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Executive Committee February 2007 Report to Membership by Karen Kuznek-Reese, Board Member

The Executive Committee held a board meeting on January 26 at Mercer Island. It was amazing and sad to see all the damage done by the recent windstorms.

It was a very productive meeting. It has been a busy few months for WMCA

Here's a highlight of what was discussed.

- **Budget**

The 2007-2008 budget was reviewed. A message from Alice Bush is attached to this report. The budget does provide for a dues increase. Link to the proposed budget is: [2007-2008 Budget](#)

- **Communication**

One of the goals of the Executive Committee (EC) is to increase communication with the members of WMCA. The Quill was a proud achievement and established as a better way of communicating with our membership. A lot of hard work went into making the newsletter happen. For those of you that have had to come up with newsletter articles, you know how it becomes more difficult to obtain newsworthy items and provide time sensitive information in a quarterly publication. There is also significant savings in the elimination of a newsletter layout and design. For these reasons, the formal Quill has been replaced with a more frequent and up-to-date method of communication." A monthly Executive Committee News Report will be sent to the membership.

The EC voted to combine the Newsletter and Website committees to become the Communications Committee. This committee will address overall communication issues within the organization. Please let any member of the EC know what you think about this idea.

A survey will soon be developed and distributed to the members. This survey will ask for your opinions on various topics such as endorsement of various candidates for IIMC positions, education, and communication.

- **2010 IIMC Conference**

IIMC has chosen Sydney, Australia as the site for the 2010 conference. The Region V directors have sent a letter to IIMC requesting reconsideration of this location. Attached to this email is the letter sent by Region V to the President of IIMC. Also attached is a draft letter that other regions may want to send. Several reasons for this request are outlined in the letter. They include:

- There are currently only 3 IIMC members from Australia
- Due to the high costs of airfare and hotel, many clerks will be unable to attend

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- Due to the current financial condition of IIMC it is “fiscally irresponsible” to hold a conference in a location that will most likely lose funds for IIMC or not generate the revenues usually produced for IIMC because many clerks will be unable to attend
- Public perception associated with constituents knowing the local clerk traveled to Sydney, Australia on a work-related conference at taxpayers’ expense

Links to letters on this issue:

[Letter from Region V](#)

[Draft letter from Clerks](#)

Additionally, WMCA typically sends the President and President-Elect to attend the IIMC Annual Conference. Due to the costs associated with the Sydney location and the financial constraints it could place on WMCA, how do you feel about this? Please contact Pam Kolacy at pkolacy@cityofpt.us or 360-379-5045 to express your opinion about the Sydney conference

- **Senate Bill 5420**

[Information has been posted on the WMCA website](#) concerning this proposed bill. This bill would require every public agency that owns or maintains a web site to post all ordinances, resolutions, rules, regulations, orders and directives adopted by its governing body within 5 business days of adoption. Also all minutes of regular and special meetings within 5 business days of the meeting. It also requires that the time and place of all regular meetings of the governing body as well as the roster of names of the elected officials, their position and their constituency.

- **WMCA Fundraising**

[Remember to get your orders in!!!](#) **February 12** is the deadline for logo clothing and it is fast approaching! Don’t forget these items are available on pre-order **only**. The money raised from these items will be used to help support WMCA. See the WMCA website for more information.

New items will be available at conference as well. We will be offering laptop bags and coffee tumblers. Be sure to look for the sales tables!!

Get your raffle tickets!!! We are raffling a trip voucher worth \$1,600. Only 1,000 tickets were ordered. Someone has to win. It might as well be you!

- **Education Coordinator**

Don’t forget! [Applications are being solicited for the Education Coordinator.](#) This person serves as liaison between the WMCA Executive Committee and the Northwest Institute Director; has general oversight of the Education Committee, serves as a member of the Northwest Clerks Institute Committee, as well as other duties. Application deadline is February 12, 2007. See the WMCA website for additional information.

- **Strategic Plan**

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The EC held a strategic planning session at the October meeting. [Attached is a report](#) from the committee outlining the status of those items that were identified in the strategic plan. Some of these items include:

- Updated job and committee descriptions
- Establishing co-chairs of committees
- Calendar of committee work
- Combining various committees to streamline processes.

Please let us know what you think! We value your opinions and input. This association is a very valuable resource because of you!