

Hello IIMC Region 1 members,

We hope this email finds you well. Region 1 Director Sue Haag and I are pleased to share with you some of the first details of our annual gathering:

**SAVE THE DATE:**  
**IIMC Region 1 Annual Meeting and Training Conference –**  
**March 24-26, 2024**  
**Springfield Marriott, Springfield, MA**

Event presenters – back by popular demand:

Sunday – Athenian Dialogue facilitated by Sue Haag, Region 1 Director and Town Clerk of Austerlitz, NY (Sneak Peek on topic – The wonderful, whimsical Amazing World of Dr. Seuss Museum is a few blocks from the hotel)

Monday & Tuesday – Cathy Donahue, Central CT State University School of Business adjunct professor and CT Municipal Clerks Institute faculty member. Cathy specializes in business communications, marketing, productivity and performance. She is a 2023 Excellence in Teaching Award Recipient from the University, has presented to Region 1 for the past few years and is highly regarded as a trainer. Our working theme: Serving as a Public Official in 2024: Developing Grit, Tenacity, Perseverance and Resilience. More info on Cathy: [\(21\) Cathleen \(Cathy\) \(Donnelly\) Donahue | LinkedIn](#)

Lots more info to come, we look forward to hosting you and welcoming you to Springfield – home of the National Basketball Hall of Fame, MGM Casino, Mass Mutual Center, Springfield Museum campus (five museums – fine art, science, aquarium, planetarium, and more), many restaurants well known for German food and Italian food, fourth largest city in New England and 15<sup>th</sup> largest in Region 1, close to flagship Yankee Candle Shop in Deerfield, outlet malls and more. For history buffs – Titanic Museum and Historical Society, Springfield played a pivotal role in the Civil War, and was a stop on the Underground Railroad. The Springfield Armory is a National Historic Site and has the largest collection of historic American firearms in the world. Also home to Forest Park, as large as Central Park, and features a zoo, lake, playgrounds, formal rose garden, and more. So much to do in Springfield!

Want to see what is happening in Springfield, a really dynamic and engaging city? Follow their city facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/CityofSpringfieldMA> And the Explore Western MA facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/ExploreWesternMass>

And speaking of facebook, please remember we have two Region 1 fb groups to stay connected on a more regular basis: [\(5\) IIMC Region 1 |](#)

[Facebook](#) AND <https://www.facebook.com/groups/599570466904304> Why the two groups? One is run by IIMC headquarters and one is run by the Region 1 members. We try to post duplicate info to both groups but sometimes we forget so joining both helps to stay connected.

We have 663 members in Region 1 in our seven states; Sue and I are ready to assist you with any questions you may have regarding IIMC, national certification as a CMC or MMC, the new EPP program, the 2024 IIMC conference in Calgary and more. Feel free to reach out at any time. Thanks everyone.

Happy Fall -

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