

**IIMC CONFERENCE – ATLANTA, GA**  
**May 19, 2008 Region VIII Meeting**

The meeting was called to order at approximately 11 am. Board of Director Members Gloria Leija and Monica Simmons invited all members to attend the Region VIII dinner to be held at Ray's in the City.

Roll call was taken with representatives present from Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, S. Dakota, Utah, and Wyoming. There were no representatives present from Montana or N. Dakota.

Gloria Leija was recognized for her participation since 2005. She stated that she did not agree with everything, but it was important that they all had character and integrity. She stated it had been a pleasure working with Buster and Monica. Stephanie Kalasz will be replacing Gloria as a Region VIII Director.

Gloria stated that it had been agreed each state would be given the opportunity to have a representative serve on a regional level. That is why Nevada representative Monica had been selected to follow Buster and that Stephanie was nominated by her state association to replace Gloria.

At the Board meeting, they approved the task force recommendations regarding CMC & MMC certifications. Information will be included in the next regional newsletter. The twelve point requirement was reduced to six. The requirement for a Bachelor's Degree was removed from the MMC requirements. CMC & MMC old guideline certifications have been extended until 2009.

Susan Phillips accepted a position with the IIMC Education Task Force.

Colorado was thanked for hosting the Region VIII conference last year.

Jocelyn Bronson announced that the Region VIII conference will be held in Tucson, AZ from September 29 through October 1, 2008. They have extended an invitation to all of the other regions. They already have one key note speaker and some of the sessions. They have scheduled a mock trial with two attorneys; Take this Job & Love IT; and outings including a dinner at the Air Museum.

Monica Simmons reported on the 2010 IIMC conference, which will be held in Reno, NV. She stated there are not a lot of Nevada Clerk's and requested volunteers from the region to help. She requested that attendees at today's meeting circle Yes on the sign in sheet if they would be willing to help.

Gloria stated that it is difficult to get State organizations to volunteer to sponsor the Region VIII conferences. She stated that they need approximately 100 participants and asked if a state would be interested in sponsoring the 2009 conference. Lisa Johnston from New Mexico suggested Region VIII forgo the

2009 and 2010 regional conferences and support the Reno IIMC conference in 2010. Members of the audience agreed. Lisa Johnston then made it a motion which was seconded by Jocelyn Bronson. There was no opposition to the motion.

The state representatives then made their presentations.

ARIZONA: Lynn Mulhall, president, reported that they had developed and balanced their first budget. They have established a new member packet and brochures: "What is a Clerk" and "New Member". The information is available on their website. They sold cook books as fund raiser. They awarded one member a scholarship to attend an educational event and one member won attendance at this IIMC conference. They had addressed the point issue with IIMC.

COLORADO: Kathryn Young, Vice President from Colorado Springs, announced that they have three hundred and twenty nine active members. Fifty of the members attended advanced academy sessions and eighty attended the institute. They are currently looking for a new Institute Director. The Board is funding a Record Committee Electronic Management System to be put into an electronic manual. They are also initiating a transcription program so Clerks will be able to research what classes they have taken and have access to their electronic transcript. They have expanded their On The Road (OTR) IIMC classes.

IDAHO: Nila Jurkovich, President of the Idaho Clerks, Treasurers and Finance Officers Association, stated that there are a lot of rural areas in their state. She announced that the September State Conference will be in Post Falls. They are reaching out to other parts of the state and all Region VIII members are invited. They will have a murder mystery during the lake cruise event. There are two hundred incorporated communities and they have one hundred and sixty members. This is the first year for their mentoring program. There are six districts and each one provides a basket which is raffled off. The funds generated are used for education scholarships.

NEBRASKA: Elizabeth Deck, Vice President, announced that a wonderful new director runs their institute. They raised \$10,000 from the State for Clerks to attend the academy. They have a Yahoo.news group that only Clerks can access. There is a Q&A section and they also do a newsletter.

NEVADA: Patricia Norman, President, stated that Stacey Brownfield obtained CMC status and Monica Simons obtained MMC status. She stated that it was hard to step into the shoes of Monica who was the previous State President. She stated they will need assistance with the 2010 Conference in Reno, NV.

NEW MEXICO: Irma Devine said they held their spring conference in April. She stated there were eighty attendees out of one hundred and three municipalities.

Their Mayor was one of the speakers. She discussed approval for CMC, MMC and CMC advanced credits. There were thirty two Accidental Archivist attendees. The election code update and amendments included statewide input which will be provided to the State Legislature in January. They held a silent auction as a scholarship fundraising event. They awarded nine scholarships in the amount of \$5,200. They also donated \$500 to Municipal Clerks Education Fund (MCEF). They submitted a letter to IIMC regarding the education requirements. IIMC needs to listen to members and move away from 12 points. They also asked that IIMC realize colleagues and valuable educators within the membership. She said they have a great team and IIMC did listen to them. Their academy has been extended by one half day.

SOUTH DAKOTA: Denise Tucker from Sioux Falls, stated the previous City Clerk retired. They do not have a state association. Debbie Owen has been rotating the staff so they can attend the conference and work toward their CMC. They are trying to get an Association started. If they do, possibly they could host the regional conference in 211.

UTAH: Donna Pollard stated that most of their members were attending this conference. Their Institute has so many attendees that they had to move it to another site. She will be retiring next year, but they will be glad to assist Nevada with the 2010 Conference. Their theme this year is "We've Got You Covered". They have a website, newsletter, and a lobbyist that keeps them informed. They provide roving training. This month they have combined with Utah League and some of the Recorders will be providing training. The Education Committee is done through "Sky" a video conferencing tool.

WYOMING: Marla Brown, President said WAMCAT (Clerks and Treasurers) are celebrating thirty years. They have ninety members. Their State Archives conducted a Needs Assessment with municipalities and created a manual twenty years ago. WAMCAT's first Treasurer provided input on the issues. She thanked the surrounding states for allowing them to attend their state institutes. She was impressed that the Snowmass entire conference schedule was included on a card with the lanyard. They have on land and on line institutes. Of their twenty nine clerks, ten to fifteen will be certified in June. They will graduate in front of the elected officials.

Monica stated increased communication is critical. They need input for the newsletters. They also want to send invitations for educational opportunities. Maria Aguirre from Henderson has been communicating with Region VIII members. She stated Arizona and Nevada websites post a link to the region's newsletter. They will send it to each state for their website. Monica said that any information members want to provide will be appreciated. IIMC may not provide state information such as institutes or other training opportunities. Susan asked about IIMC guidelines. She was concerned that advertising State Institutes might be against IIMC policy. Monica will check with IIMC.

Gloria reported that the lawsuit with the former Director may go to court. An executive session was held with the attorney. Monica stated that IIMC is a worthwhile organization and urged everyone to support it.

They reported that MCEF is the educational fund raising arm of IIMC. They will provide two scholarships to each region. They had requested that each state in our region donate \$100 for MCEF. They received contributions from Arizona, Colorado, Nebraska, Nevada and Utah totaling \$500.00.

Jocelyn informed the members that their state organization sold cookbooks and the funds are for their education fund. Monica offered to sell them during this conference at the 2010 Nevada Conference booth in the exhibitor's hall.

There was discussion regarding preauthorization for accreditation. It was suggested that prior authorization was better than running the risk of sending in a report afterward with evaluations and possibly not being awarded or not receiving the maximum number of points. They also discussed education being provided by individual members and state educators. Educational points are worth three times more than at other sessions. Chris Reed, from Nebraska, said the Institute Directors are concerned about what State Associations may be doing. The IIMC Board was again thanked for listening to its members.

The meeting adjourned at 12:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Norman