

## Athenian Leadership Society

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### Learning through Dialogue

The premise of this program is the idea that clerks are leaders in very profound yet subtle ways. But leadership here is not the transactional vending machine citizens seem to believe about public management.

Our leadership is more transformational in nature. That is to say, the contribution of clerks to municipal leadership changes the perception of colleagues and citizens about the role and purpose of government.

### Clerks as Transformational Leaders

From this shift in perception, municipal government transforms itself into a style based on learning and values, rather than strict reliance on procedure and process.

Clerks as transformational leaders change the underlying beliefs and attitudes of government. Leadership dialogues provide valuable knowledge, vision and understanding to facilitate transformational leadership.

### Dialogues

Dialogues are conversations that go beyond the usual knowledge recall and application process familiar to all municipal clerks in training seminars. They are unique because they explore leadership principles and practice, drawing on the insights contained in a book that all participants have read.

Dialogues are conversations in which clerks share their experience and understanding as it relates to the ideas of the author and the relevance of those ideas to their public leadership role.

### Points

Dialogues have been approved by IIMC for two CMC Education Points or two MMC Advanced Education Points (with completion of assessment form).

An Athenian Dialogue will be held on Sunday for Academy students that have registered for the class and the fee is \$100.00. The class will begin at 8:00 a.m. and conclude at 3:15 p.m. Lunch is provided as part of the class fee and will be held from 12:15 p.m. – 1:15 p.m.

In addition, there is an Athenian Dialogue which is part of Academy C.