



## **REGION VIII DIRECTORS' NEWSLETTER**

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The IIMC Board of Directors' Annual meeting was held on May 12 & 13, 2006, in Anaheim California. The Board discussed and approved the following issues.

The Board unanimously voted to offer the position of Executive Director to Chris Shalby and direct the Executive Committee to negotiate a contract. Chris has been Acting Executive Director since November 2005. The Board felt Chris has done an excellent job during the interim period, and believes that he can represent IIMC in an effective, efficient, and positive manner.

Dale Barstow, Municipal Clerks Education (MCEF) President announced that MCEF's goal of reaching foundation funds in the \$1,000,000 has been reached.

MCEF provides grants/scholarships to State Associations to fund educational sessions. We encourage all State Association to apply for grants to fund educational programs. Just a reminder, MCEF also offers scholarship

opportunities to Clerks to attend State Institutes and Academies.

Applications are available on IIMC's website. Additionally, we ask that State Association consider making a contribution to MCEF.

The Credential Task Force was authorized to contact the National Organization for Competency Assurance with the intention of developing accreditation for IIMC and to include investigation of the cost related to an accreditation program.

The Program Review and Certification Committee will be instructed to develop a policy dealing with the certification of transition and/or retired members and the ability to regain certification when returning to the profession.

The Property Assessment Task Force will continue in their work in searching for areas to relocate IIMC Headquarters. The Task Force will provide analysis and offer their report at the Mid-year meeting.

At the recommendation of the Membership Committee, IIMC Staff will be directed to move forward with a special mailing that invites prospective new members to join IIMC.

After reviewing the Executive Committee's recommendations for changes to the Campaign Policy, the Board elected to refer the proposed campaign policy to the Election Committee for review and recommendations, and requested that recommendations be forwarded to the Board for consideration at the Mid-year meeting. Buster is on the Election Committee which reviews election rules and regulations. If you have any suggestions for the committee, please email them to Buster at [bbrown@ci.omaha.ne.us](mailto:bbrown@ci.omaha.ne.us). The committee will be discussing issues of limits on campaign spending, limits on campaign contributions, control of campaign literature, and other issues concerning campaigning.

Tim Seeden, CEO, Association Solutions, Conference Coordinator, presented the bids received for the IIMC 2010 Conference. IIMC has agreed to hold every ten (10) years the conference outside of the United States. The decision to hold a conference outside of the United States was done several years ago by the IIMC Board. Holding a conference outside of the United States represents our organization's commitment to truly being an International Organization. Australia and South Africa submitted bids. The Board voted to hold the 2010 IIMC Conference in Sydney Australia. We encourage all our members to begin

saving your \$\$\$ and join us at the **2010 Conference in Sydney Australia.**

After extensive debate over the IIMC Satellite Office in Virginia, the Board elected to terminate the lease and relocate Dr. Mohammad Eftekhari, Ph.D., Director of Education/Research to the California IIMC Office. Dr. Eftekhari is confident that he can provide the same services out of the California office.

In order to ensure a balanced budget, the Board directed IIMC staff to make recommendations for budget cuts. There were some concerns with past budgeting procedures. We reviewed our annual audit and the staff with the assistance of the new finance director is implementing budgetary changes to better reflect the actual accounting processes and make the process more transparent.

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A Region VIII meeting was held at the conference. Representatives from each State offered a report on their State's activities.

At this meeting, the members agreed that every State within Region VIII should be given an opportunity to have representation at the IIMC Board level. IIMC has provided a list indicating, which States have had representatives serve on the IIMC Board of Directors. The below is the information we received:

Arizona – 1979, 1984, 1993, 2006  
Colorado – 1982, 1985, 1988, 1999  
Idaho – None  
Montana – 1994  
Nebraska – 1982, 1991, 1999, 2005  
Nevada – None  
New Mexico – 1979, 1990, 1997, 2001  
North Dakota – None  
South Dakota – None  
Utah – 1987, 1988, 1996, 2002  
Wyoming – None

Members agreed that we should have a Region VIII Agreement, whereby, we have a standing list indicating which State should have a representative serve on the Board next. Once a Board opening occurs, the list will be used to contact the State's President asking them to nominate a representative to serve on the Board. If they wish not to nominate anyone, we will then move down the list. Based on the above information, the below list is established to determine, which State should be next to have a representative serve on the IIMC Board of Directors. (In some cases a drawing was held to establish the ranking)

Nevada  
North Dakota  
Idaho  
South Dakota  
Wyoming  
Montana  
Colorado  
New Mexico  
Utah  
Nebraska  
Arizona

In order to honor this Region VIII Agreement, we ask that no other State make a nomination until it's their turn, based on this listing.

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The IIMC Board held a teleconference meeting on June 30, 2006 to update the Board on negotiations with NCSA ACCESS concerning the Washington, D.C. office. The contract with ACCESS is terminated with a waiver of the last two months rental fee, which saves IIMC approximately \$10,200. ACCESS will also provide IIMC with two complementary events to produce education or other programs for the IIMC membership. We will continue to maintain a partnership with ACCESS.

There was discussion of eliminating the Future Host Conference and Reception from the current conference and to update the conference policy manual commencing with the upcoming 2007 conference in New Orleans.

Colleen Nicol, MMC Board Membership from California requested the board to adopt a policy of posting Board Agendas on our web site.

We also discussed the need to provide the Board with agenda packets earlier to allow for more time for review and studying of issues to be discussed at the Board meeting.

There was an on-going discussion of the Retired Clerks Task Force and how we can best utilize the potential of retired clerks for our organization.

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### **Other Reports**

This year at the IIMC Conference, Region VIII Members had the opportunity to gather for dinner at Downtown Disney. It was a pleasure for

us to meet many of you and thank you for participating.

Please mark your calendar and join us for the 2006 IIMC Region VIII Annual Conference in Las Vegas, Nevada on August 28-30, 2006. The conference is being hosted by the cities of Henderson, Las Vegas, North Las Vegas and Boulder City, Nevada. Further information may be obtained at <http://www.nvclerks.com>.

Thanks to the financial support received from many State Associations, New Orleans is ready to host the 2007 IIMC Conference. We hope to see many Region VIII Members at the conference.

As your Region VIII Directors, we represent you at IIMC. If you have any questions, comments, or suggestions, please feel free to call or e-mail us.