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REGION VIII UPDATE
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2010 Volunteer Round-Up!

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WELCOME STEPHANIE!

Stephanie Kalasz was sworn in as the new Region VIII Director on Thursday, May 22 during the 2008 IIMC Conference in Atlanta, GA.

INTRODUCTORY MESSAGE

I am very happy to be joining Monica Simmons as a Director in IIMC Region VIII. I encourage you to contact Monica or me with any questions, concerns or comments as well as any updates relating to clerk training/events in your state. Additionally, I urge you to pass this newsletter on to any clerks that might not receive it directly from us... especially to clerks who are not currently IIMC members.

I am very excited about the future of IIMC and I anticipate that the benefits and resources available to IIMC members will increase greatly over the next few

years. The Board is now in the process of strategic planning and looks forward to receiving your input through a survey to be distributed this summer. Please fill out the survey and return it, your feedback is very important.

As a liaison to the International Relations Committee, I have been directed to find out what United States' IIMC members would be interested in learning about government and/or culture of other countries that are a part of IIMC so if you have any input in that regard, it would be very much appreciated. Monica and I are looking forward to serving you over the next few years and together as Region VIII Clerks making Reno 2010 a big success. Have a wonderful summer!



NEWS FROM THE DIRECTORS continued

WANTED ON A WILD WILD WEST COMMITTEE!

The 2010 Conference has been scheduled for May 23-27, 2010, and Nevada has two years to make it happen! No doubt it will be fantastic... especially with all of our Region VIII partners and volunteers.

Nevada Clerks represent a small group of 35 professionals. Recognizing host responsibilities for 2010 are lofty indeed, Region VIII has collectively decided to forego the 2009 and 2010 regional conferences allowing all monetary and volunteer efforts to benefit the unforgettable experience planned for Reno-Tahoe. THANK YOU REGION VIII!

Considering Nevada was awarded the 2010 Conference bid a bit late in the game, Nevada Clerks immediately moved forward in laying initial groundwork with our host partners – Grand Sierra Resort (host hotel), the Reno-Tahoe Convention & Visitors Bureau, and Tahoe Experience, Inc. Please note below that various preliminary committees and event ideas have been developed. The next step... we need to officially get down to business with your help and expertise!

The Nevada host team for 2010 has identified the following eight conference **SUB-COMMITTEES** to date:

- Education
- Fundraising
- Events
- Registration & Hospitality
- Exhibit Hall
- Opening Ceremony
- Marketing and Promotions



We invite you to take on the important responsibility of volunteering or chairing one of these committees, please email maria.aguirre@cityofhenderson.com Please join us! Chairs will not serve alone, as they will be teamed up with a Nevada committee member to share leadership responsibilities.



TENTATIVE EVENTS

- Sunday's **MCEF Walk/Run** – A jog along the Truckee River to Downtown Reno benefitting MCEF followed by a casual brunch at the Wingfield Amphitheater Park
- Sunday Evening's **Opening Reception** - Virginia City – Mark Twain may present his oral repertoire as attendees dine on BBQ in a 128-year old saloon. Live country music will fill the historic shop-filled streets. Virginia City is especially enjoyable for those with a passion for history!
- Wednesday's **All Conference Event** – A casual dinner on the shores of Lake Tahoe. Then... board the Tahoe Queen for a cocktail cruise and guided tour of Emerald Bay, Fannette Island, and the unique Vikingsholm Castle.

TENTATIVE OPTIONAL TOURS FOR CONSIDERATION

- The Summit is an open-air, lifestyle shopping center with more than 70 shops, specialty retailers, salons and restaurants

- Cabelas celebrates nature and the lifestyle of the outdoor enthusiast and is Reno's 125,000-square-foot, large-format destination store
- Legends at Sparks Marina houses dozens of shops, restaurants and an IMAX movie theater. The center is anchored by a 245,000-square-foot Scheels All Sports store. When finished, Scheels will be the largest sporting goods store in the world.
- National Bowling Stadium is the only facility of its kind in the world and is dedicated to the sport of bowling. Opening in 1995, The Los Angeles Times called it the "Taj Mahal of Tenpins."
- The Truckee River Walk, a walkway of marble, granite and bronze, graces the banks of the Truckee River as it flows through downtown Reno hosting restaurants, cafes, lounges, shops and galleries.

**THE 2008 REGION
VIII CONFERENCE
WILL BE HOSTED
IN TUSCON,
ARIZONA**

**FUTURE ANNUAL
IIMC CONFERENCES**

2009 CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

2010 RENO, NV

2011 NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

2012 PORTLAND, OREGON

NEWS FROM THE DIRECTORS continued

VOLUNTEERS CAPTURED!

The Nevada Clerks would like to extend a big Thank you to all of the individuals who have already volunteered to showcase their talents for the 2010 IIMC Conference in Reno-Tahoe.

Nevada

Monica Simmons, Host Clerk
Pamella Malmstrom
Beverly Bridges
Shanell Owens
Maria Aguirre
Stacey Brownfield
Sabrina Mercadante
LuAnn Holmes
Theresa Finley
Kim Swanson
Roni Ronemus
Angela Crolli

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New Mexico

Joella Gonzales-Gallegos
Renee Lucero

Utah

Rori Andreason
Julie Bloxham
Virginia Loader
Donna Weaver

Wyoming

Marla Brown

10.5 POINTS APPROVED

FOR REGION VIII CONFERENCE

We are very pleased to report that IIMC has approved the six sessions at the upcoming Region VIII Conference in Tucson from September 28-October 1, 2008 for 3.5 contact hours each. That means if you attend all six sessions, you will receive 10.5 advanced academy points or 10.5 continuing education points for CMC/MMC re-certification.

This will be the last opportunity to obtain education points at a Region VIII conference until after the 2010 IIMC conference in Reno-Nevada, so we urge you to enjoy our beautiful southwestern hospitality Tucson-style. The host site will be the University Marriott close to the University of Arizona campus. There are lots of good restaurants and fun shops nearby.

The host committee has put together a stimulating educational program and will be providing unique conference events for your entertainment. The registration form and conference program are online at www.azclerks.org. For additional information, please contact Deborah Rainone, CMC, Assistant City Clerk, City of Tucson at Deborah.Rainone@tucsonaz.gov or 520-791-4213.

IIMC EDUCATION UPDATE

At the Annual Meeting in Atlanta this past May, the IIMC Board of Directors spent the first portion of their meeting discussing IIMC's education philosophy, purposes, policies and the need to involve all members of the IIMC "family" in discussions and changes affecting education.

As part of the discussion, directors shared the perspective of the role of membership and leadership regarding education; that education must be attainable and

WANTED

FUNDRAISING SUPPORT

In an attempt to showcase Region VIII to the very best of our ability, we need to generate enough funds. All ideas and support will be greatly appreciated!

IDEAS

ITEMS FOR AUCTION & RAFFLE,

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

REWARD

NEWS FROM THE DIRECTORS *continued*

IIMC EDUCATION UPDATE *continued*

flexible; that it must be meaningful and measurable; and that education is a vehicle that empowers Clerks.

The Board is also cognizant of on-going concerns with the education program guidelines and unanimously voted to immediately implement the following items:

- Reduce the MMC annual point requirement for maintaining the MMC candidacy from 12 to 6;
- Eliminate the bachelor degree requirement for MMC certification; and
- Extend the “grace period” to complete CMC and MMC certification programs through 2009.

All changes to the educational policies and guidelines will be consolidated into one document and will be disseminated to the membership in the next several weeks.

Education discussions will be on-going and will include a membership survey in upcoming months.

The Board’s actions are a concrete signal to members that IIMC’s existing CMC and MMC programs will continually be evaluated and researched, keeping the members’ education endeavors as its first priority.

MCEF CONTRIBUTIONS

We would like to thank the Institute Directors and Education Chairs for their patience, recommendations and cooperation in facilitating these changes.

Region VIII’s contribution to the Walk/Run Event held in Atlanta, Georgia this past May was in the amount of \$600. Contributions were made from the following States:

- Arizona · Nebraska
- Colorado · Nevada
- Idaho · Utah

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