

**WASHINGTON MUNICIPAL CLERKS ASSOCIATION
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MONTHLY REPORT**

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By Karen Kuznek-Reese, Board Member

IIMC/REGION IX NEWS

Three significant actions were taken by the IIMC Board of Directors at their annual meeting in Atlanta. The following are to be implemented immediately:

- 1) Reduce the MMC annual point candidacy requirements from 12 to 6 (either Education or Social/Professional points)
- 2) Eliminate the Bachelor Degree requirement for MMC certification
- 3) Extend the "grace period" to complete CMC and MMC certification programs through 2009.

Education continues to be at the top of the list of Board concerns; please watch for a membership survey in the upcoming months that will help guide IIMC in its strategic planning process for the next five years.

If you haven't checked out the last Region IX newsletter yet, please go to www.wmcaclerks.org/ and click on Region IX report. Thanks to Historical Committee Chair Erin Larson for sharing some great photos of our WMCA Conference in Wenatchee!!

Another Region IX newsletter is in the works with more news from the IIMC conference and our region. Please don't hesitate to contact either of your Region IX representatives: Pam Kolacy (360-379-5045) pkolacy@cityofpt.org or Colleen Nicol, (951-826-5818) cnicol@riversideca.gov if you have IIMC related questions.

FALL ACADEMY

Plans are underway for Fall Academy. This will be worth 3 points. There is a possibility this will be offered two times; once on the east side of the mountains and again on the west side. More information will be available at a later date.

P.D. CLASSES ARE COMING SOON!

Thanks to Washington clerks for their continued support and attendance at the Northwest Clerks Institute. We have a record-breaking number of students registered for PD I and the MMC Academy this year (both over 50!) This is the way we keep our Institute thriving and viable to provide the best education we can for our members. The Institute is especially proud of the generosity of our members which resulted in the awarding of several WMCA scholarships.

The dates for the sessions are:

- PD I - June 2-6, 2008
- PD II - June 9-13, 2008
- PD III - June 16-20, 2008

Academy (PDIV) - June 11-14, 2008

2009 ANNUAL WMCA CONFERENCE

It's never too soon to start planning (and budgeting) for the 2009 WMCA Annual Conference at the Quinault Beach Resort and Casino in Ocean Shores. The theme is yet to be determined though our conference planning and education committees have already toured the facility and are hard at work making arrangements for great educational programs and another top-notch conference. The Academy session will be held on Tuesday, March 17. The Conference starts on Wednesday, March 18 and ends on March 20.

To help plan for your budget, registration fees for 2008 were \$300 for the conference and \$125 for the academy. Put the dates on your calendar now so you don't miss out!

CONFERENCE DONATIONS ARE STARTING TO ARRIVE

The Scholarship Committee has received a donation of a \$100 gift card for gasoline. Thank you to Marla Neville in South Prairie for securing this donation!

DENIM SHIRTS ARE AVAILABLE

We have several WMCA denim shirts available for \$25 in sizes small, medium, large and extra-large. If you would like to order one (or more), please contact Valerie Loffler at the City of Kennewick. Her email address is Valerie.Loffler@ci.kennewick.wa.us.

CLERK OF THE YEAR AWARD

Call for nominations will occur in September, so be thinking about who you may want to nominate. More information about the award is forthcoming and will be posted on our website.

BOASTS AND BRAGS

Karol Jones is retiring.

The City of Poulsbo will be saying farewell to their City Clerk Karol Jones. Karol has been a part of the City for the better part of 28 years. For those of you who know Karol the consensus is she is one of the nicest people you could ever meet and to work for, I must say. Her conscientious, methodical and thoughtful ways have been her trademark and an attribute the staff at the City of Poulsbo have come to rely upon. The skills, ability and knowledge she takes with her will be greatly missed.

Karol had intentions of retiring later this fall, however while expecting her first grandbaby she excitedly moved her retirement date to June 30th. Karol is now a proud grandmother to Addisyn Raelaine and looks forward to spending time watching her after her daughter returns to work. The staff at the City of Poulsbo will greatly miss seeing Karol's smiling face every day and we wish her all the luck and fun in her retirement.

Karol's last day of work will be June 27th and staff will be hosting a retirement party at Poulsbo City Hall on June 26th. We would like to encourage all who know Karol to attend. For more

information contact Jill Boltz at 360-697-8229 or jboltz@cityofpoulsbo.com