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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Utah Municipal Clerks Association
 Presidents Message
 Donna Weaver, 2009-10 President

Greetings UMCA members!

As I write this letter, I'm sitting at my desk contemplating the economy and how hard it is on everyone right now. I'm also thinking of another tough time in our nation's history, and I know we don't have it as bad as my father's generation. He was born in Missouri, and they were impacted by the dustbowl of the 1930s. My grandfather had to move his family to Southern California where they picked fruit for a living. Our times are hard, but they aren't that hard.

They survived the hard times, and I have every confidence we will too. I love the American "can do" spirit. We are a tough people—much tougher than many in the world think because we are so affluent compared to most nations. They think our affluence has made us soft. But our ancestors were the ones brave enough to cross the oceans, cross the plains, or fly to the moon. We will survive this. During the holiday season, while it may seem difficult to see the good around us, it's not impossible. Our perspective controls our reality—if we believe it, we will see it.

He is a wise man who does not grieve for the things which he has not, but rejoices for those which he has. ~Epictetus

Plans for our spring conference in Springdale are moving along well. If you haven't already received information on the hotel accommodations (being arranged by Nancy Dean, 2nd Vice President) you will be getting it soon, and the registration packet will be mailed in January (Stephanie Carlson, 1st Vice President). The agenda is filled with great classes, and Debbie Cullimore (Education Chair) is working to see how many education points IIMC will grant. Our great vendors have made it possible for the Board to substantially increase the amount of scholarship money available, so please don't assume you won't be able to attend.

The Utah League of Cities and Towns has asked us to talk with all of you about being a conduit of information (of sorts). They would like to prepare a page or two of information to send to each of us once or twice a month to be included as information items in our council agendas (something presented to our councils in a more formal way). For example, the document would include pertinent information, including things like detailed analysis of sales tax revenues. We receive raw numbers from the State, but the League would let us know how those numbers break down by kinds of tax revenues and provide some analysis of what it really means.

We are also working with the League relating to our conferences. We're getting quite a few MMCs now (and CMCs whose cities are not interested in having them move on to MMC) who can only attend the League conferences. Our hope is to provide more clerk/recorder-specific training and perhaps even have a few of our spring conference classes be offered at the League spring conference. The intent is not to take away the value of our own conference but to meet the needs of our members who can only attend the League. It can be a little tricky getting education points for League conferences because it's necessary to submit (complicated and lengthy) forms to IIMC far in advance. But we're working on it and, if it's possible, we'll pursue it.

We hope this holiday season finds you all well and not too stressed. At least our elections are behind us!

Donna Weaver

UMCA President



"It is a fact that in the right formation, the lifting power of many wings can achieve twice the distance of any bird flying alone"

Conferences & New News!

Future IIMC Conferences:

2010	Reno, Nevada	May 23-27
2011	Nashville, Tennessee	May 8-12
2012	Portland, Oregon	May 20-24

Future UMCA Spring Conferences:

2010	Springdale	April 14-16
2011	TBD	Tentative
2012	Cedar City	Tentative
2013	North	Tentative

CONGRATULATIONS—TO THE FOLLOWING IIMC MEMBER ADVANCEMENTS:

CMC & MMC 's Attained:

Wendy Austin at Ogden City, CMC

Susan Hale at Sunset City, CMC

Darlene Hess at Tremonton, MMC



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SPRING CONFERENCE INFORMATION

Keep your eyes open for the Spring Conference registration packet. This year is going to be a great training and we are able to offer an affordable price with outstanding speakers. The packet should be hitting mailboxes in January. Hotel rooms are limited so please book your rooms as soon as possible.

REMINDERS.....

IIMC Annual Conference will be held in Reno Tahoe May 23-27, 2009. Region VIII members get a discount for their registration and if you are a first time attendee you get an additional discount! Also don't forget to pay your Membership Dues!

LOOK WHAT WE DID...

MMC/CMC Advancement Presentations



Congratulations Stephanie Carlson with Holliday City for earning her MMC Certification Award!

Congratulations Nikki Kay with Naples City for earning her CMC Certification Award!



Congratulations June Jeffery with Laverkin City for earning her CMC Certification Award!



Congratulation Kim Holindrake with Cedar Hills City for earning her MMC Certification Award!



(Left) Congratulations Debbie Cullimore with London City for earning her CMC Certification Award!



**EVER THOUGHT ABOUT RUNNING
FOR OFFICE?**

UMCA Office that is..... It's that time of year to begin thinking about running for the UMCA Board. The UMCA Board needs your help. The positions up for election this Spring Conference are:

2nd Vice President
Director
Director

UTAH LEAGUE OF CITIES AND TOWNS

Did you know the Utah League of Cities and Towns employs a former chief economist for the Utah Tax Commission, Doug Macdonald? Mr. Macdonald has teamed up with the League to provide economic forecasts and outlooks to help in the year round budget process. Every three or four months the League reviews the current state of economic indicators and provides the data on its website for its members. The League also provides key information on the Legislative process each year and offers other resources and research to assist municipalities in the governing process.

The League recently approached UMCA about partnering with it to create better communication with the elected and appointed officials of the municipalities it serves. The League observed that there appears to be a gap in getting the fundamental information described above to our officials in a timely and organized manner. The League and the UMCA Board believe that recorders offer the best opportunity for improving that communication. We are working together to develop a process whereby the League would regularly provide updates to municipalities on important issues which recorders would give to the elected officials in their agenda packets. In addition to offering the information in the agenda packets, we suggest that where possible the recorder of the municipality provide a short update on the information during the council meeting.

UMCA is excited to partner with the League in this manner. We believe our assistance to the League and more importantly the elected officials will improve knowledge, communication and planning for the future of each municipality. Elected officials will value the information provided and continue to look to the League and recorder position as a positive source of information and expertise.

We hope to have the details on the process available for you at spring conference in Springdale, Utah, April 14, 16, 2010.

JOB FAIR INFORMATION

On January 7th, Kimberly Robinson and I had the pleasure of representing the Utah Municipal Clerks Association at the Municipal Government Job Fair at Brigham Young University, held in association with the Masters of Public Administration program. We had the opportunity to speak with both graduate and undergraduate students about our profession, and the role of the Municipal Clerk in municipal government operations. To our surprise, we found that not a single student, even in the graduate program, new what a City Recorder was, or what we did!! We spoke with representatives of the program, explaining that as graduates start their careers as City Managers, it is imperative that they know, first of all, that they will have a City Recorder, and secondly what that position entails. We are hopeful that UMCA will now be included in the lecture series which is part of the MPA program, and that we will have the opportunity to educate our future co-workers about our profession, and the importance of our position in government operations.

The information we provided was very well received, and we had the opportunity to meet a lot of very enthusiastic future City Administrators, and even a few students who showed some interest in starting their career as Municipal Clerks! We look forward to working with the program more in the future!

Debbie Cullimore,
UMCA Education Chair

SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

Thanks to our great vendor's support UMCA is able to increase the scholarship fund and offer help to even more of our members. UMCA understands the importance of training and will strive to help our members in need during these tough economic times. More information to come regarding scholarship applications and requirements.

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