

REGION VII NEWS

IIMC Region VIII Newsletter

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Welcome

Your new Region VIII Directors, RaNae Edwards (Grand Island, NE) and Liz Burke (Flagstaff, AZ) are pleased to introduce our Region VIII Newsletter, which we plan to issue at least twice a year. Newsletters are only as good as the information provided, so please feel free to contact us at any time to share information. We will also be working through your state association presidents.

RESULTS OF ELECTION

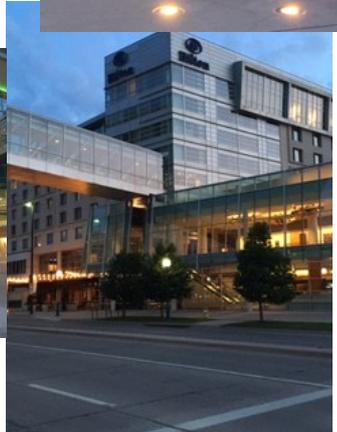
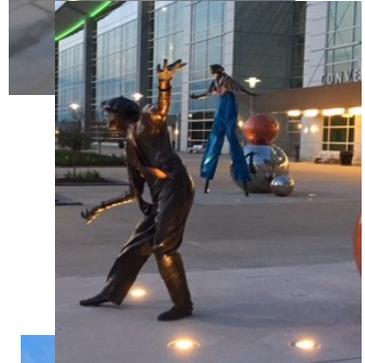
Region Director Rotation

Ballots sent on 7/1/16 to:	1,199
Opted out of receiving Survey Monday	(27)
Bounced	(16)
Reminder sent on 7/21/16 to:	1,021

Responded:	297
Continue Rotation (31%)	92
Discontinue Rotation (14%)	41
Hybrid Rotation (55%)	164

Thank you to all that participated in this election.

We will put together a formal policy and distribute to all Region VIII members.



A BIG thank you to our host clerks from Nebraska. We all felt very welcome and enjoyed Omaha.

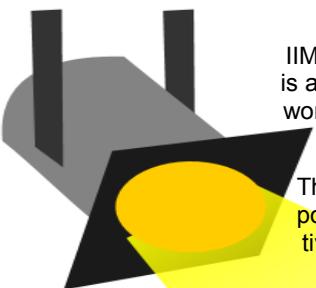
Spotlight on Success

IIMC President Vincent Buttiglieri, MMC, Ocean Township, NJ, is asking members to step-up and highlight colleagues who are working outside of their daily responsibilities to make a positive contribution in their communities, states and provinces.

The objective is to recognize IIMC members who promote the position of Municipal Clerk, City Secretary, Recorder, Legislative Administrator and Directors of Corporate Services and/or an individual who serves a legislative government body.

Nominees who are selected for recognition will receive a congratulatory letter and will appear in the IIMC News Digest highlighting their contributions.

For more information, visit [here](#)



NEWS AROUND THE REGION

Arizona held its Annual Conference this past July in conjunction with its Elections Training, in Fountain Hills, Arizona. The day prior, 25 clerks attended the first ever Athenian Dialogue held in Arizona, after reading the book *Breaking Trail*, by Arlene Blum, facilitated by Susan Frost.

During the Annual Business Meeting Carrie Dyrek, Cave Creek Town Clerk, was awarded the *2016 AMCA Clerk of the Year* and Darcie McCracken, Glendale Deputy City Clerk, was awarded the *2016 AMCA Deputy Clerk of the Year*.

Additionally, raffle baskets from each of the regions and the Board and other fundraising efforts generated \$1,891 toward scholarships for AMCA members.

Visit [here](#) for more info on the AMCA.

Idaho will be having their State Conference September 21 through the 23rd in Idaho Falls. They have some great speakers and a Roaring 20's party planned. They also raffle baskets from each of the six districts in Idaho and the money goes towards scholarships to enable other clerks to come to the conference. They welcome any and all clerks to attend their State Conference.

They are finishing up their budgeting season and will go on to starting their audits soon. Budgeting is always a difficult time for so many small cities that have little to work with and they are always looking for good ideas and ways to create more revenue.



Nevada held their IIMC Institute/Academy from July 25 through 29, in Reno, Nevada. First offered in 2005, the Nevada Municipal and County Clerks Academy is a proven program designed by the University of Nevada, Reno in partnership with the Nevada State Municipal Clerks Association to provide training and development for city, county and deputy clerks, recorders, city secretaries, legislative administrators and other elected and appointed officials wishing to enhance their administrative skills and professional knowledge.

South Dakota —The South Dakota Governmental Finance Officers meet annually in June. They are an affiliate group of the South Dakota Municipal League (SDML). SDML hosts an annual conference each year in October. This year's site is set for Rapid City, SD at the Ramkota Hotel and Conference Center on October 4-7, 2016. The next annual Finance Officer's group will meet on June 7-9, 2017, in Pierre, SD at the Ramkota Inn.

Wyoming - The Wyoming Association of Municipal Clerks and Treasurers (WAMCAT) is having their annual Institute in Douglas, WY on September 7-9, 2016. During the banquet on September 8th, they will be awarding the Clerk of the Year as well as recognize any new CMC, MMC or Certified Public Finance Administrator (CPFA) designations. They will also acknowledge any Athenian Fellows or financial achievements received on the National level.

For further information on WAMCAT, visit [here](#).

Nebraska —The 70th Annual IIMC Conference was a highlight for all the clerks in Nebraska. What an awesome turnout, an event they won't soon forget. They had a record attendance of 125 clerks from Nebraska, many attending the Annual Conference for the first time. The Nebraska Municipal Clerks Association will hold their Institute and Academy on March 19-24, 2017.

For more information on what's happening in Nebraska, visit their website [here](#).

Here are some numbers of those attending the IIMC Annual Conference in Omaha:

Arizona	17	Nevada	3
Colorado	35	New Mexico	6
Idaho	7	North Dakota	1
Montana	2	South Dakota	8
Nebraska	125	Utah	9
		Wyoming	3

NOTICE to states within Region VIII—If you have information you'd like to share with others within Region VIII, please forward them to Liz Burke, Flagstaff, AZ, at eburke@flagstaff.az.gov or RaNae Edwards, Grand Island, at redwards@grand-island.com. Our newsletters are only as good as the information in them! Please share with us.

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REGION VIII STATE ROTATION

2017	Nebraska	2025	South Dakota
2019	Arizona	2026	Wyoming
2020	Nevada	2028	Montana
2022	North Dakota	2029	Colorado
2023	Idaho	2031	New Mexico
		2032	Utah

MINUTES OF THE IIMC REGION VIII MEETING HELD ON 5/23/16 IN OMAHA, NEBRASKA

The Region VIII meeting was held on May 23, 2016, at 10:30 am at the CenturyLink Convention Center in Omaha, NE. Delegates who attended were asked to sign a sheet. Nancy Vincent and RaNae Edwards presided over the meeting. Edwards stated it was great to see such a large attendance and explained that Region VIII consists of AZ, CO, ID, MT, NE, NV, NM, ND, SD, UT and WY and is the largest region.

Vincent explained that due to a technical glitch, previous meeting minutes were not available and provided an overview of the meeting. Motion made by Rhonda Coxon, Colorado and second by Betty McGuire, Nebraska to approve Minutes. Ayes: All in attendance. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Edwards stated the new Director of the Region is Liz Burke, Flagstaff, AZ. Burke stated that any ideas or comments should be directed to her or Edwards. Edwards explained the Region Directors had met Friday and Saturday and had some great numbers to report: IIMC provided 53 scholarships totaling \$65,000; 798 delegates from around the world registered, which is the highest number since 2008; Region 11 will have 5,000 new members joining this year; a request from FL for continuing education was brought up to remain CMC/MMC status and to validate expenses of conference; and encouragement to attend the Athenian Leadership Society Dialogue for education points; and WY ended the contract with the University and requested that Community Colleges be able to provide education.

Vincent thanked everyone for a great job and asked about the rotation scheduled for region director positions. There was discussion in support and opposing the rotation. Some comments were that a person may want to be a director; however, due to rotation schedule is not able to apply at that time; keep rotation the way it is; small member states lose opportunity to run for director; and to create a hybrid of rotation to have the rotation if that state was unable or did not want director position to open up to others who are willing to take the director position. Currently the rotation is as follows: 2017 – NE; 2019 - AZ; 2020 – NV; 2022 – ND; 2023 – SD; 2025 – ID; 2026 – WY; 2028 – CO; and 2029 – NM. Motion made by Laura Bauer, Colorado and second by Lanette Doane, Nebraska to have a special election to determine the director position to be a rotation or interest. Motion made by Fionnuala Kofoed, Utah and second by Gayle Jones, New Mexico to amend the motion to include a hybrid of a rotation of states then if the state declined to open up the director position to interested parties. Ayes: Majority. Nays: Minority. Motion carried. The special election will be set up and will have three options; Rotation as current; Open to interested parties; and a hybrid of rotation moving to interested parties upon decline of state rotation.

Edwards asked if any state was interested in holding a conference for the region. No volunteers were acknowledged. Edwards stated any state interested should contact her or Burke.

State reports were given. AZ – Bev Bender provided information on the state association. CO – Rhonda Coxon stated in September they hold a finance and clerk conference and in 2017 it will be held in Loveland. ID – Lynn Hagman stated they have two conferences per year in September and March. MT – No information provided. NE – Kellie Crowell stated normally they have an academy/institute in March. This year they had a mini session that 85 clerks attended for those who would not be able to attend IIMC conference. NV – Donna DiCarlo stated their conference is held in October. In July they have a legislative conference. NM – Ann Mackie stated they have 156 members and this is her first time attending. Her state association has been working on development of a handbook and records retention development. ND – Steve Sprague stated there isn't a clerk association and he attends MN association functions. SD – Tamara Jorgensen stated there isn't a clerk association and she attends MN association functions. UT – Thieda Wellman stated there are 246 cities with 260 members in the UT association. The University provides great information for their conferences held in September. WY – Julie Silbernagel stated she is in support of allowing community colleges to assist with education. She thanked the NE clerks for hosting the conference.

Vincent and Edwards thanked all in attendance for the support. Edwards provided a gift to Vincent for her role as Region Director.

Edwards reminded everyone that the Region VIII dinner was \$25 per person for the meal and that Linda Jensen was ready for purchases after the meeting. The dinner is at the Mattress Factory, which is one block away.

With no further business, meeting was adjourned at 11:28 a.m.