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demo their products in a timed class. The All- Conference Event was a great event, even standing in the rain was OK. We were received with smiles, and everyone seemed to be enjoying themselves. The atmosphere was relaxed and friendly.

This was my fifth conference, but because each is so different and unique to the area that it is held, it is very hard to compare. The only comparison could be the workshops. Some are always more impressive than others, but from each conference I have been able to come away gleaning something valuable for my position. The workshop that impressed me in this conference was probably, "The City Clerk, City Manager/Mayor: A Partnership In Peril?" It was great to hear different viewpoints and solutions to issues we all seem to face. I have found it very comfortable and uplifting to realize that no matter where you serve as City Clerk, we all have similar situations, and it is great to have others to lean on and learn from.☺

### **Pat Norman, Fernley**

I was very impressed with the number of nations represented, and I learned so much.

Some of the speakers (the second session with Dr. Laugh Chris Johnson and Dr. Mark Kling on the trust between men and women officers) were good speakers, but their information didn't specifically pertain to Clerks. I wish that we would have had the opportunity to attend another track. Possibly some of the training tracks could be repeated throughout the conference. There were several that I would have loved to attend but didn't have the

opportunity. I know it might be difficult to pay and/or have the speakers spend several days, so they could repeat their sessions. The overall conference was great!☺

### **Deb Dolan, Sparks**

Attending the Annual IIMC Conference and the Region VIII Conference, along with our Nevada Clerks' Conference are all helpful in furthering networking abilities. If the Nevada Clerks could possibly meet more often, such as the Arizona Clerks, it would go a long way in making us feel comfortable calling each other for assistance.☺

## **Election Update**

Larry Lomax and Monica Simmons serve on the State HAVA committee and plan to share the various election changes further at our annual meeting. In the meantime, below you will find a "cliff note" version of what we can look forward to in the upcoming elections.



### **Nevada Voters Will See Changes in the 2004 Elections**

Largely as a result of the federally enacted Help America Vote Act, Nevada's legislators enacted several changes to Nevada's election statutes in the 2003 legislative session and the Secretary of State directed additional changes, all of which will significantly impact the manner in which future elections are conducted in the state of Nevada.



### **Registering to Vote**

The last date an individual can register to vote has been extended. Previously, the last day to register for an election was the 5th Saturday before the election

Nevada Municipal Clerks' Association (e.g., October 2 for the November 2 election). Now, if an individual fails to meet that deadline, for the 10 days immediately following the traditional deadline, an individual can still register by appearing in person at the office of the clerk/registrar for a state/county election or in the office of the city clerk for a municipal election.



### **Identification Requirements**

Although most voters did not realize it, in the past individuals could register to vote in the state of Nevada and vote without ever showing any form of identification. Authentication of the voter was accomplished solely by matching his or her signature with the signature on the voter's original registration form. Now, if an individual registers without providing identification, the individual will have to provide identification at the polling place the first time he or she votes. If the individual fails to provide identification, the individual will not be able to vote in a municipal election and will only be allowed to vote provisionally for federal candidates in a federal election.



### **Provisional Voting**

When a voter votes provisionally, it means the voter will be allowed to cast a ballot, but the ballot will be set aside until it is determined whether or not the voter was authorized to vote in the election. In Nevada, provisional voting will only be authorized for federal contests (U.S. President, Senate and Congress). There are two instances in which a voter will vote provisionally. First, as mentioned above, if a voter is required to present identification and does not, the voter will be allowed to cast a provisional ballot. That ballot will only be counted if the voter brings

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identification to the registrar's office prior to 5:00 p.m. on the Friday following the election. Second, if a voter's name is not on the rolls but the voter attests he or she did register to vote, the voter will be allowed to cast a provisional ballot. That ballot will only be counted if subsequent research indicates the voter had previously registered and a mistake had been made.



### **No More Punch Cards**

Punch cards will no longer be used for absentee (mail) ballots in Clark County. As a result of the Secretary of State decertifying punch cards in Nevada, Clark County will switch to optical scan ballots for voters who chose to vote by mail. To vote on an optical scan ballot, the voter completes an arrow that points to the selected candidate's name.



### **Touchscreen Voting and a Voter Verified Paper Trail**

The Secretary of State has also mandated that all counties in Nevada, with the exception of Clark County, convert to touchscreen voting machines, each equipped with a voter verified paper trail device (nicknamed Verivote) by the 2004 primary election. These devices will print out the voter's selections on a strip of paper and the voter can verify the selections have been accurately recorded. The 740 touchscreen machines used in Clark County will each be equipped with a Verivote device in 2004. Every Election Day polling place will have at least one touchscreen machine and all

early voting locations will use only the touchscreen machines with the Verivote printers. In addition, Clark County will continue to use its more than 2,000 full-face ballot electronic voting machines. These machines rely on older technology and there currently is no printing device that has been certified for use with these machines. However, the Secretary of State has mandated that they be equipped with a verification device by 2006. [R]

### **Nevada Clerks' Institute**

UNR is still in the planning stages for our institute program. Shera is working to have the program ready for the spring of 2005. She will be attending the Nevada League of Cities Clerks' meeting in October to update us on the progress of this exciting effort. If you have any suggestions or comments feel free to contact Shera at [shera@unr.edu](mailto:shera@unr.edu).

### **Annual Nevada League of Cities/Clerks' Meeting**

#### **Mark your calendars!**

The 45<sup>th</sup> Annual League of Cities Conference will be held in Boulder City, October 14-16. Please provide any suggestions you may have for the meeting agenda. Tentative agenda items include:

- Approval of minutes
- Presentations
- HAVA Update
- Bylaw Distribution
- Special Election Update

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- IIMC Certification (Toni Brandt)

### **IIMC Distance Education Program**

Attached is a memo from Jennifer Ward, Education Associate from IIMC regarding their new Distance Education Program. IIMC is offering four courses each worth CMC and MMCA points and re-certification hours for IIMC members.

### **Region VIII Conference News**

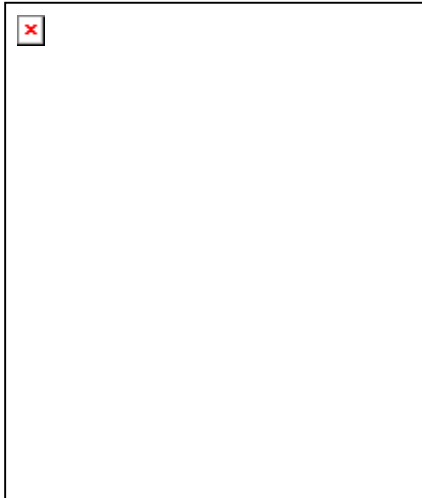
The Region VIII Conference held in Albuquerque, NM was a great success. Plans are being made for the 2005 Conference to be held in Idaho in September. Courtney Bolander from Saratoga, WY has been appointed as the new Region VIII Director, along with the incoming Region VIII Director, Buster Brown from Omaha, NE.

Courtney reported on changes to the IIMC re-certification program. Education hours have been changed from 10 hours each year for four years to 40 hours in a four-year period. Clerks can "store-up" hours in the four-year period for re-certification.

Both IIMC and MCEF (Municipal Clerks Education Foundation) have grants available.

Presentations were made by each state in Region VIII.

## Clerk Highlights!



### Breaking News!

**Vicki Mayes, Boulder City Clerk...  
newly appointed City Manager!**

#### SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

At press time we received word that Vicki Mayes had just been appointed City Manager for Boulder City!

#### **CONGRATULATIONS VICKI!**

Vicki served as the Deputy City Clerk and mayor's secretary in Mason City, Iowa for 17 years. In 1992, she was appointed City Clerk of Boulder City. Vicki received her BA from Buena Vista College in Storm Lake, Iowa in 1988, her Certified Public Official accreditation from UNR in 2000, and her MA in Organizational Management from the University of Phoenix in 2002. She was the first city clerk in Nevada to receive her MMC accreditation from the IIMC in September of 2003. Vicki is active in various professional organizations, as well as many community and civic activities.

**We're proud of you, Vicki!**

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### Congratulations!

To Deb Dolan, Sparks City Clerk on her acceptance into the First Level Membership for the IIMC Master Municipal Clerks Academy.

Congratulations, Deb! 😊

#### Deb Dolan, Sparks City Clerk

Deb relocated from California to Nevada in 1979 and went to work for the City of Reno in March of 1980 in the Civil Service Department. She later transferred to the Engineering division and then transferred to the City Clerk's Office. She served as the Deputy City Clerk for Reno from 1987 to 1992, when she was offered the job of the City Clerk for the City of Sparks. She has served in this capacity since 1992.

Deb is married to Wayne and has two sons, Mike and John, and two stepsons, Chad and Adam. She also has a grandson, Nicky, and is awaiting the arrival of a granddaughter around Thanksgiving. Fred and Daisy are the family's two pets.

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## Whistler Snapshots!



Above: Sparks' Clerks Deb Dolan and Linda Ulrich, Henderson Clerk Monica Simmons, and Fernley Clerk Pat Norman enjoy lunch at the Whistler Conference.

Below: Monica, Pat, Mesquite Clerks Sherree Goessman and Carol Woods, and Linda.





Monica, Linda, and Pat enjoy the beautiful scenery in Whistler.



Linda, IIMC President Jean Bailey, Monica, and Pat pose for a picture.



Monica, Deb, Linda, and Pat are all smiles at the conference.

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