



International Institute of Municipal Clerks
Region VI Update for
Iowa, Minnesota & Wisconsin



Happy New Year Region VI

January 31, 2020

In November we attend the IIMC Board **mid-year meeting** in Greenville, South Carolina. We concluded working on Strategic Planning to better serve and reach clerks into the future. More updates were provided in the news release and at the January Region Meeting (see below).



IIMC Board of Directors in Greenville, SC



Audra and Marie meet Joey at the Greenville City Hall open house

Recent **IIMC Region VI** held their **Mid-Year Education/Athenian Dialogue and Business Meeting** in Stillwater, Minnesota on January 24th and January 25. Here are the highlights:

- About **20 members** attended the Athenian Dialogue and Business Meeting at the Lowell Inn
- **Highlights from IIMC Board Meeting in November:**
 1. Approved the 2019 year-end projected budget and proposed 2020 budget
 2. **Calgary, Canada** selected as the site for 2024 Annual Conference
 3. Voted to **add a 5th day** to the 2021 Annual Conference in Grand Rapids, MI to commemorate IIMC's 75th Anniversary
 4. Conducted an Annual Evaluation and approved a Three-Year Contract for **Executive Director**
 5. Discussed **Succession Planning** for IIMC staff
 6. Approved continuing with the findings of the **Education Task Force**, with a final report to be delivered in May 2020. Marita Rhude gave a brief update, stating the Task Force was having a phone conversation the following week.
 7. Approved to **remove from the Constitution the requirement for written support by a member from his or her state/provincial/national association** to become a candidate for Region Director. The Board believed removing this prerequisite will generate more inclusive interest in running for vacant Board Position. The amendment to the Constitution will require a membership vote in May 2020.
 8. Approved a **Communication Coordinator** Position
 9. Wrapped up the **Strategic Plan**
 10. Working on formal policy for **conference volunteers**
 11. **Bulk Membership Rate** approved for South Africa
 12. Canada **requested a Bulk Membership Rate**, which is being reviewed by the Finance Committee
 13. Region VIII **requested a Reapportionment** due to the Region being so large. This request will be forwarded to the President for review
 14. Reestablishment of **Education Programs** in SD and LA. PA to establish an Education Program
 15. **Study Abroad 2021 will be in the Netherlands (Keep in Touch with the Dutch)**
 16. Establishing Clerks as "**Professionals**".
- **Region VI Treasurers Report** (Anne Uecker)

- **IIMC Foundation** Update (Shari Moore & Roxanne Schneider). The IIMC Foundation promotes education and training to municipal clerks making them proficient in the services provided. The foundation raises funds several different ways:
 - Donations
 - NEW Round Up App
 - Amazon Smile – select IIMC Foundation (cost you nothing)
 - Silent Auction – buy and/or bring an item/basket to the St. Louis, MO Conference
 - Raffles:
 - Hawaii Raffle. \$20 or 3 for \$50. Drawing at the 2020 Conference on 5/20/20. You do not need to be present to win.
 - NEW 2020 Grand Slam Fundraiser. Tickets are \$100 with only \$100 ticket being sold. Drawn on 3/30/20.

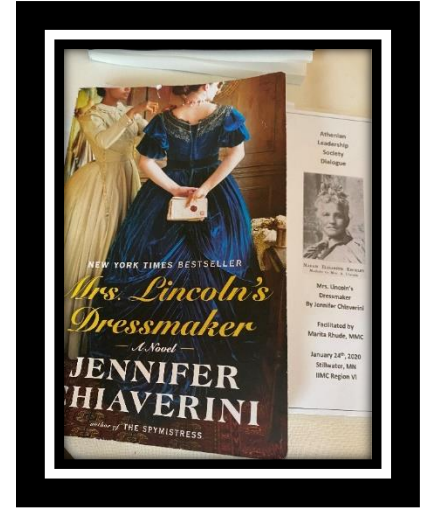
For more information regarding these raffles or donating, contact Roxanne Schneider the IIMC Foundation Treasurer at PO Box 686, Dysart, IA 52224

- **Scholarships** are available through funds raised by the IIMC Foundation
 - **IIMC Annual Conference Grant to St. Louis, Missouri.** Application need to be received February 12, 2020. Selected in March. 2 per region.
 - **CMC/MMC Scholarships** to attend an approved IIMC Institute or Academy up to \$400. To be used June 1, 2020 until May 31, 2021. Applications need to be received by March 1, 2020. Selected in April.
 - **Jim Tinnin** on-line learning scholarship. Applications accepted in the fall. 2 per Region
- **Windfall Membership Savings** – discount program for members
- **Award Nominations:** Quill Award, Program of Governance Award and Institute Director of Excellence
- **State Association Updates:** Minnesota (Kris) and Wisconsin (Diane) Presidents gave updates on their states happenings and Iowa submitted a written report
- **Institute Directors** have submitted their programming material to IIMC and all three have been approved
- Upcoming 2020 IIMC Conference in St. Louis, MO. We will have a **Region VI meeting on Monday, May 18, 2020** – more details to follow.
- **Future IIMC Region VI Mid-Year Meeting locations:** 2021 in Decorah, Iowa and 2022 in Wisconsin
- **2023 IIMC Conference** to be held in Minneapolis, Minnesota (OUR REGION)
- If you are looking to get involved with IIMC, **consider volunteering** for a committee.
- **2020 Board vacancies** are available in our Region VI and Vice President on the Executive Committee: Region VI Director Vacancy (IA, MN, WI): It is Iowa's turn to support a candidate in 2020, followed by Minnesota in 2021 and Wisconsin in 2023. **P. Kay Cmelik, MMC of Des Moines, IA** has applied for the Region VI Director vacancy. Vice President Candidates: **ReNae Edwards of Grand Island, NE** and **Pamela Smith of Sanibel, FL**
- The **IIMC Foundation** formed a Development Committee to **promote scholarships**.
- Congratulations to **Jilline Dobratz from Village of Jackson, WI** as **winner of the IIMC Conference in St. Louis, MO registration drawing!**



*Lowell Inn
Stillwater, Minnesota
January 24, 2020*





Marita Rhude from Barrett, Minnesota facilitated our Athenian Dialogue, Mrs. Lincoln's Dressmaker in Stillwater, Minnesota at the Lowell Inn. Thank you Marita!

Congratulation to Angie Storlie from Big Fork, Minnesota on completing her 10th Athenian Dialogue. Welcome to the Athenian Leadership Society!

Welcome New IIMC Members: Kristi Fliss (Everly, IA), Stephanie Fredrickson (Elko New Market, MN), Beth Wolf, (Stillwater, MN), Michelle Luedtke (Delafield, WI), Shannon Pettit (Superior, WI), Beth Brincks (Anamosa, IA), Mandy Van Grootheest (Luverne, MN), Oksana Maher (Tonka Bay, MN), Amy Dailey (Brighton, IA), Alissa van Sloten (Cedar Rapids, IA), Jill Krull (Thompson, IA), Kristina Kelley (Woodbine, IA), Melissa Kennedy (St. Louis Park, MN), Nicole Mrzena (Adams, WI), Brenda Mead (Adams, WI) and Amanda Maahs (Jefferson, WI)

Congratulations to the following for earning their **IIMC Certification**: Elizabeth Jackson, CMC (Medford, MN), Angie M. Cain, MMC Grand Chute, WI), Twyla Menth, CMC (New Germany, MN) and Trish Gleason, MMC (Dubuque, IA) **WAY TO GO!!!**

Save the date(s):

- **March 16-19, 2020** Municipal Clerks and Finance Officers Association of Minnesota Conference in St. Cloud, Minnesota
- **April 15-17, 2020** Iowa Municipal Finance Officers Association Conference in Des Moines, Iowa
- **May 17-20, 2020** IIMC 74th Annual Conference in St. Louis, Missouri – Region VI members receive a \$50 discount for registration
Future IIMC Conference locations: 2021 Grand Rapids, Michigan, 2022 Little Rock, Arkansas, and 2023 Minneapolis, Minnesota (OUR REGION)
- **August 26-28, 2020** Wisconsin Municipal Clerks Association Conference to be held in Wisconsin Dells
- **January 22-23 or 29-30, 2021** Region VI meeting will be in Decorah, Iowa. More information will be provided later. The 2022 meeting will be in Wisconsin and 2023 in Minnesota.

Wishing you the best with the upcoming Election Season!

IIMC website: www.iimc.com and **International Institute of Municipal Clerks on Facebook**. Also, **IIMC Region 6 on Facebook** to keep up on happenings.

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