

**INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE OF MUNICIPAL CLERKS'
REGION VIII MEETING
Marriott Hotel, New Orleans, LA
Wednesday, May 23, 2007**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Region VIII Director Gloria Leija opened the meeting at 10:35 a.m. at the Marriott Hotel, New Orleans, Louisiana, in accordance with the IIMC Annual Conference schedule.

Present:

Officers

Gloria Leija, Exiting Region VIII Director, Casa Grande, AZ
Buster Brown, Region VIII Director, Omaha, NE
Monica M. Simmons, In-Coming Region VIII Director, Henderson NV

Attendees

Arizona

Vanessa Bueras, Maricopa, AZ	Sandra Olivas, Sahuarita, AZ
Lori Anderson, Page, AZ	Lynn Mulhall, Goodyear, AZ
Maureen Scott, Goodyear, AZ	Sherry Aguilar, Surprise, AZ
Carrie Dyrek, Cave Creek, AZ	Carla Simendich, Lake Havasu City, AZ
Roger Randolph, Tucson, AZ	Jocelyn Bronson, Marana, AZ

Colorado

Wendy Heffner, Central City, CO	Wanda Krajicek, Fort Collins, CO
Kathryn Koch, Aspen, CO	Denise Chiarella, Parachute, CO
Nancy Vincent, Thornton, CO	Kathryn Young, Colorado Springs, CO
Susan Phillips, Greenwood Village, CO	Patti Garcia, Winter Park, CO
Lu Berger, Fraser, CO	Deanna Jaramillo, Pagosa Springs, CO
Karen Goldman, Secretary of the State, Denver, CO	Alisa Lewis, City of Boulder, CO
	Stepahine Tuin, Grand Junction, CO

Idaho

None Present

Montana

Theresa White, Kalespill, MT

Nebraska

Christine Reed, Omaha, NE	Buster Brown, Omaha, NE
Sue Murray, South Sioux City, NE	Dolores Costanzo, Ralston, NE
Donna Slihr, Ralston, NE	Geri Anthony, Sedney, NE

Nevada

Monica Simmons, Henderson, NV Kim Swanson, Fernley, NV	LuAnn Holmes, Henderson, NV Patricia Norman, Fernley, NV
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New Mexico

Catherine Renee Lucero, Taos, NM Carol Ann Hogue, Lovington, NM Gayle Jones, Bosque Farms, NM Veronica Martinez, Espanola, NM Irma Nava, Ridoso, NM	Joella Gallegos, Taos, NM Lisa Johnston, Artesia, NM Becky Howard, Aztec, NM Lori Godoshian, Tucson, AZ Rhonda Jones, Lovington, NM
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Utah

Danice Bulloca, Washington, UT Donna Weaver, Orem, UT Debi Groves, LaVerk'n, UT	Gay Cragun, St. George, UT Rose Mary Jones, Millville City, UT
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Wyoming

Bonnie Halford, Mountain View, WY	Susan Morris Jones, Laramie, WY
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SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Lisa Johnston of New Mexico, present Shirley Clark, retired City Clerk of the City of La Cruces, a gift in recognition of service dedication, and noted that all donations collected were presented in Ms. Clark's honor to the New Mexico Municipal Clerk's Scholarship Fund as well as the MCEF Scholarship Fund.

II. INTRODUCTION

Director Gloria Leija welcomed all clerks and visitors to the Annual Meeting. Ms. Leija recognized former Regional VIII Directors. Those present introduced themselves to those in attendance.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – MAY 15, 2006

Ms. Leija asked if there were any changes or corrections to be made to the meeting minutes of the May 15, 2006, Region VIII meeting held in Anaheim, California

Gayle Jones of New Mexico noted that the New Mexico Spring Conference was held in La Cruces, not Santa Fe.

It was noted that Susan Philips should be added to the Colorado attendee's list instead of Montana and that Pam Malmstrom's name was misspelled.

(Motion) Monica Simmons of Nevada, made a motion to adopt the minutes, as amended. Lynn Mulhall of Arizona, seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

IV. ITEMS OF BUSINESS

Introduction of Incoming IIMC Region VIII Director

Gloria Leija introduced incoming Region VIII Director, Monica Simmons of Henderson, Nevada. Ms. Leija explained that there was an agreement to rotate the Region VIII Director responsibilities among the 9 states represented in Region VIII, with Ms. Simmons being the first elected Region VIII Director since the agreement was entered into.

Update on IIMC Board of Director's Meeting

Buster Brown stated that the Executive Directorship for the IIMC organization was offered and accepted by Chris Shelby along with a new contract.

2007 Region VIII Conference – Snowmass Village, CO, November 13-16, 2007

Susan Philips, President of the Colorado Clerks Association, along with Wendy Hefner, reminded those present that the 2007 Region VIII Annual Conference is scheduled to be held November 13-16, 2007, in Snowmass Village, Colorado. The theme is "Education at a Higher Altitude." Scholarships are available.

2008 Region VIII Conference – Tucson, AZ

Roger Randolph of Tuscon, Arizona, stated that the 2008 Region VIII Conference would be held at the J.W. Marriot, Star Pass Hotel, with dates and curriculum to follow.

V. REPORT FROM THE STATE PRESIDENTS

Nevada – Monica Simmons

Ms. Simmons reported that over 100 participants attended the 2006 Region VIII Conference held in Las Vegas, Nevada. The conference was a success both financially and professionally. She noted that Roni Ronemus, City Clerk for Las Vegas, Nevada retired and that the next Nevada Clerk's Institute was coming up in July. Those interested can contact Shera Alberti-Annunzio at the University of Nevada, Reno.

North Dakota

No report submitted.

Idaho

No report submitted.

South Dakota

No report submitted.

Wyoming – Bonnie Halford

Ms. Halford reported that in cooperation with IIMC, the Wyoming Clerk's Association created the first On-line/On-land Clerk's Institute which will serve as the flagship program for like institutes in the future.

Montana – Theresa White

Ms. White reported that the Montana Clerk's Association has withdrawn from their IIMC membership due to financial strain.

Colorado – Susan Phillips

Ms. Phillips reported that they have submitted Nancy Benton, twice, for the IIMC Quill Award and plan on nominating her again next year. The Colorado Municipal Clerk's Association (CMCA) is currently working on the upcoming Region VIII Conference as well as an on-line education program with a Master Municipal Clerk (MMC) focus. She stated that the CMCA donated \$100.00 to MCEF as well as \$1,000.00 to the 2007 IIMC Annual Conference in Louisiana. The CMCA has \$14,000.00 in scholarship funds with \$3,000.00 dedicated to the Region VIII Conference.

New Mexico – Gayle Jones

Ms. Gayle Jones reported on the October 2006 New Mexico Clerks and Financial Officer Conference as well as the spring session held in April 2007. She also reported on a joint task force of County and Municipal Clerks whose objective is to stop legislation that will revoke election responsibilities from Municipal Clerks and make it the sole responsibility of County Clerks.

Utah – Rose Mary Jones

Ms. Rose Mary Jones reported that of the 261 Utah Municipal Clerks Association members, 7 members became Certified Municipal Clerks (CMC), and 6 were Master Municipal Clerks (MMC). She stated that their institute was held in cooperation with the University of Utah and the spring conference in St. George saw 155 attendees.

Nebraska – Delores Constanzo

Ms. Constanzo reported that the Nebraska Municipal Clerks Association received \$10,000.00 from their State to support the institute. They conducted a silent auction raising moneys for the Louisiana IIMC Annual conference.

Arizona – Lynn Mulhall

Ms. Mulhall reported that of the 150 Arizona Municipal Clerks Association members, 19 attended the 2006 Region VIII Conference, held in Nevada. She noted that there have been changes to their website and that basket sales netted over \$4,000.00 for scholarships.

VI. OTHER COMMENTS

There were no other comments presented

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Leija adjourned the meeting at 11:55 a.m.