

Nebraska Municipal Clerks Newsletter

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Vanee Holtmeier, CMC, NMCA President

The sun out again! How long will it last this time? I don't think we will ever have a spring. It will probably just spring into summer instead.

I want to thank you for letting me have the opportunity to attend the IIMC Conference in Nashville, Tennessee as your NMCA President. The clerks attending from Nebraska were RaNae Edwards of Grand Island with her husband; De-lores Costanzo of Ralston with her husband; Sue Murray-Lee of South Sioux City with her husband; Linda Jensen of Central City; myself with my daughter, and Melanie Kiper of UNO. Melanie's mother also came with her, but she ended up in the hospital on Sunday at the beginning of the conference and was there all week. She was released Saturday and made it home okay and is on the road to recovery. I hope we all get to meet her next year. My daughter is already planning where we want to go in Portland next year. And, maybe in four years, the IIMC Conference could be in Nebraska. Buster is working on this and there will be more details later. Jackie and Sue's husband had a good time bumming around together. This was her payback for the 20 years of helping her mom at the office when needed. I'm sure no one else does that! LOL!

The Sunday night opening reception was full of dessert shooters and cheesecake sundaes, great music and even a few country music look-a-likes. The Monday morning opening ceremony was fantastic. They had a music tribute to country superstars over the years that was really great and of course, Minnie Pearl was the emcee. How-deeeeeeee!! The general session speakers were very uplifting and you came out of the general sessions revived. Wednesday night at the Wild-

horse Saloon was a wild time. Great food, great music and even some great dancing. The floor was full when they did the line dancing and we even have pictures. Then it was Friday and time to come back to the real world again. I think we all had a great time and Jackie and Steve were taking pictures of all of us having a good time. As soon as we get the pictures together and I figure out how to send them out, I will. The Gaylord Opryland Resort is a beautiful place to stay. If you ever get a chance to go to Nashville, check it out.

On a sad note, I did meet the clerk from Joplin, Missouri and got one of her Route 66 pins. So sad to hear about what happened to her community and others that have had tornadoes and floods before, during and after the conference. Mother Nature isn't being very nice this year. We need to keep all of them in our prayers and thoughts.

IIMC also wants to encourage member communities to consider including the \$25 education donation when you look at renewing your yearly IIMC membership dues. This money helps fund the MCIF scholarships to help send clerks to the IIMC conference. Maybe next year, some Nebraska clerks should think about applying for these scholarships and come and join us in Portland, Oregon.

Hope everyone has an enjoyable Memorial Day weekend and a Happy Fathers Day to all of our male clerks. Hope to see everyone at the Finance Conference June 15-17, 2011 in Kearney. Summer here we come!!

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THREE RIVERS CLERKS ASSOCIATION MINUTES

The Three Rivers Clerks Association met for their regular meeting on Thursday, April 21, 2011 at 12:30 p.m. at Pizza Ranch, 245 South Main Street, West Point, Nebraska.

President Jennifer Carlson opened the meeting with the following members present: Sheri Henderson, Ceresco; June Moline, Mead; Mary Kempf, West Point; Roxanne Meyer, Hooper; Brenda Weitzenkamp, Uehling; Heidi Lindberg, Tekamah; Linda Douglas, Arlington; Joan Suhr, Valley; Shawn Smith, Valley; Nancy Hert, Waterloo; Cynthia Peterson, Oakland; Dawn Gall, Howells; Trisha Robertson, Beemer; Jennifer Carlson, Bancroft; Patty Knobbe, Snyder; Theresa Busse, North Bend; Lynne McIntosh, Fremont.

West Point Mayor Marlene Johnson addressed the clerks who were present and thanked all of the clerks for everything they do for their communities.

President Carlson asked if there were any additions or corrections to the Jan. 20, 2011 minutes. Mary Kempf moved to approve the Jan. 20, 2011 minutes, seconded by Joan Suhr. Motion carried.

Secretary/Treasurer Linda Douglas reported the checking balance is \$2,145.70, which included \$50 received in dues paid for 2010-2011. A receipt for the embroidered towels donated to the silent auction has been submitted for reimbursement in the amount of \$30 to Mary Kempf. Lynn McIntosh moved to approve the treasurer's report. Roxanne Meyer seconded. Motion carried.

Mary Kempf clarified that I-9s need to be reported for lifeguards and part-time summer help every year, regardless if an I-9 was submitted for the employee the summer before. The 2013 Nebraska Municipal Clerk Institute and Academy will be held in Columbus and the Three Rivers Clerks Association will be in charge of the banquet that year. The Institute and Academy in 2014 and 2015 will be held in Kearney. Kempf reported the silent auction this year had 126 items donated and netted a record \$2,605.50.

President Carlson presented roses to the following clerks, who were also acknowledged at the banquet during the Nebraska Municipal Clerk Institute & Academy, for receiving their CMC Designations: Theresa Busse, North Bend; Sheri Henderson, Ceresco; June Moline, Mead; Dawn Schmidt,

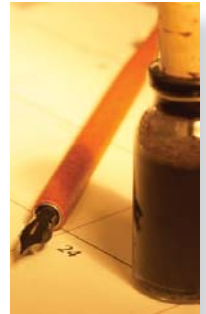
Yutan; and Lori Kathol, Dodge.

The Municipal Accounting and Finance Conference will be held June 15-17, 2011 at the Ramada Inn in Kearney, Nebraska. No suggestions were made for a summer social event for the Three Rivers Clerks Association.

The location for the Annual IIMC Conference in 2015 has not been announced.

Discussion was held on a speaker for the July meeting. Joan Suhr moved to hold the next regular meeting on July 21 at Christensen Field in Fremont at 6p.m., followed by a Mayor/Council Forum on Nuisance Abatement to be held beginning at 7 p.m. Sheri Henderson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Theresa Busse moved to adjourn, seconded by Sheri Henderson. Motion carried.



*Linda M. Douglas
Secretary/Treasurer*

SOUTHERN SEVEN CLERKS' ASSOCIATION MINUTES

The Southern Seven Clerks' Association met at 12:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 19, 2011 at the Kava House, 445 E. 13th St., Crete, Nebraska. The program and business meeting were held at Crete City Hall council chambers.

1. Program by Shay Smith

Shay Smith gave a presentation on Economic Development and passing of the .5 percent sales tax increase in Crete.

2. Roll Call

President Marilyn Varner called the meeting to order. The attendance sheet was signed, showing the following members present: Linda Eschenweck, Gresham/Thayer; Beverly

Bornschlegl, Bradshaw; Cheryl Kraft, Waco; Gloria Riley, Dorchester; Debbie Gilmer, Friend; Marilyn Varner, Seward; Jerry Wilcox, Crete; Diane Goranson, Crete; Vanee Holtmeier, McCool Junction; Linda Carroll, Fairmont; Lori Rezny; Wilber; Tami Comte, David City; Joan Kovar, David City; Shannon Chesnut, Beaver Crossing; Erin Baker, Osceola; Julie Howe, new city clerk at Goehner; and special guest Gary Yank, former city clerk of Crete.

3. Approval of Minutes

Copies of the Feb. 17, 2011 meeting minutes were previously e-mailed and reviewed. Moved by Linda Carroll, seconded by Erin Baker, to approve the Feb. 17, 2011 minutes. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

4. Treasurer's Report

Secretary-Treasurer Diane Goranson reported \$223.22 in the checking account. Dues were once again collected. Moved by Linda Carroll, seconded by Vanee Holtmeier

to approve the treasurer's report. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

5. Unfinished Business

None

6. New Business

a. Beverly Bornschlegl made a motion to approve the bill presented by Diane Goranson for \$50 for the silent auction. Erin Baker seconded the motion and all approved. Motion carried.

b. No correspondence.

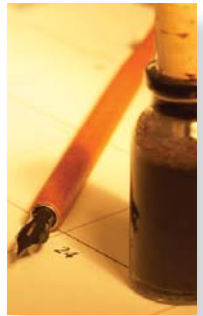
c. Erin Baker brought information for Southern Seven vests. It was decided to go with light gray color and have Columbus Custom Embroidery put the new logo on the vest. Cost would be \$27 each with the Southern Seven paying the one time set-up fee. Erin will bring samples for sizes to the Finance Conference in Kearney in June.

7. Round table Questions & Discussion

Topics included itinerant merchants, laptops for board meetings, and ways to deal with businesses that do not respond to payment inquiries.

8. Adjourn

The next meeting will be Thursday, August 18, 2011 at 12:30 P.M. in Osceola at the White Eagle Tavern, with a program on peddler permit information.



CLERKS NEWSLETTER INFORMATION SOUGHT

Dorene Sattler, Deputy City Clerk, City of Geneva, would like to remind you to submit your ideas and materials for the Municipal Clerks' Newsletter to Lynn Marienau at the League of Nebraska Municipalities.

As you know, the newsletter's usefulness to clerks depends on the material provided. Please use the newsletter to tell of relevant events taking place in your community, reports on workshops, seminars or meetings of interest to clerks and as an information exchange, or forum for solving problems facing you and your municipality.

*Diane Goranson
Secretary-Treasurer*

CLASS REUNION

While waiting for her first appointment with a new dentist, Jane noticed his certificate hanging on the wall of the waiting room. The name seemed familiar, and after a few minutes she remembered that was the name of a tall, handsome boy she'd gone to high school with.

When she sat down in the dentist's chair and took a good look at him, she was uncertain.

The dentist was a balding, gray-haired man with a deeply lined face. He seemed far too old to have been Jane's classmate.

But after he had looked at Jane's teeth, she decided to ask if he had attended the local high school.

"Yes," he replied.

"What year did you graduate?" Jane asked. "In 1972."

It was him! "Why, you were in my class!" Jane exclaimed.

The dentist looked her closely. "What did you teach?"

THE BEST WAY TO PRAY

A priest, a minister and a guru sat in a new interfaith community center. While a telecommunications worker installed the new phone system, they began discussing the best positions for prayer.

"Kneeling is definitely the best way to pray," the priest said. **"No," said the minister.** "I get the best results standing with my hands outstretched to heaven."

"You're both wrong," the guru said. "The most effective prayer position is the lotus position."

The telephone technician sat up. "Excuse me, gentlemen, but I should tell you that the best praying I ever did was when I was hanging upside down from a telephone pole."

LEGISLATIVE INFORMATION

Check the Legislature's web site for more information about your state Senators and the legislative process. Interim hearings will likely begin in late summer and early fall.

The web site address is <http://nebraskalegislature.gov/web/public/home>.

JULY BIRTHDAYS

Susan Kiesel.....	Gering.....	7/1
Patty Knobbe	Snyder.....	7/1
Wendy McKain	Trenton.....	7/2
Meg Strauch.....	Kimball.....	7/5
Cynthia Sanders.....	Guide Rock	7/6
Irene Cresch.....	Primrose	7/7
Linda Douglas.....	Arlington.....	7/8
Pam Richter	Kimball.....	7/13
Barbara Grabhorn.....	Edgar	7/14
Sandra Farmer	Gordon.....	7/14
Jeanine Wasser	Ulysses.....	7/15
Amber Vinton.....	Pleasant Dale	7/16
Patty Lamberty	Arnold	7/17
Geri Anthony.....	Sidney	7/17
Janelle Kline.....	Columbus	7/18
Lea Ann Doak	McCook	7/18
Tammy Cooley.....	Morrill.....	7/20
Gloria Riley.....	Dochester.....	7/21



Candace Kirwan.....	Comstock	7/21
Lesa Parker	Hay Springs	7/23
Brenda Daniels.....	Verdon	7/26
Rosemarie Russell	Gering	7/29
Rebecca Sandman.....	Utica	7/30

* List reflects the names of those who have paid dues thus far.

Municipal Legal Calendar

(All statute citations to Revised Statutes of Nebraska)

JUNE 2011

CITIES OF THE FIRST CLASS

- 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)
- First Monday.....Board of Equalization meets. (16-707)
- 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)
- At end of month.....Clerk files monthly report. (16-317)
- **Clerk must prepare agenda prior to next Council
meeting. (84-1411)

CITIES OF THE SECOND CLASS

- 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 or posts ordinances passed.
(17-613)
- Within 30 days following
Council meeting.....Clerk publishes official proceedings of meeting.
(19-1102)
- Within 20 days after end of month.....Treasurer files monthly financial report. (17-606)
- **Clerk must prepare agenda prior to next Council
meeting. (84-1411)

VILLAGES

- 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 or posts ordinances passed. (17-613)
- Within 30 days following
trustees' 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 Board
meeting. (84-1411)