

IIMC REGION VIII NEWSLETTER

JUNE 2003

I'm sure everyone has read in the News Digest about the recommendations that came out of the IIMC Education Summit II that was held earlier in the year in Bryan, TX. At the IIMC Board Meeting in Columbus, OH, those recommendations were approved. I know there is a lot of concerns about these requirements and a lot of personal feelings involved and everyone does not agree, but the vote was taken and it passed even though it was not unanimous. Now we move forward from here, and hope that these changes improves the professional status of our profession. These charges are as follows:

Distance Education:

1. That 1/3 of the minimum 100 hours Institute training for CMC certification may be obtained through distance education. This will be the same for re-certification also.
2. That 2/3 of the minium 15 or the maximum 20 education points in each level of the master Municipal Clerk Academy may be obtained through distance education.
3. That hardship case waivers be considered on an individual basis to allow additional distance education than stated above, with approval by the appropriate committee.

Testing:

1. Beginning with the 2004 incoming CMC class, testing will be required through the Institutes with the Institute Directors being given total discretion to determine the appropriate mechanisms to assess learning. Testing at the end of each course was encouraged. It was also decided that this will be reviewed in 3 years.
2. IIMC will provide its members with the opportunity to utilize a development/needs assessment tool; similar to ICMA's, to chart their own personal course towards municipal Clerk mastery and excellence. IIMC Board will make the completion of the assessment package by 2004 a priority of the Education/Personal Growth Committee and appropriate IIMC staff.

College Degree:

1. The Certified Municipal Clerk (CMC) designation will not require any type of college degree. The basic requirements for CMC will remain as is.
2. By the year 2013, a member of IIMC who has applied for the Master Municipal Clerk (MMC) certification must possess a Bachelor's Degree, in any field of study. (This is the area where there was the most controversy, but it passed. It was suggested that more emphasis needs to be placed on the CMC designation and the work and accomplishment of receiving that level of certification. Another comment, is that we are not talking about the majority of you today that are in the MMC program, because you will still have time to complete that certification level. We are talking about the future of IIMC and the MMC certification program by 2013.)
3. IIMC will work to obtain college credits for CMC and MMC courses.
4. IIMC will improve current educational programs (quality, consistency, delivery and follow through).

The committee reports were submitted and reviewed by the IIMC Board and the recommendations were approved as submitted. Staff gave updates on several items including the upcoming annual conferences. We also had reports on the international and affiliation activities. Some are moving along nicely, while others are facing difficulties they are trying to work through. I personally didn't feel as tense as I have in prior years concerning our board meetings, and maybe that is because I'm on the downward swing of my last year as serving as a Region Director and I feel more at ease with what I'm doing.

At the business meeting, a motion was approved to increase the dues by 5% effective June 1, 2003. It will now be an individual membership versus a city/town membership.

Our last board meeting of the Columbus Conference was held with the new board members that took office at that conference. The Executive Director, Joe Tiernay, gave a nice slide orientation presentation concerning the roles of duties of everyone on the board.

A special thanks to Pierre Page for serving as the past President of our association and the many hours he gave serving in that capacity. Shortly after he returned home from the Columbus conference, his mother-in-law passed away. We all extend our sympathy to him and his wife during that difficult time. I lost my father a couple years ago so know how draining both mentally and physically it can be.

I look forward to serving with the new President Jean Bailey, and First VP Betty Kiss, and Second VP Susan Morrow. They are such dedicated ladies to our profession, and I feel honored to be able to work with them my last year serving on the Board.

Now, I want to touch briefly on our Region Meeting that was held in Columbus, OH. A year ago a committee was established to look at establishing a criteria for a scholarship program for our region. That was done and it was approved at our region meeting. It's a simple form that will be required to be submitted to the Region VIII Directors two months prior to the annual region conference asking for a scholarship to help with the cost of attending. There will be four (4) scholarship offered per year that will cover the registration cost. I have attached a sample form of the scholarship application.

As I stated in a prior newsletter, there will not be a Region VIII Conference held in July of this year. The main reasons for this is that the out-of-state clerks that attend are very few in numbers and the motels were wanting a guaranteed number that would attend. The New Mexico Clerks didn't feel they could guarantee a certain amount of people that would attend, and didn't want to go in the hole hosting this conference. They were using the numbers that attended the last few years.

At our Region Meeting in Columbus, it was decided and voted on that the annual Region Conference would be changed from July of each year to be rotated from year to year in conjunction with the state hosting the conference. The Region Meeting will be held in conjunction with the annual state conference of the state that is hosting the conference. So that means that each year it will be at a different time of the year. After much discussion, it was decided this was probably the best way to go for now. I guess time will tell if this works or not. The next Region VIII meeting will be held in April of 2004 in Rio Rancho, New Mexico. More information will be sent, including the exact dates. I'm also trying to compile a list of each state's annual conference and once that is compiled I will publish a list so everyone can have a list. I E-mailed each state president asking for this information, so if you are one that hasn't sent me that information, please remember to do it now. I would really appreciate it.

IIMC Membership:

March 2003 - New Members:

Lori L. Cummings - Queen Creek, AZ

Ann Large - Boulder, CO

Sherry Jackson - Denver, CO

Doug Moss - Fowler, CO

Twyla Morgan - Meeker, CO

Christine Brasfield - Rangely, CO

Mitze M. Thompson - Priest River, ID

Beth Brown - Carlin, NV

LaDawn Lawson - Carline, NV

Jennifer L. Rogers - Lovelock, NV

Debi Groves - LaVerkin, UT

June Jeffery - LaVerkin, UT 84745

April 2003 - New Members:

Nancy Jo Wurl - Boulder, CO

Karen Eisenach - DeBeque, CO

Debora K. Hopkins - Heyburn, ID

Barbara Bauer - McCall, ID

Denise L. Peterson - Ponca, NE

Dawn R. Money - Eunice, NM

Bertha Polaco - Ruidoso, NM

Marvis Hunt - Enterprise, UT

Thieda Wellman - Layton, UT

Christina L. Loui - Washington, UT

May 2003 - New Members

Bonnie Flessner - Sedona, AZ

Karen Goldman, MMC - Lakewood, CO

Eileen Hughes - Crested Butte, CO

Silvia Mascarenas - Fountain, CO

Tammy Wobshall - Central City, NE

Rosmarie Ritz - Comstock, NE

Becky Falkenhagen - Malcolm, NE

Donna F. Smith, CMC - Lemmon, SD

Kimberley Robinson - Brian Head, UT

Alyson Alger - Saratoga Springs, UT

March 2003 - Certification Status

Richelle D. Work, CMC - Westminster, CO

Elaine L. Bayer, CMC - Broken Bow, NE

Julie Baca, CMC - Belen, NM

Mary Kate Christensen, CMC - Brigham City, UT

Annette C. Rindlisbacher, CMC - Clarkston, UT

Pamela B. Knight, CMC - Payson, UT

April 2003 - Certification Status

Jeanne Calkins-Greiner, CMC - Lapwai, ID

RaNae M. Edwards, CMC - Grand Island, NE

Marla A. Knecht, CMC - Wood River, NE

May 2003 - Certification Status

Diana R. Roberts, CMC - Prescott Valley, AZ

March 2003 - Entering MMC Academy

Trudi Worline, CMC - Snowmass Village, CO

Janell L. Rice, CMC - Woodland Park, CO

April 2003 - Entering MMC Academy

Nanette K. Ursino, CMC - Chandler, AZ

Edna M. Martin, CMC - Yuma, AZ

Tami L. Comte, CMC - David City, NE

Harold M. Farrar, CMC - Kimball, NE

Gregory Jay Schafer, CMC - Delta, UT

May 2003 - Entering MMC Academy

Karen H. Brittingham, CMC - Chandler, AZ

Valentina A. Cordova, CMC - Springerville, AZ

Sherry A. Aguilar, CMC, - surprise, AZ 85374-9002

Jacqueline McConnell, CMC - Frederick, CO

Barbara L. Brown, CMC - Spirit Lake, ID

Susan K. Dallegge, CMC - Hampton, NE

Ann E. Trickler-Wessel, CMC - Hemingford, NE

March 2003 - Attaining 1st MMCA Level

Kay an Jackson, CMC - Glasgow, MT

May 2003 - Attaining 1st MMCA Level

Jennifer F. Robinson, CMC - Queen Creek, AZ

Stephanie B. Fricke, CMC - Hyrum, UT

March 2003 - Attaining 2nd MMCA Level

Gayle A. Jones, CMC - Willard, NM

April 2003 - Attaining 2nd MMCA Level

Barbara S. Rabe, CMC - Wisner, NE

May 2003 - Attaining 2nd MMCA Level

Carol Bruggeman, CMC - Johnson, NE

March 2003 - Earning MMC Status

Loucrishia A. Ellis, MMC - Englewood, CO

April 2003 - Earning MMC Status

Gloria a. Leija, MMC - Casa Grande, AZ

May 2003 - Earning MMC Status

Stephanie Tuin, MMC - Grand Junction, CO

Ginger R. Neuhart, MMC - Waverly, NE

Dianne J. Aubrey, MMC - Sandy, UT

Congratulations goes out to all of the above people for their enrollment as a new member of IIMC, or for earning their different certification status.

We are here to serve you, so if Lorraine or I can do anything to assist you, please let us know.

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