

Region VIII Newsletter



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Hello Region VIII IIMC Members!

I am excited to be sending the Region's first Newsletter in quite some time and I would like to thank Mary Lee from Platteville, Colorado for her assistance. If she hadn't stepped up and offered her assistance the Newsletter may never have been sent out!

It is important for your Region Directors to stay in touch with everyone and communicate what is happening at IIMC as well as information about training that is going on in each state. To that end our intent is to send out a Region Newsletter bi-monthly. Communication with the Region was hampered this past year because I was out of the office for an extended period of time. In order to send Newsletters out bi-monthly your help is needed. Would you or someone in your state organization be willing to write a short article to tell us what is going on in your state which could include special education opportunities you offer or a new idea your state has implemented to further education for municipal clerks. If so, please send an email to me and I will be happy to include articles from your state. We should have a new Director VIII appointed before the next Region VIII newsletter goes out.

For those of you who don't know me, I have been a clerk for 34 years in Colorado but my term will be up in May of next year (2016) so it's time to start thinking of who will be the next Region VIII Board Member. It is Utah's turn to have someone serve on the Board followed by Nebraska and then Arizona. So if you are a Utah clerk and are interested please do not hesitate to tell your State President. With Renee Cantin's resignation, New Mexico is in the process of selecting a clerk to serve for the remainder of Renee's term which expires in 2017. As soon as the Director has been named I will make sure all the State Presidents are aware so they can pass along the information to you.

A little bit about our Region

and how many members from each State as of August 2015

IIMC Region VIII includes the States of Arizona with 168 members, Colorado with 324 members, Idaho with 85 members, Montana with 58, Nebraska with 208, Nevada with 33, New Mexico with 112, North Dakota with 6, South Dakota with 18, Utah with 181 and Wyoming with 63.

State Meetings, Institutes, Conference and Athenian Dialogues

When was the last time you had an IIMC representative attend one of your meetings? Just let your directors know when those meetings are and that you would like to have one attend and we will be there. We are very interested in meeting our members and sharing what IIMC is working on as well as sharing with IIMC concerns or questions that our members have.

It also might be good to share in the Region VIII Newsletter when the State Association Meetings, Institutes, Academies and Conferences are going to be held and where. It might be that a Clerk in a neighboring community only needs a few points to achieve his or her Certified Municipal Clerk Association or Master Municipal Clerk designation so he/she may want to attend.

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GREAT STATES OF:

Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah and Wyoming

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As you may know, the interest in Athenian Dialogues is growing significantly, so if you are going to hold one in your state let us know as clerks may be able to travel to a neighboring state to participate if they were unable to attend the IIMC or Region VIII Conferences.

Mark your calendars for November 17 – 20, Region VIII Conference in Loveland, CO

See page 3 for more details about the Conference.

IIMC recently sent out a link for registration information for the Region VIII Conference. The Region conference is being held in conjunction with Colorado's annual conference in November. The dates of the Conference are November 17 through the 20. We hope to see a lot of our region members there. IIMC President Monica Simmons will be there as well as your new Region Director and myself. Please make sure you sign up as part of the Colorado Municipal Clerks Association (CMCA) so you will receive a discount on your registration.

We are pleased to announce that there will be an Athenian Dialogue at the conference on Tuesday, November 17 from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The class size is limited to 25 and all participants need to completely read the book prior to the session. Each participant will qualify for 3 CMC or MMC points upon completion of an assessment. The book is **The Originals; The Women's Auxiliary Ferrying Squadron of World War II** by Sarah Byrn Rickman and will be taught by both Kathy Novak and Kerry Bush. Kathy and Kerry are awesome facilitators so hurry and register for the Dialogue while there is still room. **The Originals** is a story of women pursuing their dreams and being useful to their country at the same time. This session will discuss the amazing 28 women who were the first WAFS (Women's Auxiliary Ferrying Squadron) and who changed history. This is their story of courage and determination, women who fought the boundaries of politics, bureaucracy and gender discrimination. Women who showed patriotism, dedication and heroism. Join us as we share their sense of humor, their struggles, their needs, the politics and the rivalry. Take a look at how they revolutionized the roles of the American woman. Come meet ***The Originals***.

Below is the order of the rotation and the year when your state would have an opportunity to have someone serve on the IIMC Board:

Utah – 2016

Nebraska - 2017

Arizona - 2019

Nevada - 2020

North Dakota - 2022

Idaho - 2023

South Dakota - 2025

Wyoming - 2026

Montana - 2028

Colorado—2029

New Mexico—2031



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COLORADO MUNICIPAL CLERK'S ASSOCIATION

HOSTS IIMC – REGION VIII CONFERENCE

NOVEMBER 17-20, 2015

The Colorado Municipal Clerk's Association (CMCA) is proud and excited to host the Region VIII Conference in Loveland, Colorado this year. The Colorado Clerks are working hard in conjunction with the Colorado Government Finance Officer Association to put together the best education sessions yet. For those of you who wear both hats of Clerk and Treasurer, this conference will meet all your needs.

Please register early and reserve your rooms at the conference hotel, Embassy Suites, as you know they fill up quickly. Please make sure to sign up as a part of the Colorado Municipal Clerk's Association to receive a discount on your registration.

I want to invite each of you to attend a special dinner for the Region VIII Clerks on Wednesday night. You can sign up through registration. We are planning a great meal, an entertaining speaker, and door prizes galore! Personally, I'm looking forward to being able to host this event and meet each and every one of you.

We would love to have you participate in CGFOA/CMCA's silent auction. Proceeds go to our scholarship funds. A basket reflecting your city or state would be awesome!

In addition, if there are chapters who would like to and can afford to help out financially with this conference, it is much appreciated! Thank you to the two states that have already sent funds. Every little bit helps and is being put toward hiring some dynamic session instructors.

CMCA will hold their annual meeting at 3:15 pm that Thursday at conference and we would love to have you attend it as well, be recognized, and see the passing of the guard....

***THANK YOU AGAIN! HOPE YOU HAVE THOSE
ROADTRIPS PLANNED!***

REGION VIII ROCKS!!

*....Margy Greer, 2015 CMCA President
City Clerk, City of Lakewood, CO*

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Greetings to the remarkable Municipal Clerks of Region VIII!



It is truly a pleasure to reconnect with my home region. Region VIII holds a special place in my heart, and I am thrilled to have the opportunity to join you in beautiful Loveland, Colorado for your conference in November. Together with our host CMCA President Greer and Region Director Nancy Vincent, we will have the perfect opportunity to enjoy Region VIII colleagues and discuss progress in your region and across our organization. It has been gratifying to witness the talent, leadership, and professional growth throughout Region VIII. The contributions each of you make strengthens the public office of the Municipal Clerk and makes a critical impact in shaping and leading your communities forward. As you continue to make your mark, it is also important to take the time and reflect on your good work. I'm certain Loveland, Colorado will provide that opportunity.

As you may imagine, my time as IIMC President has been nothing short of incredible, and that is due to the personal interaction I have the opportunity to engage in with Municipal Clerks throughout the United States, Canada, and in Region XI. You can be proud of your IIMC colleagues throughout the regions, and I encourage you to engage with them whenever possible. There are many opportunities for constructive exchange across the organization in addition to the many positive aspects of building a strong professional network. We have many outstanding resources available through our association. This is your IIMC, and we all want to ensure it brings the most value to its members. In January 2016, the Executive Committee will be checking in with our Region VIII Directors to determine how further the IIMC Board and staff can provide support. These check-ins are an excellent opportunity to stay connected with the region and also prepares Region VIII for their IIMC News Digest feature in March. We're looking forward to it!

When planning for the year ahead, I encourage you to include IIMC and Omaha 2016 in your plans. This past July I had the opportunity to participate in the 2016 Annual Conference site visit with Executive Director Chris Shalby and Certification Specialist Ashley DiBlasi. We met with Host Clerk Buster Brown and Nebraska's Institute Director Eileen Freeman-Wakefield along with the Nebraska state association and the Convention Services and Visitors Bureau. Be assured *Team Omaha* is planning an outstanding conference for our members. This will be IIMC's 70th Annual Conference! Omaha is an outstanding venue and will support an excellent educational opportunity. *2016* will also be a wonderful time to celebrate our milestone *70 Years*. Be prepared to get your "70's" on for the All Conference event... and, YES, this means pull out those favorite bell bottoms you've been anxious to wear again!

Thank you for this opportunity, Region VIII, and thank you for making your indelible mark by further advancing the public office of Municipal Clerk. Until we meet in Loveland...

Fondly,
Monica Martinez Simmons, MMC
IIMC President

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**THANK YOU
DALE BARSTOW
AND JIM TINNIN!**

The Foundation At Work

By Colleen J. Nicol, MMC
MCEF President

Dale Barstow of Municipal Code Corporation announced the closure of his fourteen-year tenure as President of the Foundation at the conference in Hartford, CT. President Young showered Dale with accolades and Dale accepted a standing ovation at the Annual Business Meeting for his hard work on behalf of municipal clerks worldwide. Thankfully, Dale will continue on the Foundation Board of Directors. Colleen Nicol, MMC, Past IIMC President, stepped up as President and will lead the strong committed Board in service to all IIMC members. We also said farewell to MCEF Board Member Jim Tinnin. Jim formerly served as Ohio's Institute Director and joined the

MCEF Board in May 1997 serving continuously for the next eighteen years.

This year's Hawaii Raffle captured \$9,670 in total sales for the entire year. The eighteen-year Hawaii raffle topped \$100,000 in total earnings for municipal clerk education! IIMC and MCEF members owe a huge thank you to Steve Wolf and American Legal Publishing for the gifting of the week long Hawaii adventure year after year. This long-term commitment is deeply appreciated. This year's winner is Kelly Ridley from Mission, British Columbia, Canada. Send pictures, Kelly! See the attached flyer for the 2016 Hawaii opportunity. It could be you in Hawaii next year....Aloha!

At her reception in Hartford, CT, incoming President Monica Simmons offered the gift of an Alex and Ani bracelet for anyone donating \$100 or more to the Municipal Clerks Education Foundation. Many took her up on the offer and those \$100 increments added to the generous donation of \$6,700 from Donny and Julie Borsack, friends of Monica's. The bracelet promotion netted \$10,850 for IIMC members! The good news is that the offer still stands. Anyone donating \$100 or more to MCEF will receive the bracelet as a gift from President Simmons. The "Make Your Mark" bracelet pictured mirrors President Monica's theme for the year and was worn proudly by IIMC members who believe in MCEF and like to have fun doing it!

MCEF held another Silent Auction event realizing \$7,912 in successful bids. This popular event will continue next year and plans are to enhance the experience with electronic bidding and notifications. Shopping made easy! Shari Moore, MMC, City Clerk of St. Paul, MN, won the beautiful earrings donated by MCEF's first President Lyall Schwartzkopf.

The Board of Directors is launching a new Strategic Plan focused on the areas of Revenue Growth, Marketing, Special Events, Donor Recognition, Business Partners, Bylaws/Policies, and Finance. The Board welcomed new members Melissa Henley from Laserfiche and Dan Hussey from HCI Consulting. The blending of new and continuing members promises a year of dynamic fundraising and all IIMC members will be inspired to join the party!

Call Colleen or any Board Member if you want to help or buy a bracelet! Watch for ongoing opportunities and information from MCEF. There's more fun being planned.

Colleen can be reached at 951-826-5557 and cnicol@riversideca.gov. Follow MCEF on Facebook at MCEF - Municipal Clerks Education Foundation and on Twitter @MCEFColleen.

**MCEF is here for you. In the theme of President Monica Simmons,
"Commitment, Action, Influence",
Make Your Mark - give.**

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Say "Aloha" to Hawaii!

Support IIMC education programs and win a trip for two to Hawaii, including airfare and a week's hotel on Waikiki Beach!

Tickets \$20 each or 3 for \$50

Thanks to your support, since 1984 MCEF has awarded or contributed more than \$823,000 towards Municipal Clerk scholarships and IIMC education programs.



Name _____ \$ _____

Phone _____ Email _____

City _____ State/Province/Country _____

Return flier and check payable to MCEF to: MCEF Treasurer, 410 Washington Street, Iowa City, IA 52240

Winner drawn at IIMC Annual Conference in Omaha, NE, on May 25, 2016. Winner need not be present to win.

For ticket numbers or stubs email rbollhauer@amlegal.com



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Congratulations New Certified Municipal Clerks and Master Municipal Clerks

January 1, 2015 through September 30, 2015

Arizona			
Crystal Zamora, CMC Deputy Clerk City of Tolleson	Virginia Mefford, CMC City Clerk City of Wilcox	Eva Wilson, MMC Town Clerk Town of Eagar	
Colorado			
Mary Jo Bennets, CMC Town Clerk Town of Buena Vista	Randi Snead, CMC Town Clerk/Treasurer Town of Creede	Shawn Pagnotta, CMC Town Clerk Town of La Jara	Alisa Darrow, CMC Assistant Town Administrator Town of Wellington
Lynette White, CMC Town Clerk Town of Bennett	Michele Millard, CMC Deputy City Clerk City of Lakewood	Michele Martin, CMC Deputy City Clerk City of Black Hawk	Kristen Teague, CMC Deputy City Clerk City of Federal Heights
Jessica Memmer, CMC Deputy City Clerk Woodland Park	Melissa Oelke, CMC Town Clerk Town of Orchard City	Laura Bauer, MMC City Clerk City of Commerce City	
Nebraska			
Melissa Waggoner, CMC City Clerk/Treasurer Village of Potter	Misty Garcia, CMC Village Clerk/Treasurer Village of Dannelbrog	Rebecca Merritt, CMC Village Clerk Village of Maywood	Janelle Kline, CMC City Clerk City of Columbus
Nevada			
Tami McKay, CMC Deputy City Clerk City of Boulder City	Teresa Gardner, CMC City Clerk City of Sparks	Lorene Krumm, MMC City Clerk City of Boulder City	
New Mexico			
Georgiana Rael, CMC Municipal Clerk Town of Red River	Nancy Jacobs, CMC Deputy City Clerk City of Alamogordo	Kim Summers, CMC Town Clerk Town of Elida	Irma Devine, MMC Village Clerk Village of Ruidoso
Utah			
Lucinda Daley, CMC Clerk Town of Genola	Teisha Wilson, CMC Deputy City Recorder City of Lehi City		
Wyoming			
Tami Hitsheew, CMC Deputy City Clerk City of Lander	Penney Robbins, CMC Clerk/Treasurer Town of Mountain View		