

From the CCMFOA Education Director

### CCMFOA Spring Conference in March

An internationally recognized parliamentarian will be the featured speaker at the March 9 to 12 City Clerks and Municipal Finance Officers of Kansas' Spring Conference in Wichita celebrating the association's 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

Nancy Sylvester, Loves Park, Ill., on March 10 will share tactics for effective meetings and other parliamentary procedure techniques and tools. The professor emeritus of speech at Rock Valley College is a frequent speaker at IIMC and other clerk state association conferences. She is the author of *The Complete Idiot's Guide to Robert's Rules* and *The Guerilla Guide to Robert's Rules*. This year's conference at the Wichita Marriott Hotel again will feature breakout sessions and roundtable discussions on a variety of topics.

The Spring Conference theme is "Celebrating 60 Years of Clerks Helping Clerks" with a special invitation extended to all former Kansas clerks and longtime institute and academy instructors.

Two pre-conference sessions will be offered March 9. Nancy Sylvester will lead a four-hour pre-conference session on basic and intermediate parliamentary procedure and Mary Lynn Stratta, IIMC president, will present a six-hour Athenian dialogue based on the book, "We Band of Angels" by Dr. Elizabeth Norman.

### Additional IIMC-approved educational opportunity

The 15th Annual Midwest Regional Public Finance Conference on February 18 and 19 is fast approaching. This year's conference is at the Wichita Marriott (9100 Corporate Hills Drive).

We are pleased to announce that the IIMC Education Department has reviewed and approved the pre-conference sessions entitled, "Intermediate Governmental Accounting" and "Communicating in the New Age of Government" for 1 CMC Experience point per 4 in-class contact hours and 1 MMC Advanced Education point per 6 in-class contact hours. Additional information regarding these two pre-conference sessions and the entire conference can be viewed at [http://hws.wichita.edu/images/stories/pfc\\_2010.pdf](http://hws.wichita.edu/images/stories/pfc_2010.pdf)

The Marriott Hotel reservation deadline to secure a \$90 room rate is Tuesday, February 2nd. By clicking the following link, you will be directed to the Wichita Marriott's home page with the code already entered in the appropriate field. All you need to do is enter your arrival date to begin the reservation process.

<http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/ictwe?groupCode=pfcpcfca&app=resvlink&fromDate=2/17/10&toDate=2/18/10>

On-line registration is available by clicking on the following conference link

[http://hws.wichita.edu/KPF/professional\\_development/public\\_finance\\_conference/](http://hws.wichita.edu/KPF/professional_development/public_finance_conference/)

Be sure to register for the conference by Thursday, February 4th to take advantage of early registration rates.

Some additional conference highlights include:

- Brian Perry, an Investment Strategist with Chandler Asset Management in San Diego, will provide this year's Keynote Address titled "The New Economic Environment." Mr. Perry will discuss how the structure of the financial industry has drastically changed in the past two years and how these changes have dramatically altered the investing landscape for state and local governments.
- during the GASB Hot Topic session, Scot Lloyd from Swindoll, Janzen, Hawk & Loyd (McPherson, Kansas), will provide an overview of GASB 54, which will have an impact on this year's local government budget preparations.
- Dale Goter from the City of Wichita will be moderating a spirited debate regarding the "Tax Expenditure" Budget Solution. Panel participants include Derrick Sontag, State Director for the Kansas Chapter of Americans for Prosperity, and Jim Ward, Assistant Minority Leader in the Kansas House of Representatives.

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