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Message from the President

Michael A. Iwanicki, Superintendent

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To the IACO family,

Many of us and our staff learned to do things in a new way over the past year including effective ways to have staff serve our constituents' from remote locations. What an opportunity to explore cost savings for those government services that can effectively run a decentralized office. Getting together June 21-23 will be an excellent opportunity to compare notes about innovative ways to provide service.

Many of our counties had changes after the last election. I strongly encourage you to share information with the new official about their professional affiliate and the benefit of attending affiliate meetings and the IACO conferences. Also keep your eyes open for the New Elected Officials Class. As your IACO is putting programs together for the upcoming conferences I wish to encourage each of you to share ideas for topics or activities with your affiliate representative to your IACO Board. Lessons learned from your professional experience or life experience can often become an interesting or inspiring topic of discussion.

May is Military Caregiver Awareness month. Like the Family Caregiver Awareness month in November, this is an opportunity to recognize the selfless acts of those who give so much to care for others. Most people become a caregiver because of an unexpected illness or injury and are frequently unaware of any services available. This past year has been especially challenging for many of our caregivers who too often endured alone out of concern for having others in the home during a pandemic. Stress and depression is always a concern even without the challenges of the past year. I encourage everyone to learn of some of the services available to caregivers in their area and share with your community.

Among the joys of serving on your IACO Executive Board includes working with so many dedicated professionals throughout the State. Always know that you are part of what is good and right in Illinois.

Sincerely,

Michael A. Iwanicki, IACO President

2021 Conference Dates:

June 21-23, 2021

Wyndham City Centre - Springfield, IL

November 17-19, 2021

Marriott Hotel - Bloomington/Normal, IL

Online Conference Registration is open at www.iacoonline.org

IACO County Official of the Year Nominations

Since the 2020 Conferences were cancelled, we had a dilemma about how to handle the County Official of the Year Award. It is suggested that we award two County Official of the Year awards in 2021. So, we will award the 2020 County Official of the Year award at the 2021 Spring Conference to be held June 21-23, 2021 at the Wyndham Springfield. And, then we will award the 2021 County Official of the Year at the 2021 Fall Conference in November.

Get your nominations in now! June 4th is the deadline for application. The application can be found on the IACO Website at www.iacoonline.org or on pages 6 & 7 of this newsletter.

County Official Memorials

Please submit the names of current or former **county officials that have passed away**. The last time we were able to honor these individuals was the 2019 Fall Conference. So, please forward to me anyone that has passed since November of 2019. You can forward the information to me Tamiko Kinkade at tkcps@comcast.net. We will remember them during our Tuesday evening President's Banquet.



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Message from the IACO Administrator

Conference FAQs:

As Spring is in full bloom, so are the plans for the IACO Spring (June) Conference. Conference Registration is now open at www.iacoonline.org. I hope to answer most of the obvious questions you might have. But, if I miss something here, please feel free to send me an email at: tkcps@comcast.net.



Q: What about COVID Restrictions and Social Distancing Guidelines?

IACO has been working hard with the hotel to organize and create a safe and effective conference for all Illinois County Officials. We are planning the conference with the confidence that we will be in the Governor's Bridge-to-Phase-5 Stage. While we will still make every effort to maintain social distance, the Bridge Phase establishes new capacity limits for settings determined by risk level. Individuals with full vaccination — defined as 14 days after receiving a final vaccine dose — or a negative COVID-19 test (PCR) 1-3 days prior to an event do not count against capacity limits. In earlier phases occupancy was set at a flat number. In the Bridge Phase, the capacity will be based on a percentage of occupancy. Therefore, we can have an increased occupancy as vaccinated individuals do not count toward that decreased occupancy capacity. While the Governor has not yet moved us to the Bridge phase, he has repeatedly said as summer approaches, he will continue to evaluate the risk and lift gathering restrictions. Because vaccinated individuals do not count in the occupancy limits in the bridge phase, we will be asking conference registrants whether they have been or will be fully vaccinated prior to the conference. Your privacy is important to us, so please rest assured we will not retain or share the vaccination information we are gathering. We are using it for the sole purpose of determining meeting room occupancy. You are not required to share this information, however it is my hope that you will in order to make room for everyone that wants to attend. Our focus will continue to be on the health and safety of attendees.

Q: What about Masks/Face Coverings?

Complying with all CDC guidelines a mask will be required to enter the building and must be worn when in public areas, such as, lobby spaces, hallways, restrooms, etc. or in any situation where it may not be possible to fully adhere to 6-foot social distancing. Based on the latest guidelines, it is required that all conference participants wear a face covering/mask (worn over the nose and mouth) during any interaction with hotel staff and other employees throughout the facility unless actively eating or drinking.



Q: Will the education sessions be social distanced?

We are using the larger meeting spaces to host the joint educational sessions and will choose the space that adequately holds the various sessions. Our goal is to have everyone 6' apart for these settings. When seated in the sessions you will not be required to keep your mask on. However, if you get up from your seat to go to the restroom, etc., we ask that you put your mask back on.

Q: Will we have an Exhibit Hall?

Yes, however it isn't without its challenges. The number of exhibits we usually have requires a lot of space and, the exhibit hall has been very crowded in the past few years. So, we have done several things to make it safe for exhibit representatives and attendees. We are eliminating about a dozen booths in the exhibit hall. And, we will have 8' drapes between exhibitors. Also, the exhibit hall will only be open on Monday. Because we must keep everyone social distanced, we need the space occupied by exhibits in order to have enough space to hold our Tuesday affiliate meetings and keep everyone social distanced.

Q: What about the 2020 County Official of the Year?

We will award the 2020 County Official of the Year at the Spring conference and will do so at the banquet on Tuesday evening. County Official of the Year Nominations are due June 4th. (See the application in this newsletter or online at www.iacoonline.org.)

Q: What about Social Events?

Social gatherings fall under strict COVID guidelines which make indoor social gatherings difficult. So, we are moving the Monday evening reception usually held in the Exhibit Hall outside. We have applied for a permit to close off the street in front of the hotel and have our reception outside. We are seeking sponsors to help offset the additional costs, but hope to have a fun, relaxing environment for you to safely network with your peers. We will have music, corn hole, and other outdoor games as well as food and beverages.

Q: What about Hospitality Suites?

This was a very tough decision, but we will not have hospitality suites at this conference. The COVID restrictions for social gatherings are much stricter and it became apparent we could not do the hospitality suites safely and social distanced. Once COVID restrictions are lifted we will return to hospitality suites. We do encourage you to “continuing the conversation” at local establishments that are open late.

Q: Will the Conference Registration still include FREE Lunch?

Yes! On Monday, we will offer a light lunch in the lower level of the hotel. Instead of everyone hitting the lunch space at the same time, we will encourage half of the attendees to go visit the exhibit hall and half to head down to grab a quick lunch. Then we will switch them up. We will bring lunch to the vendors in the exhibit area toward the end of the lunch hour so they can take advantage of visiting with the attendees while they are in the exhibit hall between sessions.

On Tuesday, lunch will be served in your affiliate meeting room. Lunch will likely be lighter than in years past due to COVID restrictions. Likely a pre-packaged salad with meat/cheese on it or a sandwich, chips, individually wrapped cookie, etc.

Q: How do I register for the conference?

On-line Registration is open at www.iacoonline.org. Or, you can mail your registration form with payment. The early-bird registration deadline is June 11. Payment must accompany registration. Conference registrations made and not cancelled will be billed. Cancellations must be made in writing on or before June 11 to receive a refund. All refunds (less a \$25 processing fee) will be made via a check mailed after the conference. Cancellations should be sent to the Registrar via e-mail to tkcps@comcast.net or via fax to (217) 529-7178.

Q: I registered for the 2020 Spring Conference and asked you to hold the registration fees, do I still need to register for this Conference?

YES! If you registered for the 2020 Spring Conference but asked us to hold your fees for the next conference, please register mark the box “Please apply the funds paid for the 2020 Spring Conference” and “invoice me” at the payment portion of the form.

As new developments occur in the weeks ahead, your best avenue for staying informed is to check the website (www.iacoonline.org) or keep checking your email. Thank you for your understanding and patience while we work through the details of what we hope will be a great conference!

Online Conference Registration is open at www.iacoonline.org

IACO Spring Conference

June 21-23, 2021

Wyndham City Centre- Springfield, Illinois

At-a-Glance Tentative Conference Agenda

Sunday, June 20	
4:00 pm – 7:00 pm	Registration Open
5:00 pm – 10:00 pm	Exhibit Booth Set-up
5:00 pm	IACO Board Meeting - <i>Affiliate Presidents are encouraged to attend</i>
Monday, June 21	
7:30 am	Registration Open
8:00 am – 5:00 pm	Exhibit Hall Open / Coffee & Breakfast
9:00 am – 9:30 am	Opening Session
9:30 am – 11:45	Education Session w/Break
11:45 am – 1:00 pm	Exhibit Hall Open / FREE LUNCH
1:30 pm – 3:00 pm	Education Session
3:40 pm – 4:00 pm	Education Session
5:00 pm – 6:00 pm	Exhibits Move Out
6:00 pm	Outdoor Street Party
Tuesday, June 22	
7:30 am	Registration Open/Coffee & Breakfast
9:00 am – 4:00 pm	Affiliate Organization Meetings - <i>Watch your email for information from your organization regarding session details.</i>
11:30 am – 1:00 pm	FREE LUNCH - Lunch will be served in your session rooms
5:30 pm – 7:30 pm	President’s Banquet
Wednesday, June 23	
7:30 am – 9:00 am	Legislative Breakfast
To Follow	Affiliate Organization Meetings

Hotel Reservations:

Reservations can be made at the Wyndham City Centre online at: <http://bit.ly/iaco0621>. Follow the steps to create your hotel reservations online. I do not recommend calling the hotel to make reservations. Often, you get forwarded to the central reservation line and they do not always have (or give) accurate information. If you need to call the hotel, call 217-789-1530 and select option 1 for guest room reservations. The hotel will provide you with a confirmation number when you make your reservation. The group rate is **\$98.00** plus tax. Self-Parking is complimentary for those staying at the hotel.

The hotel block expires at midnight on June 4, 2021.

Reservations made and not cancelled 24 Hours prior to 4:00 pm day of will be billed for the first night's room and tax and the remaining nights reserved will be cancelled.
IF YOU HAVE PROBLEMS MAKING A RESERVATION (or are told they're sold out), contact Tamiko Kinkade via email at: tkcps@comcast.net and include the nights you need and the number of rooms you need.

OFFICIAL IACO 2021 SPRING CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM

June 21-23, 2021 (Monday-Wednesday) Wyndham City Centre - Springfield, IL

Attendee Full Name: _____

First Name for Badge (if different): _____

Title/Office (e.g. Coroner/Auditor) _____

County/Jurisdiction (e.g. Lee County): _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: (____) _____ Fax: (____) _____

E-mail: _____

MEAL TICKETS:

Please let us know whether or not you plan to participate in the following meals. There is no additional cost for these events, however, we need accurate head counts.

Monday:

FREE Lunch: Yes No Unsure

Reception: Yes No Unsure

Tuesday:

FREE Lunch: Yes No Unsure

Banquet: Yes No Unsure

Wednesday:

Breakfast Buffet: Yes No Unsure

Affiliate Organization:

EVERYONE IS REQUIRED TO REGISTER FOR THE CONFERENCE!

A CONFERENCE NAME BADGE WILL BE REQUIRED FOR ADMITTANCE TO ALL SESSIONS!

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Auditor | <input type="checkbox"/> County Board Member | <input type="checkbox"/> Circuit Court Clerk | <input type="checkbox"/> Sheriff | <input type="checkbox"/> Treasurer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Board of Review | <input type="checkbox"/> County Clerk / Recorder | <input type="checkbox"/> Election Commission | <input type="checkbox"/> State's Attorney | <input type="checkbox"/> Veterans Assistance Commission |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Coroner | <input type="checkbox"/> County Engineer | <input type="checkbox"/> Reg. Superintendent | <input type="checkbox"/> Supervisor of Assessments | <input type="checkbox"/> Zoning Official |

THIS REGISTRATION FORM IS FOR COUNTY OFFICIALS, THEIR STAFF, GUESTS. VENDORS MUST USE THE INDUSTRY PARTNER REGISTRATION WHICH CAN BE FOUND AT WWW.IACONLINE.ORG.

COVID Restrictions:

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Please check one (1) of the boxes below. We will only use this information to make wise decisions on room assignments/capacities. This information will not be shared or retained.

- Yes. I will be fully vaccinated at least 14 days prior to the Conference and will bring my vaccination card with me to the conference.
- I have not been vaccinated, but I plan to be tested and will bring proof of COVID-negative test within 3 days prior to the conference.
- No, I will not be vaccinated prior to attending and will not be tested.
- I prefer not to provide this information.

Regardless of your answer, everyone is welcome to attend.

Payment Information: The Conference Registration Fee is **\$195**, but register before June 11 and receive the Early Bird Rate of **\$180**.

	Early Bird	After June 11
<input type="checkbox"/> Full Conference Registration		
County Official/Deputy	\$180	\$195
<input type="checkbox"/> MONDAY Only (Official/Deputy)*	\$95	\$115
<input type="checkbox"/> TUESDAY Only (Official/Deputy)*	\$95	\$115
<input type="checkbox"/> Spouse/Guest or Retired Official**	\$65	\$95

Spouse Name: _____

Total enclosed: _____

- Enclosed is a check for my registration
- Please apply the funds paid for the 2020 Spring Conference
- Please charge my credit card for registration

Card Type: Mastercard Visa American Express Discover

Card Number: _____

Exp. Date: _____ CVV: _____ Billing Zip: _____

Name on Card: _____

Signature: _____

***The One-Day Only Registration includes ONE day's activities (Monday or Tuesday), NOT a combination of the two! It is critical that everyone attending the conference register and pay a registration fee. Please register everyone from your office that is attending.**

****The Spouse/Guest Fee DOES NOT apply to individuals employed by county offices. All county employees must register.**

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2021 IACO Spring Conference Speaker

Stan Gibson, Oxygen +

Never Let a Good Pandemic Go to Waste

Taking Care of You So That You Can Take Care of Everything Else

He's Baaaack!! Stan Gibson, author of ***Living a Rich and Intentional Life***, motivational speaker, and energy consultant is coming back to deliver his message titled **Never Let a Good Pandemic Go to Waste**. While the past year has been filled with excruciating anxiety and stress, Stan will put his contagious enthusiasm on the pandemic and deliver his message on "Taking Care of You So That You Can Take Care of Everything Else"!

Having been a "student of energy" for the past 15 years, I can tell you unequivocally that most business owners and executives, while managing millions of dollars of assets, ignore the most expensive asset in their portfolio....YOU! Yes, we typically start and end our day checking emails, running off to work sitting through mind numbing meetings, eating on the fly, getting a reverse commute back home, living out of hotels feeling exhausted and wondering why life has no purpose.

My sole purpose of working with leaders is to reclaim ENERGY! We'll help you and executives in your firm find purpose, a life with intention, working in your sweet spot without neglecting family, friends, and

most importantly...Your well being! It's impossible to be effective at work if you aren't happy at home... and just the opposite. Take control of your life...live with intention, energy, and purpose.

About our Speaker: Stan has over 35 years of experience as both a corporate and entrepreneurial leader. He has become a sought-after speaker throughout the US for his message that both engages and inspires others to greatness. Stan and his company, Oxygen Plus, has a tremendous passion for well-being as a consultant helping businesses, leaders, and their teams go through transformation and clarity. Stan's extensive research in leadership and personal development came to life in 2020 as he authored the book *Living a Rich and Intentional Life* which can now be found on Amazon Books.

Stan has his Masters in Corporate Real Estate (MCR) and has been a lecturer, panelist and instructor on various real estate topics for more than 20 years. In addition, he has his coaching and mentor certificate from Grandview University and his passion is to transform and lead over 100,000 leaders to personal greatness.

Stan can be reached at www.oxygen-plus.net and welcomes anyone wanting to lead a rich and intentional life!

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IACO Scholarship Update:

Scholarship Funding
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IACO will be postponing awarding scholarships for 2021. Due to COVID many extra-curricular activities in some areas were postponed or cancelled. Scholastic testing to varying degrees has been inconsistent, so we felt it would be difficult to use our standard criteria for awarding scholarships this year. However, we will award scholarships at the Spring 2022 Conference. Students that graduate in 2021 will be eligible for the awards next year. Depending on the number applicants, we may add additional scholarship opportunities in 2022.



IACO 2020 County Official of the Year

Deadline for Submission: **4:30pm on Friday, June 4, 2021**

Previous Winners

1990	Terry Desmond County Clerk
1991	Chris Martin Treasurer
1992	Nelson Hagnauer County Board
1993	Bonnie Barton Sup. of Assessment
1994	John Novak Treasurer
1995	Bobby Myers Treasurer
1996	Steve Sonnemaker Auditor
1997	Barbara Gross County Clerk
1998	Lynn Reed Coroner
1999	Shirley Booker Treasurer
2000	Becky Kramer County Clerk
2001	Nancy Krumwiede Treasurer
2002	Bill Underwood Coroner
2003	Tom Ross Auditor
2004	Joel Kegan Circuit Clerk
2005	Kirby Ballard Treasurer
2006	Betty Coffrin Clerk/Recorder
2007	Tony Cox Coroner
2008	Ron White County Board
2009	Jeff Simpson Sup. of Assessment
2010	Lindi Kernan Sup. of Assessment
2011	Bruce Troutman County Treasurer
2012	Victoria J. Harper County Treasurer
2013	Dave Dobill Clerk/Recorder
2014	Wendy Ryerson Sup. of Assessment
2015	Bruce Clark County Clerk
2016	Gina Noe Circuit Clerk
2017	Cindy Braden Circuit Clerk
2018	Tom Cavanagh County Treasurer
2019	Mark Armstrong Sup. of Assessment

Each year the IACO recognizes an outstanding county government official who best demonstrates our mission of improving the quality of county government through education, promoting responsible public policy, and providing ethical service while maintaining a high standard of performance. This form is intended to facilitate the selection process by providing biographical information of each candidate. All nomination forms must be received by the deadline in order to be considered.

Purpose and Criteria: The purpose of the Illinois Association of County Officials' County Official of the Year Award is to recognize a county government official or employee who has demonstrated a commitment to excellence in county government both within his or her own community and on a regional or statewide level. This distinction will be made each year to one person representative of the high ideals embraced by the Illinois Association of County Officials, (IACO).

Eligibility: Any elected or appointed official or employee of a IACO member county is eligible. Current members of the IACO Board of Directors are ineligible to receive the award.

Award: The results will be kept secret until the Fall Conference. At the Tuesday Evening Banquet, the award will be presented to one individual who has made significant contributions through their service.

Nominator Responsibility: In most instances nominations will come from the nominees affiliate organization. The nominator is expected to ensure that the nominee is at the Fall Conference Banquet to receive the award. It is not however required that the nomination come from the nominees affiliate organization. The Veterans for instance may nominate a candidate from the Coroner's, but such a nomination would require considerable research by the Veterans to understand the position of Coroner and prepare a nomination that can compete with other nominees. It would be better for the Veterans to contact the Coroners and seek support for the potential nominee.

Selection Process: The selection of the County Official of the Year is a difficult process – due in large part because of the high quality of the candidates. Our overall goal is to establish a process that results in a fair selection with as minimal bias as possible. The members of the committee all represent an affiliate organization – and it is natural that we would support the individual nominated from our own affiliate – if for no other reason than we are most familiar with the service and dedication of that individual. So our goal was to minimize that bias to the extent possible and streamline the application process.

Here is the selection process that we have used since 2009.

- 1) Any currently serving county official (at the time of nomination) will be considered for the award. Individuals that have resigned or retired earlier in the year are not eligible. (The Board noted the IACO President can at any time recognize an individual with a "President's Award")
- 2) To minimize the inherent bias of committee members (supporting the candidate from their own affiliate organization) the Board approved a selection process currently being used by another national organization:
 - a) Each IACO Awards Committee member is responsible for selecting a "judge" from outside the IACO membership, such as a local judge, state official, or community leader. Contact information for the judge is forwarded to the Awards Committee Chairperson.
 - b) Nominations are forwarded to these judges directly from the Awards Committee Chairperson along with a scoring sheet. (Committee members do not receive the applications.)
 - c) Judges rank the nominees in several categories based on the merits of the application and forward the scoring sheets back to the Chairperson.
 - d) The Chairperson tallies the scores and announces the winner at the Fall IACO Conference.
- 3) Use of a standardized application
- 4) Use of a standardized scoring sheet for use by judges

**The official nomination form and supporting materials must be received by
4:30pm on Friday, June 4, 2021**



IACO 2020 County Official of the Year

Deadline for Submission: **4:30pm on Friday, June 4, 2021**

The Illinois Association of County Officials "County Official of the Year" Award is given annually to individuals who have contributed to the betterment of county government in a manner above and beyond what is expected in their everyday duties. It is not a longevity award, but recognition of significant contributions to their county government and county government in general.

Sponsor/Contact Person:

Name: _____ Position: _____

Affiliate: _____ Title (within affiliate organization): _____

Work Phone: _____ Email Address: _____

County Official of the Year Candidate:

Name: _____

Current Position (Office & County): _____

Number of years the candidate has worked in county government: _____ Number of years in current position: _____

Has this candidate been nominated for this award in the past? If so, when? _____

Please attach a biography of the Candidate (limit up to 1000 words) which demonstrates his/her overall professionalism and dedication to county government, specifically highlighting the following:

1. Service and leadership in their respective county, including improvements or efficiencies in the operation of nominees own office or local jurisdiction;
2. Service and leadership within their respective affiliate organization, including positions held within the affiliate organization, and years of participation;
3. Service and leadership within their communities;
4. Dedication to continuing education;
5. Service and leadership with other affiliate organizations, including IACO.

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Bobbi Rairden, Awards Committee Chair

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2021 Spring Legislative Report



**Mark Armstrong, Legislative Chair
Kane County Assessor**



The 2021 Legislative Session is looking a little more like a normal legislative session, albeit with more and more work being done online. As of April 23, the General Assembly has introduced nearly 7,000 bills, more than 500 of these having passed out of one chamber of the legislature. Some large tasks, including budgeting and redistricting, remain to be completed before the May 31 adjournment date. The IACO Legislative Committee is watching a variety of legislation, and has moved to support 13 bills while opposing twelve.

Bills the Committee is supporting include:

- **HB 3289** (Walsh/Connor) provides that each CCAO may approve a homestead exemption for the 2021 taxable year, without application, for any property that was approved for the exemption for the 2020 taxable year, if certain conditions are met. Passed House and arrived in Senate.
- **HB 3956** (Mason) clarifies certain duties of court clerks and deputy court clerks. Passed House and arrived in Senate.

Bills the Committee is opposing include:

- **HB 555/HB 556** (Yingling) reduces or eliminates certain stipends paid to county officials by the state. Re-referred to Rules Committee; likely dead for the year.
- **HB 1735** (West) eliminates the office of County Coroner to be replaced by an appointed Medical Examiner in all counties as of December 1, 2021. Re-referred to Rules Committee; likely dead for the year.
- **HB 2478** (Mazzochi) requires counties to bill property taxes in 12 monthly installments for all taxpayers age 55 or older. Re-referred to Rules Committee and likely dead for the year.
- **SB 595** (Barickman) Provides for the plaintiff, rather than the clerk of the court, send a copy of the mortgage foreclosure publication to each defendant. Passed Senate and arrived in House.

Finally, when you come for the **Spring Conference (June 21-23)**, please join us for the inaugural **IACO Legislative Breakfast** on Wednesday morning; State Representatives and Senators of both parties have been invited to take your questions and offer comments on the issues of the day.

IACO LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

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