

REGION IX ANNUAL MEETING
Monday, May 23, 2005 – 10:30 AM
IIMC Annual Conference – St. Paul, MN

Region IX Directors Gail Waibel and Sheri Pierce called the meeting to order. Marcella O'Connor, IIMC Second Vice President was also in attendance.

The first order of business was to recognize Pam Means, MMC, City Clerk, Napa, California, the 2005 recipient of the prestigious IIMC Quill Award. Congratulations to Pam – a well deserved recipient!

The Region IX State Presidents gave brief reports.

Sandra King, CMC, OAMR President
Pam Kolasky, CMC, WMCA President
Joan Tilton, CMC, CCAC President
Colleen Pellet, CMC, AAMC President

The California Institute Directors gave a brief report.

Maureen Kane
David Jones
Gary Peterson

The Northwest Institute Director Dema Harris gave a brief report.

The Institute Directors from California asked the IIMC Board of Directors to consider allowing two Institute Directors to serve on the IIMC Board of Directors and that one Institute Director be appointed as a member of the Personal Growth Committee and one Institute Director be appointed as a member of the Program Review and Certification Committee.

The Institute Directors also stated they have signed a letter asking that IIMC not be associated with Dr. Ray Garubo. The letter was to be given to the IIMC Executive Committee to be forwarded to the entire IIMC Board.

Gail and Sheri reported on actions taken by the Board of Directors at their meeting on Friday, May 20th.

MCEF – There is \$805,000 in MCEF Funds. \$27,000 was given to IIMC in 2004 for educational scholarships. When MCEF reaches their goal of \$1 million, approximately \$50,000 will be given to IIMC.

Shortening the annual Conference – At the November 2004 mid-year meeting, the Board approved shortening the conference by one day starting with 2011. Staff submitted a tentative schedule with the conference starting on a Friday, (academy sessions), Opening Reception on Saturday night, Opening ceremony on Sunday morning with the all-

conference event in the evening. The conference will end on Tuesday evening with the annual banquet. The schedule is still being reviewed and adjustments may be made as we get closer to seeking bids for 2011. (A copy of the staff report will be available on the IIMC web-site.)

The bids for 2010 will be received by the Board of Directors at their mid-year meeting in November. It is expected that 2010 will be held outside of North America. Currently, two cities have expressed interest. They are Sydney, Australia and Durban, South Africa.

Constitutional Review Task Force – The Committee has been expanded to 11 members to allow representation from all of the regions. Funding to allow the Committee to meet has been approved. Anyone wishing to serve on the Committee should contact incoming President Susan Morrow. Any suggestions for Constitutional changes should be sent to Jean Bailey, Chair of the Committee.

Program Review and Certification Committee Report (including the issue of the number of years between levels in the MMCA program). The report was received (a copy will be available on the IIMC web-site). The Board approved the following motions:

- Motion to reduce the timeframe between levels of the MMCA from the current two to four years to one to four years.
- Motion that, in lieu of a bachelor's degree, an eligible member who attains fifteen years' experience in the clerks' profession be allowed to attain the MMC designation, effective 2006.

Satellite office – The Board approved the creation of a satellite office to open ASAP in the metropolitan Washington, DC area and authorized the Executive Committee to secure a leasing agreement with NCSA ACCESS. The Board also agreed to continue investigating the matter of relocation of IIMC headquarters to other locations in major cities in the United States in addition to the Washington, DC area.

Incoming President Susan Morrow arrived at the meeting and she spoke about the benefits of having a satellite office in the DC area. The benefits included increased visibility of IIMC with other international organizations such as NLC and ICMA; low rental agreement for the ACCESS facilities with many amenities; and ability to teleconference for Board meetings and educational sessions. Ms. Morrow stressed that no decision had been made to move IIMC headquarters out of California. The satellite agreement is for one year. The agreement and costs will be evaluated at the end of the lease.

Concern was expressed by several members about costs associated with a move of the IIMC Headquarters. Mona Lisa Drexler stated she is serving on the Budget and Planning Committee and they will be reviewing the costs for the satellite office and any potential move of headquarters.

Personnel Issues – Marcella O'Connor stated that at a meeting of the Board of Directors conducted on Friday, May 20, 2005, various personnel issues were discussed and decisions were made. The process of implementing those decisions is underway. The conclusion to the personnel issues will be announced at the General Business meeting on Thursday.

Pam Means asked that the IIMC Board be reminded that they had received a request for a constitutional amendment that would allow a member elected to the Executive Committee to not having served on the Board of Directors prior to being elected. This matter would be referred to the Constitutional Review Task Force, chaired by Jean Bailey.

Mona Lisa Drexler requested that the 30 participants in the first Athenian Leadership Program (at the St. Paul Conference) be given first priority to attend next year's session in Anaheim. She also suggested that a second session for "first timers" be scheduled for the 2006 Conference.

Linda Murphy expressed concern with the action the IIMC Board of Directors took to not require a bachelor's degree to attain the MMC, in lieu of 15 years of clerk experience. She felt it would not maintain the high level of education established by the bachelor degree requirement.

Motion was made by Means, seconded by Schroeder, to support the Institute Directors' report and recommend that IIMC not be associated with Dr. Ray Garubo in any way (all inclusive). The motion passed by the majority of the members present.

Deborah Harrington asked for the News Digest be used to inform the members of what items would be considered on the Board agendas and annual business meeting prior to the annual conference. She said it would insure a level of trust between the members and the Board and would help with the past lack of communication.

Motion by Drexler, seconded by Means, to express a vote of confidence in incoming President Susan Morrow. The motion passed unanimously.

Mona Lisa Drexler stated that the issues being discussed were not personal attacks on anyone but members should be allowed to state their views on issues before the membership. In a membership organization, members should be allowed to weigh in on issues. She said she supported CCAC's right to state their views. She also mentioned that at the 2004 IIMC business meeting, discussion was cut off because the leadership did not want to hear their views.

David Jones asked for clarification as to when the "15 years of experience" starts for the MMC designation. Mona Lisa asked that the requirements for the MMC program be spelled out so that it is clear to those entering and in the program. It was also asked that "no more changes" be made to the program because it is too confusing. The Region Directors will forward these requests to the Board and ask for clarification.

Motion by Colleen Nicol, seconded by Joan Tilton, that the Board of Directors approve two ex officio (non-voting members) be appointed to the Board from the Institute Directors. The motion passed.

There was a questions as to whether or not there is recourse to officers that have signed a code of ethics and a violation has occurred. Discussion followed as to any reference or provisions in the IIMC Constitution. It was generally felt that there is no provision to remove an officer in the Constitution. Linda Murphy said that in the absence of any provision in the IIMC Constitution that Roberts Rules of Order apply and that it would require 2/3 vote of the majority present at a meeting.

Sheri and Gail thanked Sheryl Schroeder and Pam Means for their hard work on the 2006 IIMC Conference.

Sheri asked that we work at “rumor control” and if anyone has a question to please contact the Region Directors. All of the comments received at the Region IX meeting would be forwarded to the Board of Directors.

Gail and Sheri thanked everyone for their support in allowing the Directors to travel to the Region IX State conferences.

Pam Means updated everyone on the work to be done getting ready for the 2006 Anaheim reception to be held the following night.

The meeting adjourned approximately 11:45 AM.