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President's Message

Karin Johnson, MMC, City Recorder, Independence

Hello, Spring! Who knew we would continue to get snow in March? If this is spring - who else is looking forward to summer?

I was so honored to represent OAMR at the Washington Municipal Clerks Association (WMCA) conference, March 14-17, at Skamania Lodge in Stevenson, Washington. What a beautiful facility! They had valuable sessions, including Humor in the Workplace: Not Just How, But Why?; Leadership Opportunities; Basics of Managing Clerk Records; Onboarding New Councilmembers, and many more. (I am already looking at ways to bring more humor into the office!)

This year, the City Clerks Association of California (CCAC) was held in Palm Springs. Sessions were also very timely and informational – 21st Century Leadership; Succession Planning; How To Effectively Implement New Systems, among others. The great thing about attending these out-of-state conferences is not just the networking – seeing old friends and making new ones – but also attending their sessions, learning new things and getting ideas for our own future sessions.

The OAMR Mid-Year was held at Spirit Mountain Lodge, with board and committee meetings held the day before. We had many more scholarships available than people applied for – please, remember to apply! Let's not leave any \$\$ on the table! (see photos on next page)

Speaking of scholarships, don't forget to apply for the Annual Academy and Annual Conference. This year's conference will bring many valuable sessions for both the seasoned and newer recorders.

Work continues on the OAMR Strategic Plan. There will likely be some changes coming up – some for the Board to consider and some for the membership as a whole. Hopefully, we will be presenting final recommendations at the September conference.

I will be attending the IIMC Conference in Minneapolis in May, along with a nice contingent from Oregon. I encourage you to attend – and if your city does not have the funds, remember that there are OAMR and IIMC scholarships to apply for.

Thank you, everyone, for your support this year. I am looking forward to seeing you at Spirit Mountain in September!

Karin

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Diversity, Equity, Inclusion Leadership 2023: What Municipal Recorders Can Contribute Towards Further Embracing DEI

Presented by Narce Rodriguez & Jean Garcia-Chitwood



L-R: Jean Garcia-Chitwood & Narce Rodriguez



President Karin Johnson, MMC with Second Vice President Kayla Duddy, CMC, drawing the winning card for the 50/50 drawing.

Congratulations to Happy Valley City Recorder Kara Kerpan, CMC, on winning the money and a giant bag of popcorn!



L-R: AJ Nytes, Springfield; Melissa Thompson-Kiefer, CMC, Nehalem; & Lori Lesmeister, CMC, North Plains





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RECAP OF IIMC BOARD MEETING

The IIMC Board of Directors held an in-person meeting on January 27 and 28 in Rancho Cucamonga, CA, to discuss a variety of topics related to the Organization. The Board met on January 27 in Board Development on “*Boardsmanship -- The Role of Boards serving a Non-Profit.*” The session was facilitated by California Institute Director, Maureen Kane, who engaged the Board in four hours of exercises entailing strategic planning, policy, separation of roles between staff and Boards and more. Maureen will be continuing the session in Board Development prior to the Annual Conference in Minneapolis in May. Other highlights included:

1. **Renaming Athenian Fellows to the Paul Craig Athenian Fellowship.** Craig was Former Illinois Institute Director and creator of Athenian Leadership Society Dialogues. He passed away in August 2022. Paul was a teacher and Institute Director at the University of Illinois where he was Director of the Office of Public Leadership with responsibility for the creation of leadership programs for elected and appointed officials in all levels of government. The most enduring of these programs with the broadest reach is the Athenian Leadership Dialogues, a book centered on a one-day program that explores the depth and meaning of select books from literature, biography, and historical chronicles, in search of leadership principles, models, practices and implications. This program has been and continues to be one of IIMC’s most popular learning platforms. The Dialogues gained traction in 2005, when Paul and the 2009 IIMC Annual Conference host committee proposed these dialogues as part of the education program for the 2009 conference. Over the years, the Dialogues have grown in popularity. To date, we have approximately 200 Fellows.
2. **Approved the Constitution Task Force’s recommendations which will be discussed and voted on at the Annual Business Meeting in Minneapolis on May 18, 2023.**
3. Region VIII – West Director Ida Fierro, New Mexico, was sworn in
4. Reviewed IIMC’s Code of Ethics which will be finalized in May
5. Extended the 2023 Conference Grant Scholarship to February 28, 2023
6. Reviewed and approved the following policies:
 - a. Elections and Campaigning
 - b. Budget and Planning Committee selection of incoming member
 - c. Created new committee to include Executive Committee, Budget Chair and senior Board member to conduct future contract negotiations with Executive Director
 - d. Annual Conference updates for 2023, 2024, 2025 and 2026
7. Directed the Executive Director to acquire a new attorney experienced in (nonprofit) personnel matters and affiliate via a Letter of Engagement – Due May 2023
8. Region X – revisit membership dues with option to make it more viable for Canadian members to join IIMC – Due May 2023.

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CALL TO LEADERSHIP

(Nomination/Candidacy Deadline: Friday, June 2, 2023, 5:00 p.m.)

By: Christie Teets, CMC - Nominating Committee Chair

At the September 2023 OAMR business meeting, the membership will be asked to elect officers for the 2023-24 term. Offices of Second Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Directors for Regions II, IV, and VI will be up for election.

Please consider applying for OAMR leadership roles. Our organization gives so much to its members and serving on the Board is a very rewarding way to give back to a fabulous organization. OAMR provides a leadership mentoring program, so if you are feeling like you need a mentor to assist with Board development, a mentor can be assigned to you.

Below is a brief summary of the job description for positions available. (You can find complete descriptions on our website at www.oamr.org. Click on "ABOUT OAMR", scroll down to "Board", and then choose "Officer's" or "Region Directors".)

The office of **Second Vice President** is a four-year commitment beginning with the position of Second Vice President and succeeding to First Vice President, President, and Immediate Past President. The responsibilities of Second Vice President include: Chair Special Projects/Fund Raising Committee; Solicit quotes from lodging/conference facilities; Act as First Vice President in the absence of First Vice President; Serve as a member of the Budget Committee, etc.

The office of the **Treasurer** is a two-year term. You'll receipt all monies received by OAMR; Deposit to OAMR bank account(s); Pay bills, and make reimbursements; Maintain and reconcile bank statements; Send annual dues notice to OAMR members; Prepare quarterly annual financial reports; and Serve on Budget Committee, etc.

The office of **Secretary** is a two-year term. The responsibilities of Secretary include; Attend all Board meetings and OAMR Annual Conference; Keep the minutes of all meetings of the OAMR Board and Annual Business Meeting; Keep official copy of the OAMR Bylaws; Serve as OAMR Records Officer; Maintain current list of names/address of all officers and committee members; Work with Historical Preservation Chair to ensure that the history of the Association is kept current; Produce correspondence as required by the President, etc.

The term of office for **Region Directors** is two years. Duties shall include, but are not limited to:

- Attendance at all Board meetings and conferences
- Encouraging membership in both OAMR and IIMC
- Encouraging attendance at OAMR mid-year and annual conferences
- Contributing articles and/or information for inclusion in the OAMR quarterly newsletter
- Coordinating region basket for fundraising at conference
- Writing letters of support for members applying for their CMC designation

Region Director Positions up for election include (covering cities located within the listed counties):

- Region II: Clackamas, Multnomah, Washington, and Yamhill counties
- Region IV: Lane and Douglas counties
- Region VI: Hood River, Sherman, Wasco, Jefferson, Crook, and Deschutes counties

General eligibility criteria are that you must be an active member in good standing and have actively participated on an OAMR committee for two years within the past four years prior to taking office.

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If you are interested in submitting your name as a candidate for any of the above positions, please complete the following steps, and submit a completed application to the Nominating Committee Chair by Friday, June 2, 2023, at 5:00pm.

- Declaration of Candidacy Form
- Candidate Statement
- Letter of Support from the Mayor or municipality you represent
- Recent Photograph (high quality digital)
- Copies of OAMR certificates issued for participation on OAMR Committees for two years, within the past four years.

[Information will be provided for publication in the OAMR Newsletter, as well as the Annual Conference program. Elections will be conducted in accordance with Article VI of the OAMR Bylaws at the Annual Conference.](#)

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OAMR Nominating Committee Chair
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Members of the Nominating Committee:
Cathy Nelson, CMC, Harrisburg
Susan Reeves, MMC, Scappoose
Julie Fisher, Sweet Home



2023 NORTHWEST CLERKS INSTITUTE (PD) REGISTRATION OPEN

Registration for the 2023 Northwest Clerks Institute is open and spaces are limited, so if you've been thinking about attending, now is the time to get signed up.

There are four levels of training: PD I, PD II, PD III and PD IV, with each lower level being required before moving on.

Professional Development I:

Sunday, June 4 - Friday, June 9, 2023

Professional Development II:

Sunday, June 11 - Friday, June 16, 2023

Professional Development III:

Sunday, June 18 - Friday, June 23, 2023

Registration (for each PD): \$750

Overnight Lodging/Meals (for each PD): \$650

Commuter Meal Package (for each PD, if staying off campus): \$325

Professional Development IV:

Monday, June 12 - Thursday, June 15, 2023

Registration: \$650

Overnight Lodging/Meals: \$475

Commuter Meal Package (if staying off campus): \$275

More information is available on the OAMR website under 'Education, Professional Development'. For questions about the institute contact Institute Director Joann Tilton via email at nwcidirector@gmail.com or by phone at 209-456-7855

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Marilyn Place, Deputy City Recorder, Cascade Locks, earns CMC

by Kitty Vodrup, MMC, City Recorder, Junction City

Congratulations to Marilyn Place for earning her CMC! Marilyn is the Deputy City Recorder for the City of Cascade Locks and has worked for Cascade Locks since September of 2017.

Marilyn has been a member of OAMR for four years and has served on the Conference and Special Projects Fundraising Committees. She has also participated in all the OAMR mid-year and annual conferences.

Advice Marilyn would give others about certification, “The certification process is well worth the blood, sweat, and tears, and also the sacrifice one inevitably makes because of the time it takes to earn it.” Marilyn adds that OAMR is the “Google” of our profession and is a vast base of knowledge and experience created to educate, support, and inspire members.

A professional goal Marilyn has is to obtain her MMC, and personally she would like to enrich her life with travel, friends, and spending as much family time as possible.

When asked what she considers to be some of her outstanding achievements, Marilyn responded that she felt her diverse work history was an achievement. She has been a graphic designer, technical writer, phlebotomist, flight attendant, jeweler, sales/marketing representative, columnist, gas station attendant, and restaurant server. Marilyn adds that her number one achievement is being a mom.

Outside of her profession, Marilyn loves to work in her yard and fancies herself as a landscape architect. She has hiked most of the trails in the Gorge and is a novice crafter, making things for family.

Great job, Marilyn!

Congratulations!

Lori Lesmeister, City Recorder at the City of North Plains, earns CMC

By Susan M. Reeves, MMC



Lori has been with the City of North Plains for almost six and a half years, although she says it sure doesn't seem that long! There have been a lot of changes in that time. She has worked for three city managers, their staff has gone from seven to fifteen, and the population has grown by over 800 new residents.

She was on the OAMR Procedure Manual Committee for a couple of years before she was asked to chair the group. She was chair for three years, two of them during the pandemic, which definitely made things challenging. The committee made some good recommendations for updates over the last two years. The most important one was adding a section to the manual on social media now that it has become so prevalent in our day-to-day lives.

Lori has attended the annual OAMR conference every year but one since becoming the City Recorder. She says you won't find a better way to add skills and get in some great networking, all while you're having fun and meeting great people. She has also attended PD I, II, and III, where she earned points towards her CMC, learned tons of things about our job and made lifelong friends.

Her advice to other recorders on certification is to not get discouraged when it feels like it's taking so long! You're learning during the whole process and that's what is important. She had hoped to get her CMC within four years, but the pandemic had other ideas. It slowed her progress, but she stayed focused and got all the points required in August of 2022. She recommends attending PD I and PD II for sure, if you're able to.

Lori's advice to other recorders about OAMR in general is to never stop learning. She learns something new about her job almost every day. And use the knowledge of the members of OAMR when you need help.

Lori doesn't have any set goals at the moment. She is at the age where retirement is popping into the back of her mind every now and then, but she is enjoying her job so much that she's not giving that much thought right now.

Lori feels that her biggest achievement is raising a strong, caring, intelligent and generous daughter. Parenting is hard. Doing it solo can be even more challenging. Seeing her daughter as an adult is her proudest achievement.

Outside OAMR and work, Lori loves to travel anyplace that is warm, sunny and has a beach. Sunshine recharges her. She loves to attend concerts (classic rock is her favorite) and she has five (yes five) kitties at home ranging in age from 7 to 17 years old. Never a dull moment at her house with them around.

Congratulations, Lori!



CHRISTIE TEETS, CITY OF MOLLALLA, EARNs CMC

by Phyllis Bolman, MMC

Christie has worked for the City of Molalla for five and a half years, the first two years as Executive Administrative Assistant to the City Manager and the last three and a half as the City Recorder. Her previous work experience was as the office manager of the middle school in Silverton.

Christie has been with the City of Molalla since 2019 and has actively served on three committees for OAMR: Nominating, Internet and Records Management.

Christie says that the process for certification seems long while you are going through it, but three years goes by quickly and it is worth every point. She adds that the feeling of pride now that it's over is beyond explanation.

When asked what advice she would offer other recorders about OAMR in general, Christie says, "Use the listserv, participate in conferences and Lunch & Learn meetings. Get to know recorders in your region and ask questions!"

Christie's constant goal as a recorder is to provide efficient customer service to the city council, her city hall admin team, and the public. She is registered in the Risk Management Certification Program with OR-PRIMA/CIS, as well as the Master Municipal Clerk program. She adds that she is indeed a lifelong learner!

Her personal goal is to constantly work toward work/life balance. She considers her outstanding achievement to be raising two strong, independent young women. Her oldest daughter teaches high-school math, and her youngest served eight years in the Navy as an aviation electronic technician. Both girls are kind, compassionate, and competent. Her next proudest achievement is earning her CMC. She did not go to college after high school, so this is a big deal for her.

Outside of work she loves hanging out with family and friends. She is an avid walker/hiker, so anything outdoors is right up her alley. Christie loves to cook, bake, garden and travel Oregon!

CONGRATULATIONS!



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Region II News

Scott Stauffer, CMC, City Recorder, Milwaukie, Region II Director

Greetings, OAMR Friends!

This last winter we managed to gather as neighbors at Brix Tavern in Tualatin. It was a lovely get-together of current and retired recorders in the Portland area. Yay for work friends!



Welcome and Congratulations, Neighbors!

Since our last report Region II has welcomed new OAMR neighbors: Melissa York at Dayton, Taryn Brown and Alexandra Wilson at Estacada, and Meghan McGee at Happy Valley.

Congratulations to Lake Oswego’s Kari Linder on earning the prestigious Master Municipal Clerk (MMC) designation!

The last couple months we’ve had a few retirements in our region, and we wish Traci Hovda (Estacada), Patty Ringnalda (Dayton), and Debbie Manning (Tigard) happy next adventures! Thank you to these colleagues on their years of service to OAMR and their cities.

And yay for Laural Casey, Oak Lodge Water Services, for earning the Certified Municipal Clerk (CMC) designation and being featured in the International Institute of Municipal Clerks (IIMC) News Digest! (check it out [online HERE](#)).

Region II News

News from Angie Lanter in Banks

The City is:

- working on updating the parks, water, and transportation master plans,
- proposing the implementation of a tiered water rate structure,
- getting ready to start a community development block grant (CDBG) project of replacing water lines on the last section of “old” town,
- waiting for Washington County to start the intersection project at NW Main Street/NW Banks Road/ NW Cedar Canyon Road (we will have TWO stoplights in town!), **and**
- staff is currently working from our council chambers while city hall offices go through a remodel.

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More Region II News

News from Scott Stauffer in Milwaukie:

Signage at the new city hall is up and staff is preparing for the big move this September; lots of planning, equipment purchases, and records management happening!

Also, Scott spent a weekend in Redmond at the fourth-grade state basketball championship (**Go Mustangs!**) and found a city hall!



Scott with his son Oliver wearing their “MIL” (Milwaukie) sweatshirts in front of Redmond City Hall

COMMITTEE MEMBERS NEEDED!

Are you looking for a way to become more involved in OAMR, meet new friends, network with peers, and share your ideas? All of these opportunities await you as an OAMR committee member. Sign-up sheets will be available at the annual conference in September. However, if you are unable to attend the conference or just want to get a head start, [click here](#) to view the committees and send an email to the committee chair.

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Region III News

Gloria Tucker, Administrative Assistant, Port of Newport, Region III Director

Winter sure is hanging on! Technically, it should have been over March 20. Hope you were able to stay safe and warm during the storms. We got an unusual amount of snow here on the coast. The snow here was heavy and resulted in a lot of downed trees and power outages.

The Port of Newport's Administrative Building is delayed. Looks like we won't be able to move in until late April. Fingers crossed the supply chain delays don't push it out further. Monmouth is working on their new City Hall as well. Estimated completion date is October 2023. The last beam has been put in place!



At the July 4th Festival this year, Monmouth will be celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Monmouth-Independence bid for the 1976 Olympics! Fun times include an organic Frisbee throwing contest.



And, if you happen to be in Independence, you have a new way to visit Monmouth. The cities now have a trolley service between the two of them. "MI Trolley" was funded by a grant from the state, thanks to Sen. Deb Patterson and Rep. Paul Evans, and it started service in April. The cities have a long history of joint transportation, and there is a great deal of excitement on getting it started again.

In other news, congratulations to Tracy L. Davis, MMC, on her retirement! She has served the City of Keizer for 30+ years and continues to go above and beyond for OAMR.

Lastly, we just finished the 2023 Mid-Year Conference on April 5, 6, and 7 at Spirit Lodge in Grand Ronde. Shoutout to all the folks who donated to the Region III Basket. I hope to see everyone there for the Annual Conference on September 19-22.





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Region IV News

Kitty Vodrup, MMC, City Recorder, Junction City, Region IV Director



Welcome New Member

Region IV is happy to welcome new member Patty Hitt, City Recorder for the City of Roseburg. Patty filled this position, upon the retirement of Amy Sowa. (More on Amy's retirement on the next page).

Patty is new to City government but worked for Douglas County for 20 years, serving as the Commissioner Board Assistant for 12 years and as the County Clerk for the last 8 years.

Outside of work, Patty enjoys spending time with her family, including her fur babies.



Patty Hitt

Welcome New Member

Region IV extends a warm welcome to Suzie Rogers, new Finance Deputy Recorder for the City of Canyonville.

Congratulations to Dawn Bennett

Congratulations to Dawn Bennett, who was recently promoted from Finance Deputy Recorder to City Administrator/Recorder for the City of Canyonville!!



Amy Sowa Retirement

Amy Sowa, Assistant City Manager/City Recorder, retired from the City of Roseburg on March 31, 2023, after 22 years working in City government. She worked 17 years for the City of Springfield (15 years as City Recorder) and 5 years for the City of Roseburg.



Amy and her husband Fred



OAMR members at Amy's Retirement Reception

Amy's immediate plans after retirement include a trip with her family to Hawaii, and after that she and her husband Fred look forward to planting a garden and doing whatever they want when the mood hits them. She adds that they "plan not to plan."

For fun, Amy likes to work out in her yard, ride bikes, work on jigsaw puzzles, and spend time with family and friends. She also enjoys trying new adventures such as ziplining.

Words of wisdom that Amy would like to share with OAMR members is to take advantage of the listserve and mentoring program and network with others. She notes that the biggest asset in OAMR is each other, and even the most experienced continue to learn and get new ideas from the membership.

When asked what being a member of OAMR meant to her, Amy said that being a member of OAMR has been her lifeboat when she was not sure what to do and where to go for an answer and has also given her dear friends that she will have for a lifetime.

Amy served as OAMR President, 1st and 2nd Vice President, and Region IV Director, was active on countless Committees, was named Recorder of the Year in 2022, and has been a dear mentor and friend to the members of OAMR.

Amy, you have been a bright light in OAMR and a wonderful example of professionalism, dedication, and kindness. We wish you great joy and happiness in your retirement.





Region VI News

Jen Gray, City Recorder, Hood River, Region VI Director

Greeting OAMR from the Columbia Gorge and Central Oregon! As the new Director of Region VI, I'm soaking up all the knowledge from the other Regional Directors and Board members and working on getting to know Recorders in Region VI.

On March 29, 2023, seven members took time out of their busy schedule to meet for lunch in beautiful Hood River.

Top row: Christine Wolfe, City of Maupin; Kathy Woosley, City of Cascade Locks; Jen Gray, City of Hood River; Izetta Grossman, City of The Dalles; Patty Rosas, Port of Hood River. Bottom row: Marilyn Place, City of Cascade Locks; Jayme Bennet, City of Mosier.



Welcome a New Neighbor!

Region VI is excited to welcome Patty Rosas, Contracts Administrator, Port of Hood River. Welcome to OAMR!

City of Cascade Locks News:

Marilyn Place, Deputy Recorder/Utility Specialist, earned the prestigious Certified Municipal Clerk designation on December 13, 2022. Marilyn was hired by the City of Cascade Locks in October of 2017 and has excelled in her position at the City.

In the last few months the City has hired a new Finance Officer and a new City Administrator. A new Mayor and three new Councilors have been elected. The City has two vacant Council seats that will have to be filled over the next couple of months.

Cascade Locks has two new subdivisions in the works, and the Port of Cascade Locks is diligently working on growing their industrial property. Lots of new and exciting changes in Cascade Locks!!

City of Redmond News:

The Redmond High School wrestling team won the State Championship!

St. Charles Health System is building a \$90 million cancer center in the City of Redmond.

The City of Redmond is doing a local "If I were Mayor" contest with our schools. This is a way for students to share ideas about what they would do as mayor, have a chance at winning \$100 and participating in the state contest. There are three categories in this contest:

- o Elementary School Students – they are asked to create a poster.
- o Middle School Students – they are asked to write an essay.
- o High School Students – they are asked to create a video or digital presentation.

This contest is a great way to teach students about local government. If you have questions about this contest, contact Kayla Duddy.

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More Region VI News

City of Hood River News:

The City hired a new Finance Director, Chris Longinetti, after searching high and low since June of 2022.

Mayor Paul Blackburn connects with the community by hosting “Pie with the Mayor,” at local restaurants in Hood River once a month to listen to community comments over a piece of pie.

After many years of work, the City is getting signal lights at two very busy intersections. One is in the historic downtown area (2nd and Oak Street) and the other one is at a very busy intersection near shopping, banking and fast food restaurants. The intersection downtown will be the first City-owned signaled intersection. All other signals in Hood River are owned by ODOT. The signals will drastically improve traffic flow and safety for pedestrians and drivers.





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The 77th IIMC Annual Conference will take place in the Loring Park neighborhood of Minneapolis. Loring Park is one of the largest parks in the city and location of the Walker Art Center. Since 1940, the Walker Art Center has been a Minneapolis institution and one of the most visited modern and contemporary art museums in the country. The interdisciplinary exhibits are enriched by a roof-top terrace--with mini golf in the summer, plazas, and gardens. Across the street, the Minneapolis Sculpture Garden is the largest urban sculpture park in the world, featuring some 40 works of contemporary art, including the city’s iconic Spoonbridge and Cherry that is open year-round and free to visit.



78th Annual Conference
Calgary, Alberta, Canada

Sunday, May 19 thru Wednesday, May 22, 2024



79th Annual Conference
St. Louis, MO

Sunday, May 18 thru Wednesday, 21, 2025



80th Annual Conference
Reno, NV

Sunday, May 17 thru Wednesday, May 21, 2026

Special Projects/Fundraising Committee Report

Kayla Duddy, CMC, Deputy City Recorder, Redmond

The Special Projects & Fundraising Committee worked hard on fundraising for our 2023 OAMR Mid-Year Conference. At our next board meeting we will be focusing on the Annual Conference.

Mid-Year Fundraising:

- Region Baskets (from Region's I, II, & III)
- 50/50 Raffle
- Small Live Auction

Unfortunately, due to the low attendance at Mid-Year, only the 50/50 Raffle was held.

We are also looking into possible OAMR items (sweatshirts, water bottles, etc.) for our members to purchase.

SAVE THE DATE

98th Annual Conference

October 12-14, 2023 in Eugene

The LOC's premier event, the Annual Conference is the largest gathering of municipal officials each year in Oregon. The program will include 30+ breakout sessions, day-long seminars, workshops, tours, 60+ vendor trade show and plenty of time for networking.

Registration information and more information will be available soon at www.orcities.org.



OREGON

Membership Committee

Phyllis Bolman, MMC, City Recorder, Monmouth



Please join us in extending a warm welcome to our new members!

REGION II

Melissa York, City Recorder, City of Dayton

Taryn Brown, Deputy City Recorder, City of Estacada

Meghan McGee, Records Specialist, City of Happy Valley. Meghan began her job with Happy Valley in September 2022 and recently joined OAMR. She worked for a town in California for 9 years starting as a 911 dispatcher and was promoted to Dispatch and Records Supervisor. Meghan is interested in understanding the whole picture. She says with helpful resources and training and some patience (from Kara) she anticipates being successful.

Meghan is from Northern California but attended Corvallis High School and the University of Portland. She served in the Peace Corps in Kazakhstan, and met her husband there. They have two sons and, as a family, enjoy camping and exploring the outdoors.

Alexandra Wilson, Accounting/Court Clerk, City of Estacada

REGION III

Brandi Libra, City Recorder, City of Waterloo. Brandi has been at her job since August of 2022 and has no prior governmental experience. She has owned a convenience store and is a licensed realtor. She wants to learn everything she can to be able to excel in her position. Brandi is an Oregon native, mother of five and grandmother of one! She loves anything outdoors and spending quality time with her family. She volunteers as a Lebanon Chamber ambassador, Women in Business, and the Lebanon Strawberry Festival.

Carla Duering, Deputy City Recorder, City of Depoe Bay

Elizabeth Gallagher, Deputy City Recorder, City of Newport

Kimberly Herring, Executive Assistant/City Recorder, City of Dallas. Kimberly recently joined Dallas after working for Lincoln County for 11 years. She has no previous municipal experience and feels she will need the most help with the election process. Kimberly is a native Oregonian. She loves to garden and make beaded jewelry and enjoys spending time walking her two dogs.

Linda Hansen, Administrative Support Coordinator, Mid-Willamette Valley Council of Governments. Linda just began her job at MWVCOG a week or so ago! She comes from 10 years with the City of Turner. She is married (36 years!) with three children and one grandchild. Linda's interests include fitness, piano, knitting, reading, swimming, and gardening.

REGION IV

Patty Hitt, City Recorder, City of Roseburg

Suzie Rogers, Finance/Deputy Recorder, City of Canyonville

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More new members**REGION V**

Kimberly Hunnicut, Municipal Clerk/Deputy Recorder, City of Gold Beach

Anthony Pagano, Deputy City Administrator, City of Gold Beach

Dee Larez, City Recorder, City of Gold Hill

REGION VI

Patty Rosas, Contract Administrator, Port of Hood River. Patty has been in her position for a year. Her previous position was an Account Manager for a private business. Patty says that one of her main tasks at the Port is managing the archives and feels she could use more help with the legal requirements and policies. She is also a native Oregonian! Patty and her husband have two boys and a dog. They love the outdoors and camping is one of their favorite things to do. Patty says she enjoys cooking and trying new foods and she also loves to travel!



If you would like to view photos/screenshots from the 2022 Annual Academies, ALD, or Business Meeting, please [click here](#).

To share photos you captured, please email them to Historical Preservation Committee Chair Gloria Tucker at gtucker@portofnewport.com

She will upload them to the photo album for all members to enjoy.

Mentoring Committee Report

Sylvia Murphy, MMC, City Recorder, Sherwood

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COMMITTEE ACTIVITY

To date, the Committee has received one request for a mentor. It's been a quiet start to the 2023 calendar year in terms of mentor requests. The Mentoring Committee members continue to support the mentees from prior year assignments, and we look forward to our continued support of the OAMR membership. If there are things the OAMR membership would like to see from the Mentoring Committee, please let us know.

Mentee

Maycie Jaehnig, City of North Bend

Mentor

Allison Liesse, City of Albany

We regretfully will lose key members of the Mentoring Committee this calendar year due to retirements. It's bittersweet to be losing Amy Sowa from the City of Roseburg and Peggy Hawker with the City of Newport, both of whom have been with OAMR for many years, both of whom have been unofficial mentors to me. Their expertise, knowledge and open arms will be greatly missed. Congratulations, Ladies!

Please do not hesitate to seek support or assistance from the Mentoring Committee. We are here to support, network and develop relationships. If we can secure a mentor for you, please contact the Mentoring Committee Chair Sylvia Murphy at 503-625-4246 or Murphys@Sherwoodoregon.gov

We love to spotlight our retiring members!

If you are planning, or will be planning soon for retirement, please contact Denise Carey, MMC, at denisec20@yahoo.com.



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