

WASHINGTON MUNICIPAL CLERKS ASSOCIATION

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MONTHLY REPORT

APRIL 2008

2008 ELECTION RESULTS

Congratulations to:

- President-Elect Bob Baker, City of Newcastle
- Vice President Terri Pfister, City of Spokane
- Secretary, Cheryl Proffitt-Schmidt, City of North Bend
- Board Member JoAnne Giesbrecht, Skagit County
- Board Member Sandy Paul, City of Pacific

38TH ANNUAL WMCA CONFERENCE RE-CAP

-by Randy Reed

Another WMCA conference is history, but what an exciting and wonderful conference this was. "Embracing Unity – Together We Can!" was the theme President Alice Bush chose for the conference.

The Academy Session "Creating Powerful Partnerships" with Donna Zajonc shed light on the current political environment in our country and taught how we are moving into an age of "interdependence".

The remaining education sessions were very good with several comments that it would have been great to have had more time for some sessions.

We had 25 vendors, more than ever before and while the final financial figures are not yet in, it looks like we had \$11,500 from vendor registrations and \$11,920 from vendor sponsorships. It is clear vendor participation this year was excellent and a great benefit to the association and the conference funding. Several vendors paid extra to have all their staff attend meals and mingle amongst us.

Bob Baker proved a dynamic auctioneer, which surprised no one! Once again there are not yet final amounts but it appears the two auctions brought in \$6,740, the VISA raffle netted \$1,800 and the \$1.00 raffle made \$1,114.

Not only did we beat the record for vendors and fund raising, but we also had more registered attendees than past conferences. There were 166 registered, with more new clerks than ever before. It was exciting to see several of them jump in and participate. The

Washington Municipal Clerks Association is a wonderful group that knows how to throw a superb, outstanding conference.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Fourteen scholarships were awarded to WMCA members for Professional Development Classes through the Northwest Clerk Institute:

PDI

Paula Swisher, Brier
Lalena Johns, Okanogan County
Carol McLester, Entiat
Jill Boltz, Poulsbo
Kelly Collins, Royal City
Alfredo Munoz, Tieton

PDI I

Dee Roberts, South Bend
Debbie Burke, Normandy Park

PD III

Bobbie Usselman, Sequim
Janine Schnepf, Yelm
Candice Makos, Cosmopolis

Master Academy

Kammy Hill, Walla Walla
Karen Kuznek-Reese, Sequim
Patti Kirkpatrick, Port Orchard

This organization is very fortunate to have members who believe in the importance of education and who give to make that possible for those it is more difficult for. Because **we raised over \$9000 through the silent and live auctions and raffles**, the Executive Committee was able to award scholarships to all of the eligible applicants!!!! A big thank you to the Scholarship and Fundraising Committees for their efforts in making these numbers so high!!!

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The Executive Committee meetings for 2008-2009 will be held on:

- June 27, 2008 - Community Center at Mercer View, Mercer Island, WA
- October 24, 2008 - Quinault Beach Resort & Casino, Ocean Shores, WA
- January, 16, 2009 - Tumwater City Hall, Tumwater, WA

- March 20, 2008 - Quinault Beach Resort & Casino, Ocean Shores, WA

NORTHWEST CLERKS INSTITUTE

Reminder to register early for Professional Development Classes through the Northwest Clerks Institute (more info online at: www.nwclerksinstitute.org):

- PD I Classes – June 1-6
- PD II Classes - June 8-13
- PD III Classes – June 15-20
- Master Academy – June 11-14

IIMC ANNUAL CONFERENCE:

The IIMC annual conference will be held in Atlanta, Georgia from May 19-23, 2008. This year's theme is "Georgia On My Mind - Achieving Global Excellence" Hopefully some of you will be able to attend because its not just about education and networking, but for five days you will be part of an extensive learning community from all over the world. For more info go to: www.iimc.com

2010 CONFERENCE LOCATION

At its March 21st, 2008 meeting, the Executive Committee unanimously decided on the Mirabeau Park Hotel in Spokane Valley as the site for the 2010 WMCA annual conference. President-Elect Bob Baker worked very hard to find a location that fits our growing organization's needs. The Mirabeau Park Hotel is new with many features that include: a year round swimming pool, hot tub and deck all the way around that is heated; excellent food with a chef who has won awards; a shopping mall across the street; walking trails nearby; local wineries to tour, and a new downtown with an "old time" feel.

COMMITTEES

WMCA has twelve committees for members to be a part of. If you were unable to attend the conference or didn't get a chance to sign up please let President Ali Spietz (ali.spietz@mercergov.org) know which committee you would like to be on and she'll get you on the list. A description of each Committee, roster of Committee members, Committee Work Plan Calendar, budget and other related information can be found on our website at www.wmcaclerks.org

BYLAWS AMENDMENT

At the Annual Business Meeting on March 20, 2008 the membership passed a bylaws amendment to implement term limits for Board Members on the Executive Committee. Article IV, Section 2 of the WMCA Bylaws will now read as follows:

"Board of Directors and Terms: The Board of Directors shall consist of six members, each of whom shall serve a three year term, with two of the Board Members being elected each year during the regular annual election by a majority vote of the active members voting.

There is a two consecutive term limit for Board Members. A partial term vacancy filled by a member prior to a regularly elected term shall not be considered as part of the term limit. Members who have previously served as Board Members for two consecutive terms may again stand for election or be appointed to a vacancy on the Board of Directors once there has been a 12 consecutive month period when they have not served on the Board."

Simply put, all Board Members currently in office, elected to their first full term, are eligible to serve one additional term. All Board Members who are on their second full term would not be eligible to stand for election as a Board Member (but will still be eligible to stand for election as an officer.) Current Board Members who are filling an unexpired term would be eligible for election when that term expired.

MUNICIPAL CLERKS WEEK

Municipal Clerks Week is May 4 – May 10, 2008. Encourage your Mayor to issue a Proclamation to increase the public's awareness of Municipal Clerks and the vital services we provide for local government and the community. The Proclamation can be found on the IIMC website at www.iimc.com.

Please don't hesitate to contact any Executive Committee member if you have questions or input for us. For contact information, please check the website (www.wmcaclerks.org). We welcome your comments.