

MESSAGE FOR COUNTY CHAPTERS

During the latter part of year 2008 and early in 2009, there have been various movements by the County Representatives (hereafter referred to as “Reps”). In Dutchess and Essex counties, the clerks have elected new officers; Steuben County has organized a local Association, taking into account the information in the June 2008 Docket article by Jill Bodie.

The 2nd Annual County Representative “Meet and Greet” session took place on Tuesday, September 23, 2008 at the Annual Conference in Niagara Falls. Newly elected 3rd Vice President and Chair of the County Chapters Committee, Velma Richardson, was introduced to the twenty-one Reps in attendance.

The Reps will be very involved in projects with the Executive Board throughout this year as the Board reaches out to the general membership. The first project involved a questionnaire drawn up by the Docket Editor, Janet Smith. This form was designed to collect information on the condition and timeliness of the Docket as it is received by the members. The form was transmitted electronically or by fax to each Rep, who in turn forwarded the form to the courts in their respective counties. Each clerk was to return the questionnaire to her/his Rep or to the Chair. The data is being collected starting with the January 2009 Docket.

The second project will involve completing our goal to have 100% representation in the State. Currently there are four counties without a Rep: Delaware, Orange,

Schenectady and Yates. If any clerk is interested in becoming a County Representative, please contact me or any member of the Executive Board.

As the County Chapters Chair, I want to hear from as many clerks as possible about the events taking place within your counties. Also, I want you to reach out to your County Reps, using the State-wide email (group-wise) or the local court's email addresses to forward the information to them. It will be the County Rep's responsibility to forward the information to me and I will be the liaison who makes sure the information reaches the hands of the Docket Editor in the format that she has requested.

Above all, send photographs; we want to know the **movers and shakers** of our Association. In addition, if there is any subject you feel should be addressed that would be beneficial to the clerks in the Association, PLEASE contact your County Rep and she will bring it to my attention or to a Board member.

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