



Upcoming Events

- 60th Annual Conference
Anaheim, CA
May 14-18, 2006
- Oregon 2006
Annual OAMR
Conference, Portland
September 20-23, 2006
- Alaska State Association
Conference, Juneau
November 12-14, 2006
- 61st Annual Conference
New Orleans, LA
May 20-24, 2007
- 62nd Annual Confer-
ence Atlanta, GA
May 18-22, 2008
- 63rd Annual Conference
Chicago, IL
May 19-23, 2009

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NEWS FROM THE DIRECTORS

Submitted by Gail Waibel, MMC and Sheri Pierce, CMC — Region IX Directors

Happy Spring everyone!

Gail and I would like to thank the Washington Municipal Clerks for a wonderful conference in Spokane in March. What a beautiful hotel and the history "fascinating". I hoped to have a conversation with the resident hotel ghost, but when I went looking for her she decided not to make an appearance. Gail and I enjoyed conducting a session on the CMC/MMC program which was well attended. There were excellent questions asked by the participants which we hope cleared the path for anyone who was confused about the process.

We are looking forward to seeing everyone in California in just a few short days! I really have to find my warm weather clothes....hmmm that will be a challenge. I hope everyone has looked over the proposed constitution changes. If you have any questions, please contact Gail or I, and we will respond to your concerns. As most of you know, the Board of Directors will be meeting prior to the conference on Friday, May 12th and Saturday, May 13th. On Friday morning we will be working on recommendations that were borne out of the Mid-Year meeting regarding strategic planning, then at 1:00 pm, our regular board meeting will begin. The board meeting will reconvene on Saturday morning and continue throughout the day. Gail has been in contact with Chris Shalby regarding the posting of the agenda and the board packet on the IIMC website for members. We have not yet received a confirmation that packet materials will be posted but please check the IIMC website over the next few days for the Board agenda.

See you all in sunny California!!!



Sheri & Gail hope to see you in Anaheim!

Region IX Conference attendees: Please plan on attending the Region IX meeting following the Opening Session. Check your program for time and location. We'll report on action from the IIMC Board meeting.

MCEF SILENT AUCTION

MCEF holds a silent auction during the annual IIMC Conference. Please consider taking an item to donate to the auction. The revenue from the auction funds education, training and research programs for continuing professionalism of Municipal Clerks. Even if you are not planning to attend the conference, you may still donate an item by contacting Marian Karr, MMC, City Clerk, City of Iowa City, 410 E. Washington St., Iowa city, IA 52240-1826 or Phone: 319.356.5041 or email: marian-karr@iowa-city.org.

Eighth Annual MCEF Walk/Run

The annual MCEF Walk/Run will be held on Sunday, May 14. This year we have an exciting route beginning at the Host Hotel and continuing through Downtown Disney's main pedestrian access. It's approximately 3.1 miles from start to finish. This is one of the really fun events at the annual conference. Cost is \$20.00 and it is a healthy, exciting and worthwhile fundraiser for MCEF.

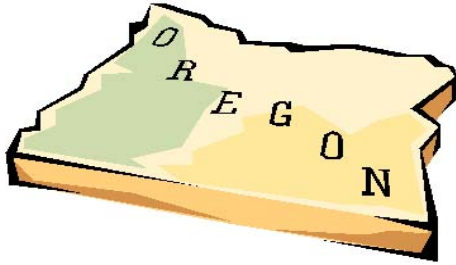
5 From the Power of One

IIMC has started a new membership campaign. Share the "5 FROM THE POWER OF ONE" membership application with five (5) non-member clerks and encourage them to join IIMC. When you have received five membership applications with your referring name listed on them, you will receive your choice of:

- One Year Free Membership, or
- One Free Distance Education Course.

For questions and more details email: janis@iimc.com or tammys@iimc.com. The application is also available at www.iimc.com click on Member Services and then click on "5 FROM THE POWER OF ONE."

NEWS FROM AROUND THE REGION



OREGON—OAMR President Peggy Hawker Reports...

Greetings from Oregon!

Spring has sprung here in Oregon, and OAMR is abuzz with activity. On April 7, we held our Mid-Year Academy Session at the Doubletree Lloyd Center, in Portland, and it was a resounding success. More than 60 folks attended Dr. Lee Ireland's session, entitled, "Working Successfully with Mayors, Administrators, and Governing Bodies."



The day before the Academy Session, both the OAMR Executive Board and the Conference Committee met. A very special conference is planned for September 21 - 23, 2006, at the Doubletree Lloyd Center. Mark your calendars, as you are all invited and encouraged to attend.

During the lunch break of the Academy Session, OAMR held a special meeting to consider changing its conference date to April, and holding the mid-year academy session in September. OAMR members did not support this recommendation, so the schedule will remain status quo. A task force, consisting of the OAMR Region Directors, was appointed to study the issue and deliver a report at the annual conference.

OAMR has accomplished a lot this year, and our members continue to forge ahead on other projects. We have adopted standardized conference siting criteria for use in bidding upcoming conferences. We have amended our expense policy to cover housing for our conference host clerk. The Board adopted a "code of ethics/conduct" for its members. We are working on becoming a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization and anticipate this being completed by September. As previously noted, we have a task force reviewing conference dates, as we have found that we are running into many other conferences, and particularly the League of Oregon Cities conference. The Scholarship Committee presented new criteria and forms that have been adopted and are in use. The Education and Scholarship Committee became two separate committees this year. The Membership Committee is hard at work increasing membership, and is looking into soliciting members from special districts. We received a MCEF grant to fund on-the-road workshops, and they are happening. The Bylaws Committee is looking at establishing an "honorary membership" category, as well as voting by mail to allow all OAMR members to vote on issues affecting their organization. Our committees are all hard at work on various assignments and the upcoming conference. OAMR members continue working on their certifications, and are achieving their goals at a record pace.

OAMR's 25th Anniversary will occur in The Dalles in 2007. A lot of planning goes into the conference, and Mary Feldman, CMC, and Julie Krueger, MMC, are already brainstorming to make this a very special event.

In March, I had the pleasure of representing OAMR at the Washington Municipal Clerk's Association Conference in Spokane. The conference was held at the historic and elegant Davenport Hotel. I was fortunate to attend the academy session, entitled, "Success Signals - Open the Door to Getting What You Want," presented by Rhonda Hilyer. This was an excellent session that dealt with our unique communication styles and how to make them work for us. The all-conference event was a "murder mystery" with a touch of music and lots of

WASHINGTON—WMCA President Sandy Byers Reports...

Spring greetings from the Pacific Northwest!

The highlight of last month was our annual state conference. Past President Pam Kolacy and her team of committees and volunteers produced an outstanding event. The opening session was inspirational, the educational offerings reminded us of how much we have yet to learn, and the networking opportunities were invaluable. Pam's theme of "Respect the Past - Create the Future" was evident throughout the conference, especially since it was held at the historic Davenport Hotel in Spokane. We came away with a renewed respect for how our history truly contributes to our lives today.

One of the evening events at our conference recognized the upcoming IIMC annual conference in Anaheim. Our Washington clerks are excited the conference is in neighboring California and look forward to renewing friendships and developing new ones with our fellow Region IX members.

Our association's work has already begun with the formation of committees, the backbone of how our goals are accomplished. The spring newsletter is in the works and has been changed from a paper format to electronic. We are excited about the new technology and the opportunity to use our funds more efficiently.

As I take over the leadership of WMCA from Past President Pam, I'm aware there's much to learn and look forward to many opportunities for growth. Thank you to my fellow State Presidents Dawn, Peggy, and Jamie and Region IX Directors Sheri and Gail who have made this newbie feel welcome.



President Sandy Byers presents plaque to outgoing President Pam Kolacy

Continue from Oregon.....

fun. The banquet saw the installation of new officers, and Sandy Byers, from the Pierce Transit Authority, was sworn in as the WMCA president. It was truly an honor to represent OAMR at this event, and it was great to meet so many Washington clerks and put faces to names. Also in attendance were our Region IX directors, Sheri Pierce and Gail Waibel, the state presidents from Alaska and California - Jamie Newman and Dawn Abrahamson, and Dema Harris, NW Institute Director.

Speaking of record numbers, OAMR members will attend the IIMC Conference in Anaheim in greater numbers than ever before. We are looking forward to volunteering to help our Region IX partner, California, in this massive endeavor - the 60th Annual IIMC Conference.

Once again, I need to express my deepest appreciation for everything Gail Waibel, our outgoing IIMC Region IX Director, has done for all of us in OAMR and Region IX. We will miss her grace, wisdom, and professionalism. She has been the best and we are so proud that she is a fellow Oregonian. Thank you, Gail, for everything!

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ALASKA—AAMC President Jamie Newman

As President of AAMC, I had the pleasure of attending the Washington Municipal Clerks Association Conference March 20 - 23, 2006 at the lovely Davenport Hotel in Spokane Washington. WMCA President Pam Kolacy did an outstanding job in executing the event. I cannot think of a single thing that could have been done better. During the conference, I had the opportunity to meet President-elect Sandy Byers and I look forward to working with her in the coming months.

The WMCA Conference afforded me the opportunity to spend time with Peggy Hawker, OMAR President and Dawn Abrahamson, CCAC President and I must say that I continue to be in awe at the level of dedication and professionalism of my fellow colleagues.

Our IIMC Region IX Directors Gail Waibel and Sheri Pierce did an excellent job in presenting information to conference attendees on the benefits of IIMC membership and related topics.

Currently, AAMC is in the process of awarding scholarships to our rural clerks to attend the Northwest Clerks Institute in Washington. In addition we are offering three financial scholarships to graduating seniors in the amount of \$500.

I invite all of you to attend our upcoming State Association Conference, which will be held November 12 through 14, 2006 in Juneau, Alaska. This year's conference theme is:

MUNICIPAL CLERKS...THE ESSENTIAL PIECE

Isn't it a wonderful thing that we're all different? Each of us has strengths and skills to share. And when we link our individual strengths together, we're invincible.

I look forward to seeing you at the IIMC Conference in May. At our annual meeting in February, AAMC passed a Resolution endorsing Dyanne C. Reese for IIMC Second Vice-President. Please remember to VOTE.



NW Institute Director Dema Harris & President Jamie Newman

CALIFORNIA—CCAC President Dawn Abrahamson Reports...

California is anxiously waiting to be your host for the 2006 Annual IIMC Conference. This conference has reached record-breaking attendance. Many outstanding and highly educational sessions are being offered as well as optional activities, including various Academy Sessions.



The CCAC Annual Business Meeting/President's Banquet and Awards of Distinction will be held on Monday evening, May 15 at the Anaheim Marriott Hotel. The Committee has worked hard to make this an enjoyable evening for California Clerks and our guests. I will have the honor of unveiling the "Clerk of the Year" followed by presenting awards of distinction to members of the City Clerk's profession who have made outstanding contributions to their communities and/or CCAC.

During the month of March, I had the extreme honor and privilege to represent CCAC by participating in a press conference with Secretary of State Bruce McPherson. The press release was held in Sacramento at the State Capitol launching April as "Voter Education and Participation Month." Along with the Secretary of State and various partners, a number of voter education programs aimed at educating voters about new changes at polling places in 2006, as well as encouraging all eligible Californians to exercise their right to vote were unveiled.

The CCAC Board will hold its spring Board meeting on April 27 via conference call. Several items of importance are on our agenda for discussion: (1) Consideration of placing the California Registered Municipal Clerk (CRMC) Certification Program on the 2006 CCAC ballot; (2) possible employment of a lobbyist; (3) approval of a contract for the April 2007 CCAC Annual Conference (Palm Springs) and April 2008 Conference (Central California); and (4) revision to CCAC's Scholarship Policy for the Annual CCAC Institute.

The CCAC Board continues to work on its 11 goals it established in December 2005. Starting in the month of May, CCAC will be gearing up for nominations for various positions on the CCAC Board.

For many of Region IX Clerks, the summer marks the beginning of the nomination period for the November 7, 2006 General Municipal Election. As we move through the month months ahead, keep this thought in mind: "Thou Shall Never Quit (well, almost never)...winners never quit and quitters never win."

CALIFORNIA CLERKS ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO WELCOMING YOU TO SUNNY CALIFORNIA AND THE HAPPIEST PLACE ON EARTH!

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS & EDUCATION HONORS (through March 2006)

New Members

Alaska

Stefanie Bromagan	City Clerk	Ketchikan
Kathy Dawson	Admin. Asst.	Soldotna
Sheila Burke	Senior Office Spc.	North Slope Borough

California

Susan Rubio	City Clerk	Baldwin Park
Kathy Ward	Exec Secretary	Dana Point
Caroline Soto	Deputy City Clerk	Dublin
Sharon Marshall	Clerk of the Board	Oakland
Renee Holdcroft	City Clerk	Kerman
Nanci Lima	City Clerk	Lemoore
Trisha Martinson	Asst. City Clerk	Monterey
Grace Mendoza	Deputy City Clerk	Palm Desert
Marty Wadekamper	Deputy City Clerk	San Ramon
Mary Cusick	Records Technician	Santa Clarita
Suzette Gibbons	Admin. Secretary	Truckee
Deanna Stanley	Office Manager	Irwindale
Elizabeth Rojas	Admin. Assistant	Anaheim
Doree Henry	Exec. Assistant	San Diego
Trish Paetz	Deputy City Clerk	San Juan Bautista
Carol Molina-Espinoza	Senior Mgmt Analyst	Santa Anna

Oregon

Heather Gravelle	Deputy City Recorder	Salem
Linda Engbretson	City Recorder	Warrenton
Sandra Stubbs	Deputy City Recorder	Eugene
E. Megan Vance	Deputy City Recorder	Mt. Angel

Washington

Mary Bower	Office Manager	Port Angeles
Rhodetta Seward	Clerk to the Authority	Olympia
Jenifer Schultz	Committee Clerk	Tacoma
Christy O'Flaherty	Deputy City Clerk	Seattle
Debora Nicholas	Asst. City Clerk	Tacoma
Susan Pearson, CMC	Clerk/Treasurer	Wapato
Sandra Wallenfelsz	Deputy Clerk to Board	Everett
Randy Hinchliffe	City Clerk	Waitsburg

Members Earning Certification

Alaska

Helena Hildreth, CMC	Borough Clerk	Kotzebue
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California

Mitzi Ortiz, CMC	Deputy City Clerk	Murrieta
Marie Ulvila, CMC	City Clerk	Ukiah
Gina Zenns, CMC	Exec. Assistant	Encinitas
Brenda Carter, CMC	City Clerk	Mendota

Members Earning Recertification

California

Cindy Herrera, CMC	City Clerk	Adelanto
Craig Rogers, CMC	Asst. City Clerk	Alhambra
Kathleen Franco Simmons, CMC	City Clerk	Eureka
Katherine Hollywood, CMC	Asst. City Clerk	Vista

Members Entering MMC Academy

California

Margaret Roberts, CMC	City Clerk	Davis
Susan Gibbs, CMC	Asst. City Clerk	Livermore
Jackie Rose, CMC	Deputy Clerk	Los Gatos
Alice Evenson, CMC	City Clerk	Vista

Oregon

Kathy Louie, CMC	City Recorder	Corvallis
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Washington

JoAnne Giesbrecht, CMC	Clerk of the Board	Mount Vernon
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Members Attaining First MMCA Level

Alaska

Jamie Newman, CMC	Deputy Clerk	Wasilla
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Oregon

Karen-Lee Stolte, CMC	Finance Director	North Plains
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Washington

Joann Warren, CMC	City Clerk	Snoqualmie
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Members Attaining Second MMCA Level

California

Donna Rogers, CMC	City Clerk	Palo Alto
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Washington

Kristina Gregg, CMC	Deputy City Clerk	SeaTac
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Members Earning MMCA Level

Alaska

Colleen Pellett, MMC	Municipal Clerk	Sitka
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California

June Greek, MMC	City Clerk	La Quinta
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TOTAL IIMC MEMBERSHIP 10,268