

Nebraska Municipal Clerks Newsletter

June 2017

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

*Lea Ann Doak, City Clerk/Treasurer, McCook,
NMCA President*

Looks like the hot days of summer are here, bringing severe storms across our state. Prayers go out to the residents in parts of western and eastern Nebraska as they cleanup and rebuild after several tornados this past week.

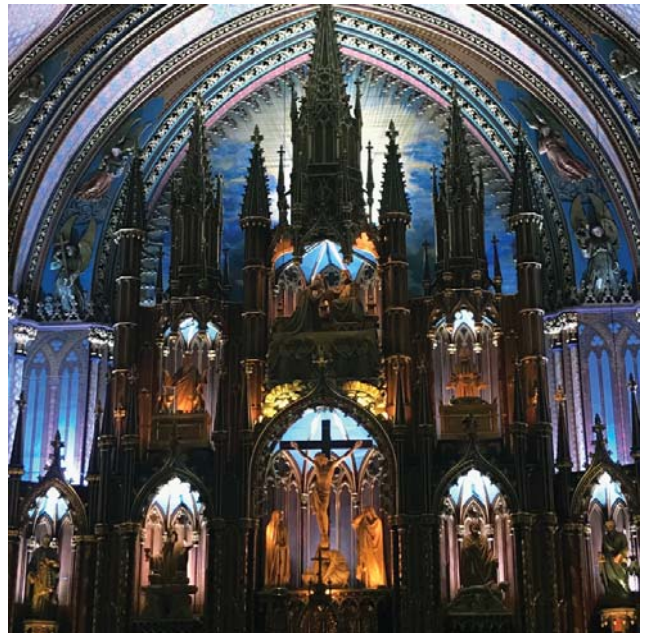
At our Executive Board meeting held this past week at the Municipal Finance & Accounting Conference, discussion regarding the 2018 Clerks' Institute and Academy was held. The Education Committee already is hard at work on topics and speakers. Due to the shorter week, it will be necessary to make some changes to the normal schedule. Those changes will be topics for future newsletters as plans get finalized.

There were six of us from Nebraska who attended the 71st IIMC Annual Conference in Montreal, Canada. Those attending were Dolores Costanzo, Ralston; RaNae Edwards, Grand Island; Kelly Oelke, Hickman; Ellen Freeman-Wakefield, UNO; and Buster Brown, Omaha; and myself.

What a beautiful city and wonderful conference. The entertainment at the opening ceremony was awesome. Missing was the traditional Parade of Flags.

Since the conference was held in another country, the U.S. Flag was part of the International Group. The General Session, Jeff Havens, *Uncrapify Your Life!*, was excellent, funny and motivational.

Round Table discussions at the Institute Director



Notre-Dame Basilica of Montreal, Canada. Photo by RaNae Edwards, Grand Island City Clerk.

Colloquium included growing institutes – keeping content relevant, identifying "hot topics," and the need to offer more online; budgeting, sponsorship relationships; scholarship and fundraising; and, the declining interest in the MMC program.

The Offsite Program – Montreal: A Slice of Old Europe in a Pie of Contemporary Design, gave us the opportunity to explore Montreal by bus. Interesting to see how they are preparing for celebration of their 375th anniversary with new infrastructure, but protect the historic architecture and cultural heritage. Because it gets so cold in the winter, they have built an underground city and public transit system that is amazing. It is not just un-

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IIMC Region VIII

WOW is the only word I can come up with to describe the 71st IIMC Annual Conference in Montreal, Canada. What a wonderful conference in an amazing city. As one of your Region VIII Directors, along with Elizabeth Burke from Flagstaff, Ariz., we attended the IIMC Board of Directors meeting on Friday and Saturday, May 19-20.

The board agreed upon the following:

"Life Long Learning Policy Statement"

IIMC strongly believes in life-long learning and focuses on providing continuing professional development for the Municipal Clerk Profession. Our education programs are focused toward attainment of certification, resulting in Certified Municipal and Master Municipal Clerk designations. Once attained, certified

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Notre-Dame Basilica of Montreal, Canada. Photo by RaNae Edwards, Grand Island City Clerk.

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derground, it is 12 stories underground in some locations! Ellen and I got our steps in walking Old Montreal. What a beautiful historic city! Not speaking French was not an issue. The Canadians were all friendly and spoke English well. I flew out with Ellen, who is a seasoned flyer, but flew back solo. I survived, made it back through customs, across the Detroit airport to catch my flight and back to Omaha as scheduled. While waiting for my flight in Detroit, I was reminded of what a small world it is. A past City of McCook Mayor and her husband were on my flight to Omaha.

I would like to thank the Nebraska Municipal Clerks' Association for giving me the opportunity to attend the IIMC Conference. The

sessions were all excellent, educational and motivational. Being able to network with clerks from around the world is an experience that I will remember for years to come.

Have a safe and Happy 4th of July holiday and stay cool!

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professionals continue their development by participating in programs offered at the local, state, provincial and national levels, enabling them to meet the duties of their public office and remain effective in their communities.

Some highlights from the meeting were:

- IIMC working on getting more online courses available
- IIMC's financials are positive with last year's conference in Omaha showing a profit.
- The Diversity/Inclusivity Task Force has been formed and the board approved budgeting money so it could meet together one time with all other meetings being by teleconference.
- The Mid-Year Board meeting will take place in Riverside, Calif. on Nov. 17-18, 2017. The board will vote on the 2022 location for the annual conference.
- All the offices at headquarters have been rented and the Board approved hiring a property management firm.
- IIMC encouraged Regional Directors to attend the Symposium in Brussels, Belgium on Sept. 15-16, 2017, if at all possible to show our support to our international members.

Region VIII held its meeting May 23, 2017 with about 60 people attending. Mentioned was that Arizona was looking at holding a Region VIII Conference in 2019 and Utah in 2020. There is a \$1,000 IIMC Scholarship available to help offset the costs of hosting the conference.

At the end of April, Region VIII had 1,293 members with 651 CMC's and 187 MMC's designation. The Region VIII Newsletter will include the names of those holding each designation as well as new programs that different Clerks are implementing along with Institute and Academy information. The goal was to have



From left: RaNae Edwards, Grand Island City Clerk; Elizabeth Burke, Flagstaff, Arizona. Photo submitted by RaNae Edwards, Grand Island City Clerk.

two newsletters a year.

The State Presidents gave a brief report on each of their state's activities.

The 71st IIMC Annual Conference started May 21, 2017. The opening ceremony was spectacular as were all the general sessions and concurrent education sessions. We had wonderful speakers throughout the conference. One of the highlights for me was the offsite session: Montreal: A Slice of Old Europe in a Pie of Contemporary Design. Montreal is a safe, walkable city and we were able to tour and learn the history of the city. The architecture of the buildings, cathedrals and basilicas were a sight to see. The people were friendly and everyone spoke English, as well as French. We had no trouble communicating. The food was outstanding. What more can I say, but I now need to go on a diet.

I was sworn in for a full three-year term and it is my honor to serve as your Region VIII Director.

*RaNae Edwards
Region VIII Director*

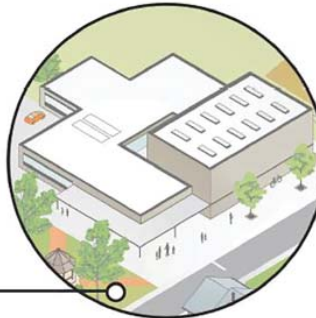
Federal Budget Cuts Are Hometown Cuts

Here's What Cities Stand to Lose in the Administration's Budget Proposal



Transportation and Infrastructure

- \$500 million for **TIGER** grant programs
- \$11 million for the **Brownfields** Program



Workforce Development & Education

- \$1.2 billion for **21st Century Learning Centers**
- \$1.341 billion for the **Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA)**
- \$231 million for **museums and libraries**

What Budget Cuts
Would Mean For



Energy and Community Resilience

- \$220 million for the **Weatherization Assistance Program**
- \$1.4 billion for the **Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy**
- \$1.393 billion for the **Superfund Program**



Community and Economic Development

- \$3.0 billion **CDBG**
- \$950 million for the **HOME Investment Partnership Program**
- \$221 million for the **Economic Development Administration**

#FightTheCuts

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LEAGUE
OF CITIES

JULY BIRTHDAYS

Connie Carlton	Elmwood.....	7/1
Patty Knobbe	Snyder	7/1
Wendy McKain	Trenton	7/2
Amy Mason.....	Wymore	7/2
Tricia Moreno.....	Imperial.....	7/3
Sharon Ketteler	Albion.....	7/3
Samantha Rife.....	Trenton	7/6
Irene Dresch	Primrose	7/7
Linda Douglas.....	Arlington.....	7/8
Janine Schmidt.....	Morrill	7/10
Carol Johnston.....	Bertrand	7/15
Patty Lamberty	Arnold.....	7/17
Geri Anthony.....	Sidney	7/17
Janelle Kline	Columbus	7/18
Lea Ann Doak	McCook.....	7/18
Tim Macke	Mullen.....	7/18



Gloria Riley.....	Dorchester.....	7/21
Laurie Jauken.....	Elwood	7/21
Brenda Daniels.....	Verdon.....	7/26
Rosemarie Russell.....	Kimball	7/29
Alyssa Silhacek.....	Dakota City.....	7/30
Rebecca Sandman.....	Utica	7/30
Karla Costello.....	Platte Center	7/31

Municipal Legal Calendar

(All statute citations to Revised Statutes of Nebraska)

JULY 2017

CITIES OF THE FIRST CLASS

- July 1 Chair of the Park and Recreation Commissioners must file with City Clerk an itemized statement of all expenditures of the Park and Recreation Board. (16-697)
- Between July 10 and July 30 Advertise for Class C Liquor License renewals. (53-135.01)
- Between July 15 and August 15 Job titles and salaries of employees shall be published. (19-1102)
- Prior to publication of notice of budget hearing Council prepares proposed budget statement and makes it available to the public. (13-504) *Does not apply to cities with a biennial budget that are in the second year of the biennial budget period.
- On or before August 20 County Assessor certifies to each governing body the current valuation of all property subject to the applicable levy. (13-509)
- On or before September 20 Budget Statement filed with County Clerk and State Auditor (13-508) *Does not apply to cities with a biennial budget that are in the second year of the biennial budget period.
- Within 10 working days following meeting or before next meeting (whichever is sooner) Clerk to have minutes available for public inspection. (84-1413)
- Within 15 days of passage Clerk publishes ordinances passed. (16-405)
- Within 30 days following Council meeting Clerk publishes official proceedings of meetings, including claims. (19-1102)
- Within 20 days after end of month Treasurer files monthly financial report. (16-318)
- * * Clerk must prepare agenda prior to next Council meeting. (84-1411)
- End of Each Quarter Report from Depository Banks due. (16-714)

VILLAGES AND CITIES OF THE SECOND CLASS

- Between July 10 and July 30 Advertise for Class C Liquor License renewals. (53-135.01)
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- Within 30 days following Council meeting Clerk publishes official proceedings of meeting including claims. (19-1102)
- Within 20 days after end of month Treasurer files monthly financial report. (17-606)
- * * Clerk must prepare agenda prior to next Council or Board meeting. (84-1411)

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