

**IIMC REGION IX NEWSLETTER**  
**(Mini Version)**  
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*CONGRATULATIONS TO PAM MEANS, MMC, CITY, CLERK, NAPA,  
CALIFORNIA---WINNER OF THE PRESTIGIOUS 2005 QUILL AWARD!*

We are putting together a newsletter and photographs from the recent IIMC annual conference. But due to the various issues pending prior to the conference, we are sending out this “mini-version” so everyone will be updated as to the actions taken in St. Paul.

**FIRST OF ALL:** Congratulations to the Minnesota Clerks. It was a fabulous conference. The conference center, education sessions, ceremonies and events were first rate. The conference committee worked very hard and deserves a huge **THANK YOU!!!!**

News from IIMC:

- IIMC Executive Director was terminated, with cause, effective May 25, 2005. The Executive Committee expects to have proposals within the next 30 days from companies providing executive search assistance. In the meantime, the Executive Committee has divided the areas among the officers to provide supervision of the activities at headquarters. Depending on the timeline for the hiring of a new Executive Director, an interim position may be created to relieve the Executive Committee of those direct supervision responsibilities.
- IIMC Director of Education tendered his resignation effective May 23, 2005. A search committee is being formed for his replacement. The search committee will consist of the Executive Committee, Region V Director Sally Oglesby representing the Board of Directors, an Institute Director, and one other person in the education field to chair and guide the committee.
- A satellite office is being established in the Washington, DC area in the offices of ACCESS, a super-computing center of the University of Illinois. We are very excited about the opportunities this will give IIMC such as:
  - Increase visibility of IIMC
  - Develop collaborative working and professional relations with other professional organizations, i.e., GFOA, ICMA, NLC, IFES
  - Availability to secure grant funds for the accomplishment of the IIMC mission
  - Partner with a technologically advanced enterprise
  - Allow for video conferencing with the Board and other entities
  - Allow the opportunity to develop relationships with embassies in the area to further international relationships

- A task force has been appointed to continue with research on the possible relocation of headquarters to a new location somewhere in the United States. There are no immediate plans for relocation. This is simply a task force to continue investigation of potential sites, costs for relocation, and other factors to determine if it is in the best interest of IIMC.
- The Master Municipal Clerk program requirements have been changed to allow the time between levels to be reduced from 2-4 years to 1-4 years, thereby allowing clerks to receive the designation faster. In addition, the Board voted to allow for 15 years of clerk experience to be substituted for the college degree, effective in 2006.
- A Constitution Task Force has been working on a review of the IIMC Constitution for potential changes. This committee has been expanded to include a member from each region. If you are interested in serving on this task force, please contact President Susan Morrow at [morrow@s@plainfieldcharterwp.org]. This task force will make their report to the Board in November.
- Attached is a copy of the minutes of our Region IX meeting in St. Paul. There were several items that came forth which will be forwarded to the Executive Committee and the IIMC Board of Directors. Please forward all comments to Gail and Sheril. We want everyone to have a voice in Region IX and the IIMC organization.

The next full Region IX Newsletter should be out in a couple of weeks. Thank you for your patience.