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KANSAS CCMFOA NEWSLETTER

PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

Someone pinch me! I still can’t believe a few short weeks ago I was sworn in as CCMFOA President. Had anyone told me I would be leading this amazing organization nine years ago when I became the Marysville City Clerk I would have said, absolutely not and absolutely no way! It was at Spring Conference in 2012 when Brenda Davis, Scott City, asked me to serve on a CCMFOA Committee. I had been lucky enough to be the recipient of several scholarships offered by CCMFOA, so I decided I would give back and I signed up to serve on the Silent Auction/Promotions Committee. With the support and encouragement of my mentors, now known as my clerk family and friends, I changed my not’s and no’s into yes’s and let’s go’s!

Immediate Past President, Martha Sumrall left big shoes to fill. This past year CCMFOA has been very, very busy. Bobby Busch will be serving as our IIMC Region VII Director and Lana McPherson is currently running for IIMC Vice President (don’t forget to VOTE!). Institute Director, Gayle Martin is retiring in May, with Morgan Barnes feverishly learning the ropes. CCMFOA Secretary, Stephen Powell has worked diligently on our financial forecast with CCMFOA Treasurer Christy Pyatt and Stacey Smith setting up the Facebook page (CCMFOA/City Clerks & Municipal Finance Officers Assn). That’s just scratching the surface! The Board will be meeting in June to discuss the renewal contract with WSU along with working on education topics and plans for Institute and Academy.

The 67th Annual Spring Conference was a huge success! We had 156 attending along with a record of 41 vendors (Thank you Amy Burton!). Information was flowing left and right. General Session included Mind the Bridges: When Generations Collide, Legislative Update, Protecting Kansas’ Infrastructure from Cyber Attacks: Bridging the Gap between Local and Federal Governments, Responding to Domestic Violence as a Workplace Issue, Ethics: What Every Municipal Employee Needs to Know and Leadership Strategies for Municipal Clerks.

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Special points of interest

Lana McPherson for IIMC Vice-President - Vote Now!

CCMFOA now has a Facebook Page!

New CCMFOA Promotional Video Available:

www.ccmfoa.org

Save the Date - 2018 Spring Conference:

March 14-16, 2018, at the DoubleTree by Hilton Inn Wichita Airport.

President's Message - Continued

There were also several Solution Tracks and Mega Sessions to choose from. We were graced with the presence of all of the Past Education Directors, several retired City Clerks and IIMC President, Vinnie Buttiglieri. Our Region VII meeting was held on Friday with 23 attending. Paula Downs, Hugo Wall School, WSU was telling lots of stories with her Storytelling Bootcamp and Brenda Dietzman, Sedgwick County Undersheriff educated us on Leaning In. Congratulations to Debbie Wendt, newly retired City Clerk from Herington on being named the 2017 Mildred Vance Clerk of the Year. It was a FANTASTIC week! Thank you all for your efforts and hard work putting it together.

I encourage you to let your ideas be known. Whether it's an educational topic or speaker, if you have questions or ideas about any part of the organization, please reach out to me or anyone on the Board or Executive Committee. There are no ideas to big or too small. CCMFOA is all of us, it's OUR organization. Also, don't be afraid to step out of your comfort zone. Take small steps, ask someone how you can help or be involved. Not only can you earn extra points if you're working on your CMC or MMC, you will make lifelong friendships. You may discover things about yourself you never knew.

Future Training Dates:

The next KS/IIMC Municipal Clerks Certification Institute and Master Academy are in mid-November at the DoubleTree by Hilton Wichita Airport.

- Institute, Wichita, KS November 13-17, 2017 (Years 1-3)
- Institute, Wichita, KS November 15-17, 2017 (Year4)
- Academy, Wichita, KS November 16-17, 2017

For more information, contact the Hugo Wall School of Public Affairs, Wichita State University.

The theme for next spring is "It's not where you go, it's who you meet along the way." Isn't that the truth? The connections you make and encouragement from your peers will change your life. I know this to be true, because saying yes to Brenda Davis that spring day in 2012 very much changed mine!

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REPORT FROM THE INSTITUTE DIRECTOR

Gayle Martin

CCMFOA's 2017 Spring Conference attracted 156 municipal clerks, deputy clerks and municipal finance officers to Wichita, March 15 through 17, 2017, at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Wichita Airport. The conference is sponsored annually by CCMFOA and the Hugo Wall School of Public Affairs, Wichita State University. Twenty-four conference sessions provided 16.5 contact hours of instruction in administrative, financial, human resources and life management topics impacting local government employees in Kansas. Keynote speakers were Rex Osborn, owner and founder of MoreThanTalk, a California-based company specializing in training, problem solving and keynote speaking. Lt. Timothy Tompkins, Pittsburg, Kansas, Police Department; Paula Downs, Hugo Wall School of Public Affairs, Wichita State University; Vincent Buttiglieri, IIMC President and Municipal Clerk, Township of Ocean Monmouth Co., New Jersey; Col. Joseph Jabara, McConnell Air Force Base; and Amanda Stanley, League of Kansas Municipalities.

Osborn, an international consultant, led the audience through the importance of communication in an environment where the generational gap feels more like a canyon. Lt. Tompkins specializes in training law enforcement officers and employers in responding to domestic violence as a workplace issue. Downs discussed ethics in government and Buttiglieri talked about leadership. Col. Jabara provided an update on national policies on cyber security and bridging the gap between local and federal governments.

Several city clerks and finance directors from Kansas were presenters: Denise Duerksen, Newton; Lana McPherson, De Soto; Stephen Powell, Shawnee; Christy Pyatt, Greensburg; Amy Zortz, Weir; Teri Laymon, Goddard, and Brenda Chance, Phillipsburg.

A record 41 vendors participated in the March 15 vendor fair. Twenty additional sponsors supported the conference and its activities.

Twenty-three clerks and deputy clerks from Kansas attended the IIMC Region Meeting on March 17, 2017, at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Wichita Airport. Speakers were Paula Downs, Hugo Wall School of Public Affairs, Wichita State University; and Col. Brenda Dietzman, Sedgwick County, Kansas, Undersheriff.

A Thank-You from Gayle Martin

Dear CCMFOA Members and Friends:

Words can't express my appreciation for your expressions of support and kindness at the Spring Conference and in other communications in recent months. The last nine years of my career have been by far the most rewarding of my professional life thanks to you and others who work in local government. Your consistent generosity and offers of assistance will never be forgotten. As I retire in May, I will start a new chapter with more time to spend with my family and friends. I will be moving to Salina, Kansas, this Summer and hope to stay in touch with the association and its members. Keep up the good work and keep learning!

My Best,
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2017-2018 CCMFOA Executive Committee and Board of Directors Oath of Office



Lft. to Rt.: Amy Burton, Stephen Powell, Christy Pyatt, Tammy Seely, Amy Zortz, Danielle Young, Karen Sublett, Keri Reiner, Martha Sumrall, Vinnie Buttiglieri.



Top Left: Martha Sumrall, Vinnie Buttiglieri.



Top Right: Debbie Price, Vinnie Buttiglieri.

Bottom Right: Debbie Price, Vinnie Buttiglieri, Martha Sumrall.



MILDRED VANCE CITY CLERK/MUNICIPAL FINANCE OFFICER OF THE YEAR AWARD

Debra (Debbie) Wendt, MMC, Retired City Clerk, Herington, Kansas, has been selected as the recipient of the 2017 Mildred Vance City Clerk/Finance Officer of the Year for the State of Kansas. The award was announced at the 67th annual City Clerks and Municipal Finance Officers Association of Kansas (CCMFOA) Conference in Wichita, Kansas on Thursday, March 16th.

Debbie has worked for the City of Herington for 38 years, being City Clerk for 37 of those years. In addition she was appointed Interim City Manger 4 times for the City. Debbie earned the distinction of Certified Municipal Clerk in 1987 and the prestigious Master Municipal Clerk in 2000. Education is important to Debbie. Not only has she been a member of CCMFOA, she has served on numerous committees as well. Debbie has mentored numerous clerks during her time in CCMFOA. When the tornado hit the City of Chapman she coordinated a schedule for volunteer clerks to assist with the daily duties so the City Clerk in Chapman could focus on the post disaster paperwork.

Debbie is a strong leader and strives for perfection in every task she undertakes. She has helped her City prepare for the annual parade and fair and has been active in Orange Express Booster Club where she organized fund raisers and worked in the food stand.

Debbie also served for many years on the Tri-County Fair Board. She is active in her church as both an usher and a greeter as well as assisting with funeral dinners. Debbie has been active on many more boards and committees in her community.

Brenda Wildman, current City Clerk for the City of Herington stated, “Debbie is dedicated to the City of Herington and her life has been the City. She knows and follows the importance to complete the tasks in the work place. She is a person who works hard and loved her job. But at the same time she never seeks recognition of her accomplishments.”



DEBBIE WENDT, MMC, RETIRED CITY CLERK
CITY OF HERRINGTON



MILDRED VANCE CITY CLERK/MUNICIPAL FINANCE OFFICER OF THE YEAR AWARD

Debbie has made the following contributions to her profession:

- CCMFOA Conferences (34 years)
- Region 6 Chairperson
- Education/Program Planning Committee
- Silent Auction/Promotion Committee

Debbie's professional development includes:

- Obtained CMC in 1987
- Obtained MMC in 2002
- Received her AAE
- Attended every CCMFOA Spring Conferences
- City Hall Days – State Capitol
- KPERS Administrator - Meetings
- KMU Conferences
- KRWA Conferences



Debbie's honors and achievements include:

- Orange Express Booster Club
- Tri-County Fair Board Member
- After Prom Committee
- Christmas Parade Committee
- Greeter and usher at St. Paul's Lutheran Church
- Herington Annual Boat Races



This award is presented each year to a City Clerk or Finance Officer who has made significant contributions to the State association, the profession and their city. The award was named in honor of Mildred Vance, former auditor and City Clerk/ Municipal Finance Officer of Parsons, Kansas, who served her community from 1948 to 1988. Mildred was instrumental in developing and promoting professional education programs for city clerks and finance officers at the state and national levels and was one of the first 100 clerks to receive the Certified Municipal Clerk (CMC) designation in 1972. Mildred was later accepted into the Academy for Advanced Education (AAE) and served as a director of IIMC. She strongly believed that city clerks and finance officers should contribute to their communities and she unselfishly gave of her time and talents in church, community and civic activities.

To be eligible for the award, nominees must: 1) be a current Kansas city clerk or finance officer who has held the position for at least 3 years; 2) be a member of CCMFOA for at least 3 years; and 3) have attained the status of Certified Municipal Clerk (CMC); or have received the GFOA Certificate of Achievement in Financial Reporting. Nominations may be submitted by fellow city clerks, mayors, council members, city managers/administrators or fellow employees.

A 5-member panel of judges reviews all nominations and rates candidates on a point system. The Selection Committee consists of two prior year recipients of the award, the Missouri Clerk/Finance Officers Association President, the Illinois Clerk Association President and a League of Kansas Municipalities representative as assigned by the Executive Director of the League.

City Clerk Achievements

The following individual earned the prestigious Certified Municipal Clerk (CMC) designation from the International Institute of Municipal Clerks (IIMC):

- Jim Mesecher, City Clerk, City of Plainville
- Kristi Olson, City Treasurer, City of Basehor

Participants in CCMFOA education activities may request an official transcript listing their contact hours from the CCMFOA Education Director when they apply for IIMC certification.

Chamber Recognizes Baldwin City Clerk

Laura Hartman received the Outstanding City Employee of the Year Award from the Baldwin City Chamber of Commerce.



Laura Hartman, City Clerk
City of Baldwin

WSU Grad / City Clerk Promoted

Ethan Reimer has been appointed City Manager for the City of Halstead.

IIMC 71st Annual Conference!

Montréal, Canada

Passport to Education – Passeport pour l'éducation.

When: May 21-24, 2017

Where: Montreal, Canada,

IIMC is offering six (6) MMC Academy Sessions, three (3) Athenian Leadership Dialogues, two (2) General Sessions and 42 Concurrent Education Sessions for professional development.

All sessions points are rated at 1 point per 2 in-class contact hours. If a Delegate attends all of the Monday-Wednesday sessions, they can earn a total of 8 points (16 hours).

The optional Academy and Athenian Dialogue sessions are also 1 point per 2 in-class contact hours with a completed course assessment.

Thank You!

A HUGE thank you to Region VII for another amazing year of basket donations! With your contributions, Region VII donated FOUR large baskets for the Silent Auction. PLUS, a special "Thank You" to Amber McCullough for securing the TWO "VIP" Season Passes to the Providence Amphitheater valued at **\$1,500!!** A big hug and a "Thank You" to Laura Hartman for graciously putting all four baskets together with her awesome creativity! Once again, our Region VII members came through with some terrific baskets. Thank you so much for your dedication and commitment to our scholarship fund. Without your generous donations and support, CCMFOA wouldn't be able to provide as many scholarships. Thank you for making a difference in a clerk's life!

Lana R. McPherson, MMC, City Clerk

Spring Conference

A Totally 80's Evening

All Conference Event



Lft. To Rt.: Denise Duerksen, Gayle Martin.



Lft. To Rt.: Keri Reiner, Tabitha Sharp, Kim Hinrichs.



Lft. To Rt.: Stephen Powell, Amy Burton, Martha Sumrall, Christy Pyatt, Debbie Price, Stacy Crum.



Lft. To Rt.: Laura Hartman, Glenda Gerrity.



Bottom Lft. Paula Downs, Morgan Barnes, Deanna Carrithers, Dr. Marche Fleming Randle Randel.

