

UMCA President Message

Finding Our True North

I hope you all have had a wonderful summer and found time to enjoy the season with family, friends, and colleagues. As we look ahead to fall, I am excited for our annual UMCA Conference, September 30–October 2, 2026, at the Ogden Eccles Center. We have a packed agenda featuring phenomenal speakers and valuable opportunities to learn, connect, and grow. If you haven't registered or reviewed the tentative agenda, I encourage you to visit the UMCA website and make plans to join us.

It has been my pleasure to serve as this year's UMCA President. One of the most rewarding parts of this experience has been meeting so many of you at trainings, events, and throughout the year.

As we approach our board elections, I encourage you to consider getting involved. Serving on the board is more than an opportunity to earn points toward your CMC or MMC; it is a chance to build relationships, broaden your perspective, and connect with UMCA members across our profession.

This year has also given me time to reflect on what I call our True North. I think of True North as the quiet compass within us; the values, integrity, and sense of purpose that guide us when leadership gets complicated. There will always be competing priorities, difficult decisions, and moments when we may wonder which direction to take. In those moments, I believe our True North reminds us why we serve and who we want to be while doing it.

For me, leadership is not about having all the answers. It is about showing up with integrity, listening, serving others, and having the courage to do what is right, even when it isn't easy. When we lead with purpose, we leave a positive mark not only on our organizations, but on the people and communities we serve.

Thank you for allowing me to serve. I look forward to seeing you at the conference!

Respectfully,
Kim Crane
UMCA President



TRUE NORTH

LEADING WITH INTEGRITY
AND PURPOSE

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Conference Info



2026 UMCA Annual Conference Information

The 2026 UMCA Annual Conference
will be held

September 30 - October 2, 2026
7:30 AM - 5:00 PM

at the
Ogden Eccles Conference Center
2415 Washington Blvd.
Ogden, UT 84401

PARKING

There is parking at the Eccles Conference Center. The cost is \$6 per vehicle; guests pay individually as they enter the garage. There is a free parking garage on the corner of 23rd Street & Grant Ave behind the Megaplex. See map for more details.

BOOK YOUR HOTEL NOW!

Good news! Our conference hotels have extended the deadline to book at the discounted UMCA rate through September 11. If you haven't reserved your room yet, now is the time! Use one of the UMCA booking links below to receive the conference rate:

- [Tru by Hilton Ogden](#)
- [Hilton Garden Inn Ogden](#)
- [Hampton Inn & Suites Ogden](#)

REGISTER FOR CONFERENCE

Still haven't registered. Do not delay another day and do it today!

https://umca.org/UMCA_Annual_Conference

We're looking forward to a fantastic conference and hope you'll be joining us. Register, reserve your room, and get ready for a great few days in Ogden!

See you at the conference!
UMCA Board of Directors



PARKING





— 2026 —
**UTAH MUNICIPAL
CLERKS
ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

The UMCA Annual Conference is a multi-day conference held each year. The conference is packed with vital educational and networking support for members and provides an opportunity to learn the tools and skills needed to excel in your role as a clerk or recorder.

A copy of the draft conference agenda can be found on our website:
https://umca.org/UMCA_Annual_Conference

**DATE:**
September 30 –
October 2, 2026

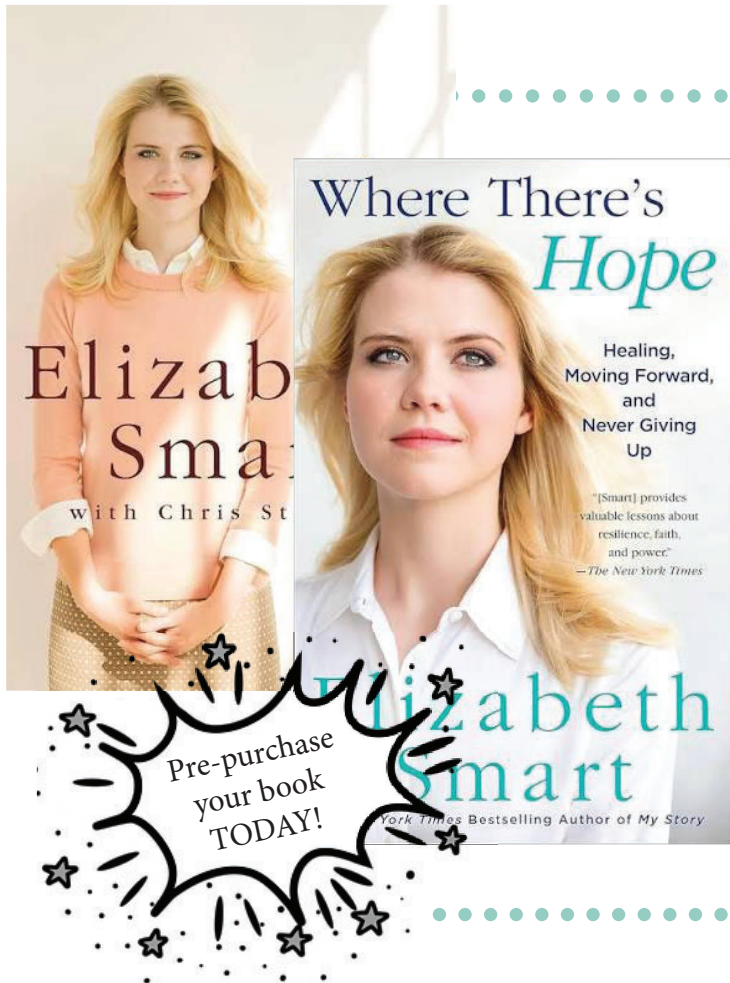
**LOCATION:**
Ogden Eccles Conference Center
2415 Washington Blvd.
Ogden, UT 84401

Author Book Signing

If you haven't heard, one of the keynote speakers will be Elizabeth Smart on **Thursday, October 1.**

- No books will be available to purchase at the conference.
- Attendees who want their book signed by Elizabeth should purchase ahead of time and bring it to the conference.

Books can be purchased through any major book retailer.



Scholarship Information

The Utah Municipal Clerks Association (UMCA) provides a limited number of scholarships for clerks and recorders to attend the UMCA Institute and Academy and the UMCA Annual Conference. The purpose, requirements, and limitations of the scholarship program can be found at <https://umca.org/Scholarship-Information>.

The following documents are required for each application:

Scholarship Application Requirements

- Scholarship Application Form
- Essay
- Municipality Consent Form

You may also download a copy of the Application at <https://umca.org/Scholarship-Information> and submit it via email. (If emailing your application, please make sure the Essay and Municipality Consent Form are also attached).

If lodging is requested on the application, please book rooms at the less expensive hotel. The city will need to pay for the registration and lodging which will then be reimbursed by UMCA.

Who is eligible to apply for a UMCA scholarship?

UMCA scholarships are available to eligible clerks and recorders seeking assistance to attend the UMCA Institute and Academy or the UMCA Annual Conference. A limited number of scholarships are available each year.

Please review the Scholarship Bylaws for complete eligibility requirements, scholarship limitations, and other program details.

What events can a scholarship be used for?

Scholarships may be awarded for attendance at:

- UMCA Institute and Academy
- UMCA Annual Conference

Does UMCA pay for my hotel directly?

No. Your city or municipality must initially pay for the approved lodging expenses. UMCA will then reimburse the municipality for the scholarship-covered expenses.

Please coordinate with your municipality before applying to make sure this process is understood and approved.

2026 UMCA ANNUAL CONFERENCE

SILENT AUCTION Donations Needed

HELP US HELP EACH OTHER!

The Silent Auction at the UMCA Annual Conference is one of the most fun parts of our conference, and it serves a big purpose. Proceeds go directly toward funding training scholarships and educational opportunities for clerks and recorders across the state. When you donate, you're helping UMCA provide access to valuable education and resources that strengthen all of us.



**TO HELP MAKE THIS YEAR'S SILENT AUCTION
ANOTHER GREAT SUCCESS,
WE ARE ASKING FOR A DONATION
FROM EACH CITY/TOWN AND REGIONAL GROUP!**



NEED IDEAS?

Gift baskets, local goods, event tickets, gift cards, services, crafts, and more.

Whether it's big or small, your donation makes a difference—and adds to the fun!



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Achievements



Congratulations!

to everyone who have earned their
UCC Certification, CMC/MMC Designation, or have
Retired since our last edition of the Quarterly Quill.



UCC Certification earned by:

- Wendy Wells, Saratoga Springs
- Teresa McKittrick, Orem

CMC Designation earned by:

- Katie Hansen, West Point City
- Ruth Ann McCain, Spring City
- Barbara Tago'a'i, Sandy City
- Tamra Timothy, Bluffdale

MMC Designation earned by:

- Tara Silver, Spanish Fork

Athenian Dialogue

Athenian Dialogue
Project Hail Mary
By Tanner Vario

Ogden Eccles Conference Center
Tuesday, September 29, 2026
12pm - 6pm | In Person

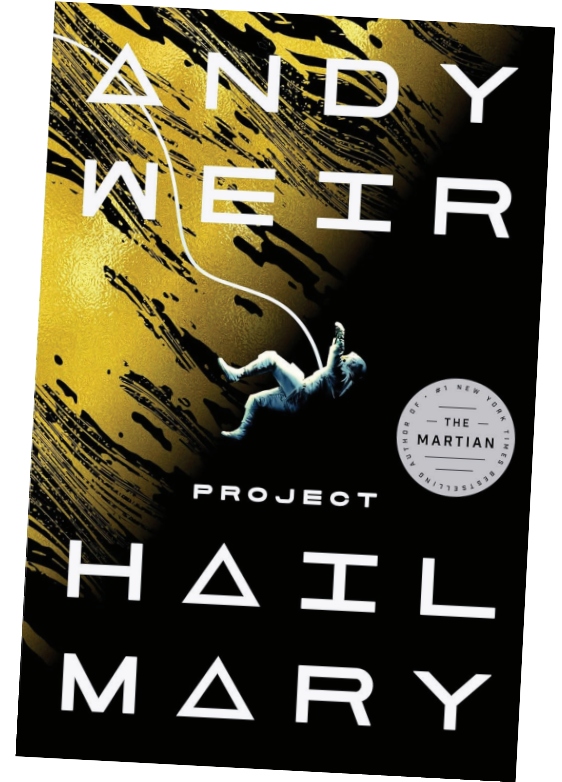
\$85 / person
All Sales end September 29, 2026

Overview

Athenian Dialogue: Project Hail Mary - Andy Weir

The Athenian Leadership Society is an advanced IIMC Leadership Development Program. Athenian Dialogues focus on helping municipal clerks develop critical thinking skills and increase their leadership ability. They provide valuable knowledge, vision and understanding to build increased leadership capacity and add value to the contribution of municipal clerks in improving local government.

Local government staff have all experienced a moment when one wonders if someone else is speaking the same language. A key component of success in local government is being able to communicate effectively with individuals of varying viewpoints and backgrounds, be they elected officials, other members of the leadership team, or citizens. Project Hail Mary is a creative take on problem-solving in situations where needs or perspectives differ, stakes are high, and emotions may come to the fore (basic situational elements that call for crucial conversations). Join us to discuss surviving and thriving in what can sometimes be a harsh environment with broken tools and/or unexpected consequences.



Save the Date

UMCA Institute & Academy
Future Conference Dates
April 5-9, 2027



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