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The New York Conference of Mayors (NYCOM) 2022 Fall Training School was held the week of September 12-16, 2022 in Saratoga Springs, New York. This year's Fall Training school featured a Margaritaville Theme, chosen by Long Island's own Village of Rockville Centre Mayor and Current Board President of the New York Conference of Mayors Fran Murray. It was a week full of networking, learning, friendship, and mentorship. Long Island's representation was strong this year with over 80 members and associate members of our Association in attendance. We had many first-time attendees as well which was great to see. Several of our members and associate members also presented at workshops.

Boards and Appointments

Marianne Lobaccaro, Village of North Hills Village Clerk-Treasurer, ended her term as the President of the New York State Society of Municipal Finance Officers and received a plaque and pin for her dedication and service in the role. Marianne assisted with a transition of a novice Board and established a first-of-its kind formal mentor program for all finance officers in New York State. Marianne will continue on the Society Board as a Past President for one term. Chrissy Kiernan was also formally voted in by the membership of the New York State Society of Municipal Finance Officers Board after being appointed in November to fill a vacancy. Liz Gaynor was formally voted in by the membership of the New York State Association of City & Village Clerks as a Director on the Board where she was appointed mid-year by the current President.

Professional Certifications

We had several certifications received by our members. Donna Lyudmer, Treasurer, Village of Saltaire; Liz Gaynor, Clerk, Village of Sands Point; and Marianne Lobaccaro, Village Clerk-Treasurer, Village of North Hills all received their Credentialed Municipal Finance Officer re-certifications. Chrissy Kiernan, Village Clerk-Treasurer, Village of Westbury and Liz Gaynor, Village Clerk, Village of Sands Point, each received their Registered Municipal Clerk re-certifications.

Sue Walsh – Clerk of the Year!!

This year at the New York State Association of City & Village Clerks Annual Meeting and Luncheon held on September 13, 2022, one of our own, Susan Walsh, Clerk of the Village of Floral Park received the esteemed Clerk of the Year Award. Sue has served in the role for the last 23 years and has held many titles including Court Clerk. Floral Park's Mayor Kevin Fitzgerald, Board of Trustees and Village Administrator Gerard Bambrick nominated Sue for this prestigious award for her dedication and service to the Village of Floral Park. Mayor Fitzgerald in his nomination, stated that "Susan Walsh is the living definition of an outstanding public servant and a role model for all who serve the public good." The Board honored Sue at its September 20th Board of Trustees meeting and thanked her for her twenty-three years of outstanding service to the Village residents and to the Mayor and Board of Trustees. Susan responded that she was "truly humbled and honored to receive this award and that she truly loves Floral Park." A big shout to Sue on a well-deserved honor!

Bob Smith – Director's Award - for Providing Professional Assistance and Counsel to Public Officials!!

At the New York State Society of Municipal Finance Officers Annual Meeting and Luncheon held on September 15, 2022, one of our own, Robert P. Smith "Bob Smith", Bond Counsel Extraordinaire from the Law Firm of Hawkins Delafield & Wood, received the prestigious Director's Award for his advice, council, and mentorship to finance officers on Long Island and throughout New York State. Bob currently serves as Association Counsel to the Long Island Village Clerks & Treasurers Association and is

assisting the New York State Society of Municipal Finance Officers with revising its by-laws. Bob represents a large number of municipalities, districts and other governmental and quasi-governmental entities with respect to financing matters. He specializes in New York general obligation financings as counsel to both issuers and underwriters and is thoroughly familiar with all aspects of the State's Local Finance Law and its constitutional and statutory framework. He has served as bond counsel to numerous issuers, including counties, cities, towns, villages, school districts, fire districts, public authorities, improvement districts, local development corporations and other public entities in the state of New York. He has also served as bond counsel to local authorities with respect to revenue bond issues and has served as counsel to the underwriters on many transactions.









