

REGION VIII UPDATE

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Greetings from your Region VIII Directors

Change is in the air... and we would like to jump in and present what we believe is a *welcome* change for our fellow Region VIII Clerks. We are too familiar with the career demands placed on municipal clerks, yet we know how important it is to maintain regular communication and provide networking opportunities to stay ahead of the game! While we're keeping it simple, we believe the introduction of a new communication tool will truly benefit all Region VIII members. With this in mind, we have established Region VIII *web links* for your access! Read further below... We encourage each of you to provide comments and suggestions for improving this information-sharing resource. Thank you! *Gloria Leija & Monica Martinez Simmons ~ Region VIII Directors*

Region VIII Update Links

In an effort to keep all 1,300+ Region VIII members updated in a timely manner, a *Region VIII Update* link is being established on the following websites: www.nvclerks.com and www.azclerks.org. These are the state sites for Nevada (Monica) and Arizona (Gloria). These ready resources provide a quick and no-cost approach to communicating information to the membership. Should IIMC include Region links on their site in the future, we will transfer the appropriate information at that time. In the meantime, we encourage you to place a link on your state's website to one of the sites listed above (which will contain information under a "Region VIII icon") OR you may always list one on your *favorites* list and visit the site periodically.

State Presidents Welcome!

State presidents within Region VIII are invited to send Gloria and Monica news items they would like to share with the entire Region VIII membership, whether it's an invitation to an institute or congratulatory news about a fellow clerk. These sites will serve as an information resource for you as well. We will make every attempt to calendar events of interest to Region VIII. E-mail us at:

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Region VIII Board of Directors

Per Region VIII's Board of Directors nomination agreement, the State of North Dakota is next in line to nominate a member of their State to serve as Region VIII Director next year. In order to honor this agreement, we ask that no other State make a nomination until it's their turn, based on our established listing.

Candidates for IIMC Office

Any request received for support of candidate will also be posted on the Region VIII Update link.

Region VIII Conference Information

We encourage all members to attend the Conference scheduled for November 13-16 in Snowmass, Colorado. The Colorado Clerks have been hard at work, and the conference is sure to be a success. We'll see you in Snowmass. For detailed conference information, visit: www.cmca.gen.co.us.

2007 CMCA/CGFOA/Region VIII Fall Conference Registration Packets can be downloaded from the above link. A delegate registration book, Program Brochure and a vendor packet are available. Once you click on the link, scroll down to the calendar.

Here are a few things you should be aware, per Susan Phillips, CMCA President.

1. Hard copies will not be mailed to our U.S. mail members for another week or so, therefore I have included EVERYONE in this email. Some of you may be on this list more than once (as an associate member and a previous conference vendor) - I apologize for any inconvenience.
2. Vendor registration deadline is October 5, 2007.
3. Delegate early registration deadline is October 19, 2007.
4. Hotel reservations will be made this year with a phone call. Be sure to provide your Tax Exempt Affidavit from your municipality and bring it with you to check in.
5. The deadline for the CMCA Scholarship for this event is due September 22, 2007 to Donna Spaulding-Garcia at <mailto:dgarcia@tosv.com?subject=Scholarship> Application <<mailto:dgarcia@tosv.com?subject=Scholarship%20Application>>. The Colorado application form is included in the delegation packet. The IIMC Region VIII Scholarship form is located online at <http://www.cmca.gen.co.us/scholarships.cfm>.
6. There have been a few changes this year:
 - a. Please do not fax in your volunteer commitment to hold a time slot, you must submit payment with your volunteer request form. First pay, first served!
 - b. Vendor space will be assigned first to those members who committed with a deposit over the summer.
 - c. Deadlines are firm; forms need to be submitted in their entirety with payment.
7. New-There will be an Athenian Dialogue pre-conference session for an additional \$125.00. You must contact IIMC to register for the dialogue. Do not send your registration fee with the conference registration.
8. There are several other pre-conference seminars available too....check the program for more exceptional opportunities!
9. Don't forget about the Silent Auction! Bring something from your community to auction and bid on others! Proceeds go to CMCA/Region VIII Scholarships.
10. Bring items to the Canned Food Drive to support Lift-Up!
11. And don't forget your poodle skirt and your dippity do! There will be a Sock Hop Thursday Evening.

As usual, the CMCA and CGFOA Education Committees have done an incredible job of compiling an outstanding education program for the 2007 conference. Lots of information is packed into the delegate registration book and the vendor registration packet - thanks for taking time to review it all carefully and submit it properly!

We look forward to seeing you at Snowmass Village to get your "Education at a Higher Altitude"

www.cgfoa.org/calendar.htm

2008 Region VIII Conference

The 2008 Region VIII Conference will be hosted by Arizona.

Future IIMC conferences

2008	Atlanta, Georgia	May 18-22
2009	Chicago, Illinois	May 19-23
2010	Not confirmed	May 16-20
2011	Nashville, Tennessee	May 8-12

IIMC Committee Updates

The Education Committee report will be posted shortly.