

WMCA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

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WMCA EC Member

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Having just returned from the 63rd Annual IIMC Conference in Chicago, it's difficult getting back into the swing of things for two reasons: 1. I want to return to Chicago; and 2. The sun is finally out.



Attending my first ever IIMC Conference, I was in awe of the work that went on behind the scenes to ensure we were all comfortable at the historic Palmer House Hilton Hotel and were able to enjoy the educational sessions, motivational speeches, outstanding networking opportunities and a most incredible Opening Ceremony.

It was inspiring to hear bag pipers live, national anthems being played and sung, and to be part of the Presidents' Parade of Flags. State Presidents or visiting delegates carried the flag of their state or nation. Truly being an international conference, we were honored to have representatives from every state in our great nation – as well as delegates from Belgium, Bulgaria, Cameroon, Canada, Israel, Nepal, the Netherlands, Portugal, South Africa and the United Kingdom. As you read the pages of this EC Report, the photos you will see were taken by WMCA members who attended the IIMC Conference in Chicago.

IIMC President Dyanne Reese's chosen theme, "With Education... the Sky's the Limit", was spot on. The advanced academy sessions and the Athenian Leadership Society Dialogues were well attended and members had the privilege of hearing Apollo 13 Captain Jim Lovell as well as Monster.com Founder, Jeffrey Taylor. From start to finish, this was an amazing conference. To top it all off, delegates were bused to the famed Navy Pier where we enjoyed fantastic "Chicago-style" food, the sounds of Gary Sinise and the Lt. Dan Band, and the incredible sight of a "private" fireworks show over Lake Michigan.



Your WMCA Executive Committee will hold a Regular meeting on Friday, June 26, 2009. We are here for you and WMCA is YOUR organization; so please let one of us know when we may be of assistance.

As the summer months approach and vacation times begin, remember to take time for yourself – to rest, relax and re-charge. Here's hoping you're finding ways to continually meet the challenge presented at the Conference in March – "Stand with Purpose. Live with Purpose. Service with Pride."



NORTHWEST CLERKS INSTITUTE

Congratulations to all those who are moving toward your CMC or MMC certification through the 2009 Northwest Clerks Institute. The classes, held on the beautiful campus of the University of Puget Sound in Tacoma, Washington, are just around the corner. It's sure to be a great opportunity for learning, networking, and fun galore! Check out the website for more information: <http://www.capps.wsu.edu/NCI/>.



- Professional Development I Course: May 31 – June 5
- Professional Development II Course: June 7 – June 12
- Professional Development III Course: June 14 - 19
- Master Academy (PD IV): June 10 - 13

PUBLIC RECORDS REQUEST SURVEY

We want to hear from you! Please take a moment to complete a survey to voice your opinion on processing public disclosure requests. Ramsey Ramerman from Foster, Pepper PLLC, is requesting your input to help him prepare for a presentation he will be making before City Council Members at the 2009 AWC Conference on June 24, 2009. He will be talking about what City Council Members can do to help their City's public records program. Only the aggregated results will be presented, NOT individual survey results. While it may not be possible to maintain confidentiality of the individual results, please omit your city and contact information if you would like to try to remain anonymous. The survey can be found on our website at www.wmcaclerks.org. Please email your responses to ramer@foster.com no later than **June 15, 2009**.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING DATES

Be sure to contact anyone on the Executive Committee if you have thoughts, ideas or items to be discussed at one of our quarterly meetings. Minutes from those minutes are posted on the website. Check 'em out and stay on top of what's happening!

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| Friday June 26, 2009 | Tumwater |
| Friday October 23, 2009 | Spokane Valley |
| Friday January 22, 2010 | Newcastle |

CONGRATULATIONS ARE IN ORDER!

Recently, Mary Kitto, City of Puyallup, Melody



Valiant, City of Tumwater, Katie Marcelia, Pierce Transit, and Toni Yost, City of Prosser, received their CMC designation from IIMC. We all realize what an accomplishment this is; so, WAY TO GO Mary, Melody, Katie, and Toni.

TO ALL WMCA MEMBERS:

An IIMC Small Cities Task Force has been created and charged with gathering data and relevant information from city clerks working in small municipalities in order to recommend programs and benefits that will make IIMC Membership more meaningful and of value to these Clerks and the small cities and villages they serve. To that end, the IIMC Research and Resource Committee will be conducting a short survey on behalf of the Small Cities Task Force to gather this data.



The survey will be E-blasted from IIMC Headquarters in the next few weeks and we encourage you to respond. Responses from our small city clerks (less than 20,000 population) are especially critical in this effort.

IIMC EDUCATION NEWS

There was much discussion of education at the IIMC conference in Chicago. Here are a few highlights:

Dr. Mohammed Eftekhari is no longer employed by IIMC and we will complete the year without an Education Director, with the goal to fill that position again in 2010.

The Board unanimously voted to suspend the four-year deadline for Recertification and the requirement for MMC candidates to acquire at least six points per year to remain active in the program. This decision is directly related to the difficult economy and will be revisited at the

2009 mid-year Board meeting in November. This will give clerks in struggling cities a break from worrying about how they will be able to maintain their CMC while working on recertification or MMC. Details are:



1. Upon the CMC four-year anniversary date, CMC Recertification candidates unable to meet the minimum twenty points shall submit an Application for Admission with the \$50 fee and, if desired, points accrued thus far toward Recertification.

2. Upon receiving a CMC, those wishing to pursue MMC certification shall file an Application for Admission and the \$50 fee, regardless of the ability to meet the six-point per year minimum.
3. Upon the CMC anniversary date, all MMC candidates shall annually continue to submit points accrued, regardless of meeting the six point minimum.

IIMC staff has been actively working to streamline the process of reviewing CMC and MMC applications and gave us the good news that CMC applications are current (as in completely caught up!) MMC applications are backlogged about 10-14 weeks. Reviewing MMC applications is more complicated and time consuming, but with no backlog of CMC applications to review, staff can concentrate on the MMC applications and we are hopeful these will be moving along more quickly.



For questions specific to your applications, contact Marilyn Sanzo, CMC specialist or Emily Maggard, MMC specialist at IIMC headquarters.

We were excited to see Colleen Nicol, immediate past Region IX Director, sworn in as Vice President of IIMC and also to welcome Peggy Hawker of Oregon as our new Director.

Please watch for the Region IX newsletter for many more details on IIMC news. Contact Region IX Director Pam Kolacy, pkolacy@cityofpt.us if you have any questions or comments.

2009 FALL ACADEMY - SAVE THE DATES

We have scheduled Fall Academy sessions for Friday, October 2 and Friday, October 9. One session will be on the east side and one on the west side but we're not sure which will be which yet. The other exciting news is that our speaker will be the very popular Dr. Michael Shadow, whom many of you have heard at PD classes. Please stay tuned as the Education Committee works out more details - in the meantime, keep your calendar free!

COME AND CELEBRATE WMCA'S 40TH ANNIVERSARY-BIRTHDAY BASH!



Mirabeau Park Hotel and Convention Center - Spokane Valley

- Spring Academy **March 16, 2010**
- 40th Annual Conference **March 17-19, 2010**

LOOKING AHEAD TO THE 2011 CONFERENCE

President-Elect Karen Kuznek-Reese has chosen the Heathman Lodge in Vancouver as the site for the 2011 WMCA Annual Conference. Construction crews recently added 40 guest rooms and 4,000 additional square feet of conference center and the Heathman staff is ready for us to enjoy their facility!

Located in a beautiful rustic setting in Vancouver, Washington, the Lodge is just minutes from the Vancouver Mall, downtown Vancouver, and 5 miles from Portland International Airport. Situated on the north bank of the Columbia River, directly across from Portland, Oregon and less than 90 miles from the Pacific Coast, Vancouver is a vibrant city with a unique mix of metropolitan energy, small-town charm, rich history and exciting recreational opportunities.

The Heathman Lodge delivers a tranquil, mountain-like retreat brimming with Northwest ambiance and all the amenities you need to get down to business or vacation. Experience a charming artisanal lodge that allows you to escape the world while remaining connected.

