

Good Morning OAMR!

Hopefully it's a short week for everyone. I know just the thought of that puts a smile on my face!

I want to bring you all up-to-date on the latest OAMR happenings.

Your OAMR Executive Board held our first meeting of the 2009-2010 year on Friday, November 13, at Keizer City Hall. At this meeting we:

- Approved the contracts for the 2011 OAMR Annual Conference and Midyear Academy to be held at the Embassy Suites-Downtown Portland.
- Approved a request from the Treasurer to send out membership renewals by e-mail ... and approved a request from the Membership Committee to take care of that task for the Treasurer.
- Directed the Bylaws Committee to draft language to amend the bylaws and mission statement to focus on education. The Board will consider the draft at the April meeting for possible consideration by the membership next September. This will take us a giant step closer to filing for non-profit status with the IRS.
- Requested that a resolution of thanks with a gift of appreciation be presented to City of Albany graphic artist Matt Harrington for the fantastic work he has done for OAMR in creating our logos for Annual Conferences and for the IIMC Portland Conference.
- Approved the updated Internet Committee Procedures.
- Approved the Historical Records Preservation Booklet in substance with final edits to be completed by the Records Management Committee.
- Noted that Debbie Lockhart's records management system is now available on the OAMR website under Committees/Records Management Committee.
- Adopted reduced membership fee for retired clerks and allowed a 6 month open enrollment for previously retired clerks who would like to rejoin OAMR under this new category of membership.
- Added a wait list to the Scholarship Committee's criteria.
- Discussed ways we can assist the Nevada Clerks with the IIMC 2010 Conference. With at least a dozen OAMR members planning to make the trip, we discussed volunteering our services along with the possibility of a monetary donation. No final decision was made.
- Decided on a rough conference schedule for the 2011 Annual Conference in Portland. This assists the Education Committee in looking for an Academy speaker.
- Set the dates for the 2012 Annual Conference in Region VII as September 20-22, 2012. This will be another shortened conference due to the IIMC Conference occurring just 6 months before.
- Tabled making any statement of support for an IIMC Vice President candidate until after the filing deadline in January 2010.

We also heard Committee and Region Director reports. So many of our Committees are already working hard on an extensive list of projects for the year. I can't thank enough all of the dedicated members that make the Committees so productive and such a positive part of participating in OAMR.

Your Conference Committee and Special Projects/Fundraising Committees both held meetings following the Board meeting and are hard at work too! You'll hear more about their work in the coming weeks and months.

If that wasn't enough, the next day I departed to attend the Alaska Association of Municipal Clerks conference in Anchorage. I'll tell you more about my trip in the winter newsletter but did want to announce these highlights:

- AAMC elected Kristie Smithers, MMC, Wasilla, Alaska, as the next IIMC Region IX Director. Kristie will be sworn in at the IIMC Reno Conference in May 2010 when Pam Kolacy's term expires.
- Recognized Sheri Pierce, CMC, Valdez, Alaska, as the 2009 Alaska Clerk of the Year. Many of you remember that Sheri served as an IIMC Region IX Director three years ago and attended our conferences. Congratulations to Sheri!

- Installed Katy Suiter, MMC, Ketchikan, Alaska, as new President; Kathy Weber, CMC, North Pole, Alaska, 1st Vice President; and Kacie Paxton, CMC, Ketchikan Gateway Borough, Alaska, as 2nd Vice President. Many of you who have attended Professional Development will recognize these ladies and we look forward to them visiting Oregon in the coming years.

Whew! That's all for now. Wishing everyone a safe and happy Turkey week ... oh, and ... congrats to whichever Oregon team will be representing our great state at the Rose Bowl on January 1!

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