



REGION VIII DIRECTORS' NEWS BRIEF

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We hope that all of our members have had a great 2006 Year. As we approach the 2007 year, Members of Region VIII need to prepare for the nomination of a member to serve as IIMC Region VIII Director. The below is a summary of Region VIII's agreement for nominations to be submitted for IIMC Region VIII Director:

During the 2006 IIMC Conference held in Anaheim California, Region VIII members held a meeting and 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.

We are pleased to report that the **State of Nevada** has nominated **Monica Simmons**, City Clerk, City of Henderson, Nevada, to serve as Region VIII Director, starting May 2007 at the IIMC 2007 New Orleans Conference. We hope all members of Region VIII will join us in supporting Monica for the 2007 Region VIII Director. Below is her professional biography for your review.

Monica joined the City of Henderson in September 1979 and was appointed City Clerk in August 1998. As City Clerk, Monica is responsible for the administration of the City's electoral, legislative, public recordkeeping, and historical preservation processes. Her office also administers a full-service passport acceptance program on behalf of the United States Department of State. In addition, Monica serves as the municipal corporation secretary. Prior to her appointment, Monica served as Legal Administrator for the City Attorney's Office.

A native of Henderson, Monica completed Seattle University's Northwest Academy receiving her Municipal Clerk accreditation in 2000. She was accepted into the post-certification Master Municipal Clerk Academy in 2002, and completed the business accreditation program at Southern Utah State University.

Monica was elected president of the Nevada Municipal Clerks' Association at the 2003 Nevada League of Cities conference. She was appointed to the Nevada State Help America Vote Act Committee (HAVA), and was recently invited to present Henderson's nationally recognized Local Youth Vote program at the National Election Center.

Monica is an active member of the International Institute of Municipal Clerks, the Association of Records and Archive Administrators, the Nevada Women's History Project, the American Bar Association, and

maintains her legal administrator accreditation. She participates in various civic affairs, and serves as a member of the Clark County Election Department Accuracy and Certification Board and the Clark County Early Voting Board. Monica has served as a presenter for the Leadership Henderson program, Futures Expo, Southern Nevada School-to-Careers partnership, All American City Awards, and provides regular outreach presentations to organizations and local schools on the City's local electoral, legislative, and historical processes.

Buster and I attended the 2006 IIMC Mid-Year Board of Directors Conference in New Orleans this past Thursday (October 26-27). Many issues were presented and resolved. We will complete a summary of the conference and send it to all Region VIII Presidents within the next 30 days for distribution to all Region VIII members. As always, if any member has a question, we are happy to speak with you.

Best regards,

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