



REGION VIII DIRECTORS' NEWS BRIEF

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The IIMC Board has been busy with teleconference meetings and the mid-year board meeting in late October. The IIMC Board authorized the Executive Committee to negotiate a contract with Chris Shalby to be our new Executive Director. Those negotiations fell through and Chris decided not to accept the position of Executive Director and instead returned to his old position of Communications Director. Chris has agreed to continue as interim Executive Director until May 31, 2007. A committee of IIMC Board members has been appointed to search for a new Executive Director. Gloria Leija is one of the members of the Committee. The Board is taking an active role in the selection process.

The finances for IIMC are still in a very tenuous situation. We have an agreement with the Municipal Clerks Education Foundation for a line of credit to ease our cash flow issue. To assist the financial situation, the Board raised membership dues and restructured the membership categories. When the membership categories changed, the argument was that this change would be revenue neutral, which has not been the case. Therefore, at the mid-year meeting the IIMC Board changed the dues structure to help ease the financial problems we are now encountering.

The education requirements for future IIMC members to obtain CMC have been modified. The CMC requirements increase the hours to 120. The selling point for the implementation of this change was the accreditation of our CMC and MMC designations by an outside agency which does this for other types of organizations. IIMC has been in contact with NOCA to start the accreditation process.

There is no news on the lawsuits pending, *regarding former IIMC employees*. Some depositions have been scheduled, but no development. The legal expenses are currently being handled by our insurance carrier.

Some issues that will be coming up at the Board of Directors meeting in May are:

1. The Kentucky Municipal Clerks Association wants the additional twenty hours of training for CMC revisited.
2. Region III wants the Board to reconsider the Sydney, Australia 2010 bid.

3. New Executive Director hiring.
4. Financial issues.

If you have any concerns or comments, regarding these issues, please e-mail or call us.

Our new IIMC Region VIII Board Member is Monica Simmons, CMC, City Clerk, Henderson, NV. Monica will take office at the New Orleans Conference. Congratulations to Monica, she will be a great addition to the IIMC Board. Mary Lynne Stratta, MMC, City Secretary, Bryan, TX is the new Vice President and will take office at the New Orleans Conference also. Mary Lynne attended last years Region VIII Conference in Las Vegas. Congratulations Mary Lynne.

Please mark your calendars for the 2007 Region VIII Conference, which will be on November 13-16, 2007, in Snowmass Village, Colorado. As we get closer to the conference date, Colorado will be posting information on scholarships available for this conference.

The 2008 Region VIII Conference will be hosted by Arizona. We encourage everyone to be thinking about and planning for the 2008 Region VIII Conference in Colorado.

The future IIMC conferences are:

2008	Atlanta, Georgia	May 18-22
2009	Chicago, Illinois	May 19-23
2010	Sydney, Australia	May 16-20
2011	Nashville, Tennessee	May 8-12

As always, if any you have any questions or comments regarding IIMC, we are happy to speak with you.

Best regards,

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