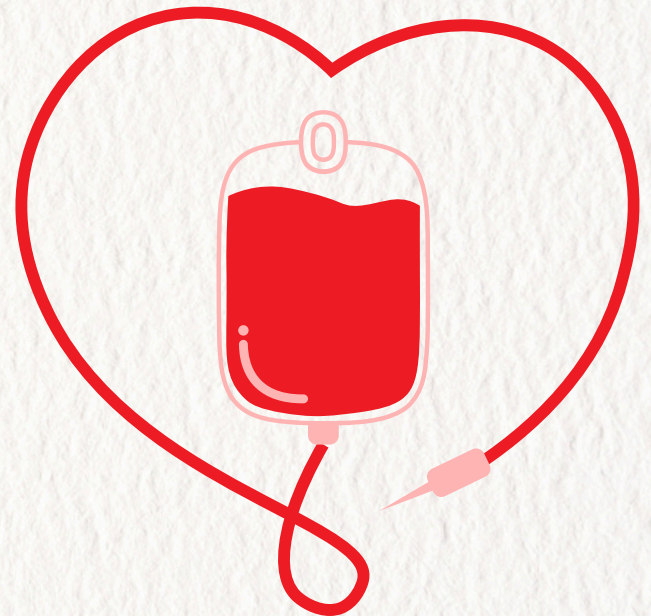
- May 5 - 7 NCLM Annual Conference, Raleigh
- May 15 Spring Regional Academy in Goldsboro
- May 17 - 21 IIMC Annual Conference, Reno, Nevada
- May 22 Spring Regional Academy (Virtual)
- May 29 Spring Regional Academy in Statesville
- June 5 Committee Meetings as scheduled by Chairpersons
- June 12 Board of Directors Meeting, 11am (Virtual)
- August Clerks' Certification Institute, Session #1
- August 19 - 22 Summer Conference, Wilmington
- September Board of Directors Meeting
- October Clerks' Certification Institute, Session #2

## Blood Drive Report from IIMC Region 3 Conference

NCAMC's third blood drive was held on February 18th at the IIMC Region 3 conference. There were 32 donations, equaling 28 whole units, which will save 84 lives!

Thanks to everyone who participated! And a special thanks to Baxter Wells for personally donating a door prize! All donors received \$40 in rewards redeemable for a gift card of their choice, and Linda Christopher won the door prize drawing for a \$50 Target gift card.

**The next drive will be scheduled for the August conference. We hope you'll sign up!**





# **Lisa Stites Honored with “Leaving a Green Legacy” Tree Ceremony**

**Oak Island, NC — February 17, 2026**

The Town of Oak Island gathered on February 17 at Town Hall to celebrate Municipal Clerk Lisa Stites with a special “Leaving a Green Legacy” tree ceremony, recognizing her as the 2025 Clerk of the Year by the North Carolina Association of Municipal Clerks (NCAMC).

Colleagues, elected officials, fellow NCAMC clerks, friends, and her husband Jeff attended the event, which highlighted Lisa’s years of dedicated service to the Oak Island community. During the ceremony, an existing tree on the Town Hall grounds was officially designated in her honor, symbolizing the lasting impact of her leadership and commitment to local government.

Town leaders praised Lisa for her steady guidance, strong attention to detail, and consistent support of the Town Council, boards, staff, and residents. Speakers noted that her behind-the-scenes work has improved transparency, strengthened processes, and elevated the municipal clerk profession.

The Clerk of the Year award is one of NCAMC’s highest honors, recognizing outstanding service across North Carolina. Lisa’s selection reflects both her expertise and her reputation as a trusted resource and mentor within the clerk community.

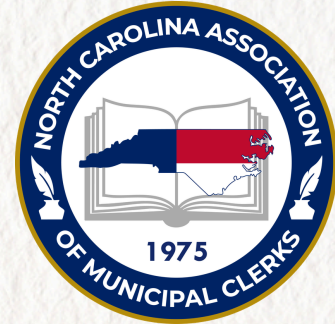
The designated tree will stand as a living tribute to Lisa’s contributions and the positive difference she continues to make. The Town of Oak Island extends its sincere congratulations and thanks to Lisa Stites for truly leaving a green legacy.





## NCAMC Now Accepting Applications for 2026–2027 Directors and Officers

The North Carolina Association of Municipal Clerks (NCAMC) is now accepting applications for members interested in serving in leadership roles for the 2026–2027 term. Serving as a District Director or Officer is a meaningful opportunity to contribute to the advancement of the profession, support fellow clerks, and help shape the future direction of the Association.



NCAMC is seeking qualified and engaged members for the following positions:

- **District Directors** (*Odd-numbered districts only.*)
- **Second Vice President** (*Applicants must have served two (2) years as a District Director.*)
- **Recording Secretary**

Leadership service offers members the chance to strengthen professional networks, develop leadership skills, and represent clerks across North Carolina at a higher level. While professional certifications such as CMC, NCCMC, or MMC are desirable, they are not required for all positions.

Members are encouraged to reflect on their experience, committee involvement, and unique skills when considering this opportunity. NCAMC thrives because of dedicated members who are willing to lead, collaborate, and serve.

**The application deadline is April 15, 2026.** Completed applications should be submitted to: **Sabrena Reinhardt**, MMC - NCAMC Immediate Past President  
Email: [sreinhardt@townofleland.com](mailto:sreinhardt@townofleland.com) | Phone: **910-332-4297**

If you are passionate about the municipal clerk profession and ready to make a broader impact, consider applying for an NCAMC leadership position. Your voice and service matter.

- **[Download the Application Here](#)**



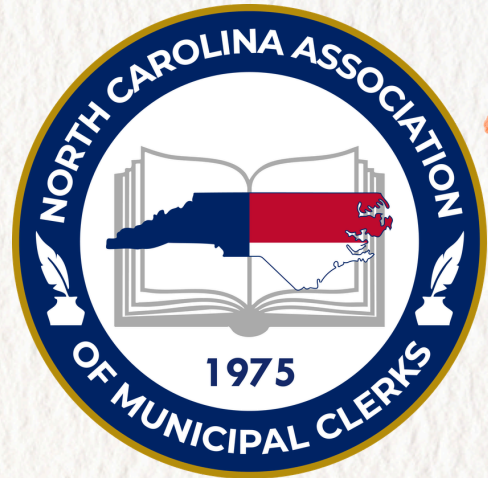


## Apply to Serve on Committees for Next Year!

NCAMC is calling on members to step forward and share their time, expertise, energy, and talents. Whether you've served before or are considering getting involved for the first time, your participation makes a meaningful difference!

There are several committees available:

- Finance Committee
- Legislative Committee
- Leaving a Green Legacy Committee
- Membership Committee
- State Certification Committee
- Publicity Committee
- History Committee
- 2029 Site Selection Committee (Eastern NC)
- Program & Education Committee
- We Share Our Services Committee



Volunteering is not only a way to support the Association—it's also one of the best ways to connect with fellow clerks, build relationships, and strengthen our professional community. Every committee benefits from fresh perspectives and experienced voices.

**Submit your application by April 24, 2026** to **Brenda Blanco**, 1st Vice President, at [blancob@newbernnc.gov](mailto:blancob@newbernnc.gov).

Sign up and get involved—NCAMC thrives because of members like you!

- [Download the Application Here](#)

## We Need Your Photos!

Do you have any photos from clerk workshops, meetings, or conferences? If you do, we need them! We would like to include more photos to show 'who we are' and 'what we do' in our publications, especially the annual video scrapbook!

Send your pictures to:

[\*\*ncamcscrapbook@gmail.com\*\*](mailto:ncamcscrapbook@gmail.com)





## 2026 Spring Regionals! “Spring into Learning with NCAMC!”

It’s officially Spring, and you know what that means—it’s time for the NCAMC Spring Regionals! We are so excited to bring our clerks together for another season of growth, networking, and high-impact continuing education. Whether you prefer an in-person experience or the convenience of your home office, we have a session for you!



### **Mark Your Calendars:**

- May 15 – Goldsboro, hosted by City Clerk Laura Getz
- May 22 – Virtual Session, emceed by Charlotte City Clerk Stephanie Kelly
- May 29 – Statesville, hosted by City Clerk Emily Kurfees

### **Registration Details:**

Registration is opening soon! Make sure to grab your spot early.

- NCAMC Members: \$80
- Non-Members: \$100

Thank you for your patience as we finalized this year's lineup. We can't wait to see our North Carolina clerks "joining together" for these fantastic sessions!





### District 8 Clerks Meet for Networking Social

District 8 Clerks met for a networking social dinner at Brewers at 4001 Yancey in Charlotte on Wednesday, February 25! The conversations were joyful, the food was delicious, and the jokes were hilarious! NCAMC is blessed to have so many members dedicated not only to the clerk profession and public service, but also to one another!



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*Pictured left to right: Lori Canapinno (Matthews), Austin Yow (Marvin), Barbie Bruce (Waxhaw), Karen Dewey (Weddington), Lori Harrell (Cornelius), Debbie Coram (Weddington), Kristine Smith (Mecklenburg County), and the lovely Sharelle Quick (Mineral Springs) down in front!*

### 2015 IIMC Certification Alumni Reunite at IIMC Region III Conference

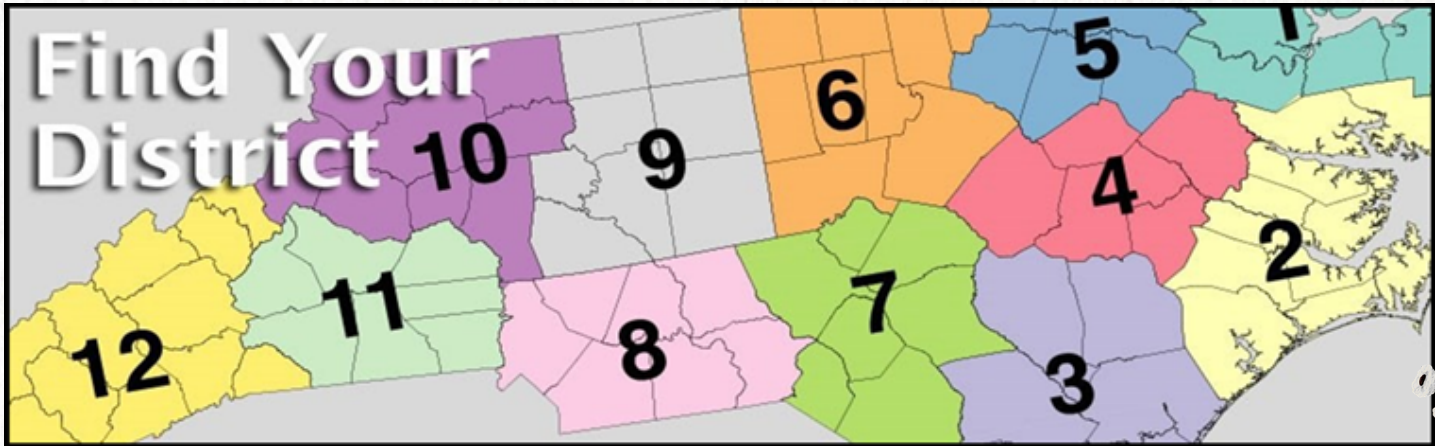
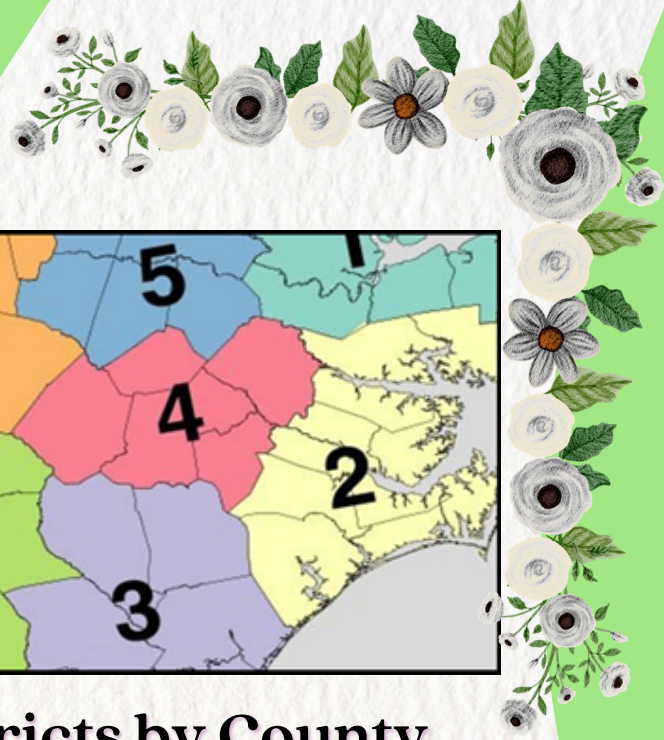
The Clerks from the 2015 IIMC Clerk Certification Institute reconnected at the February 2026 IIMC Region III Conference in Wrightsville Beach! The background for this photo is a little on the nose. As we all have learned, Clerks wear so many hats!



IIMC and NCAMC conferences not only serve to keep our minds sharp, but to help us reconnect and support each other!

*Pictured left to right: Jenifer Johnson (Chatham Co), Barb Rote (Butner), Barbie Bruce (Waxhaw), Laura Getz (Goldsboro), Wendy Martin (Thomasville), and Alissa Fender (Swansboro).*





## NCAMC is Divided into 12 Districts by County

### Region 1 (Districts 1-3)

- **District 1:** Bertie, Camden, Chowan, Currituck, Dare, Gates, Hertford, Martin, Pasquotank, Perquimans, Tyrrell, and Washington
- **District 2:** Beaufort, Carteret, Craven, Hyde, Jones, Onslow and Pamlico
- **District 3:** Bladen, Brunswick, Columbus, Duplin, New Hanover, Pender, and Sampson

### Region 2 (Districts 4-6)

- **District 4:** Green, Johnston, Lenoir, Pitt, Wayne, and Wilson
- **District 5:** Edgecombe, Franklin, Halifax, Nash, Northampton and Warren
- **District 6:** Alamance, Caswell, Chatham, Durham, Granville, Orange, Person, Vance, and Wake

### Region 3 (Districts 7-9)

- **District 7:** Cumberland, Harnett, Hoke, Lee, Moore, Robeson, and Scotland
- **District 8:** Anson, Cabarrus, Mecklenburg, Montgomery, Richmond, Stanly, and Union
- **District 9:** Davidson, Davie, Forsyth, Guilford, Randolph, Rockingham, Rowan, and Stokes

### Region 4 (Districts 10-12)

- **District 10:** Alexander, Alleghany, Ashe, Avery, Caldwell, Iredell, Surry, Watauga, Wilkes, and Yadkin
- **District 11:** Burke, Catawba, Cleveland, Gaston, Lincoln, McDowell, and Rutherford
- **District 12:** Buncombe, Cherokee, Clay, Graham, Haywood, Henderson, Jackson, Macon, Madison, Mitchell, Polk, Swain, Transylvania, and Yancey