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EDITOR'S NOTE

I trust that everyone had an enjoyable summer. It always seems to go by so fast. Your Board of Directors recently met at the Lodge of Four Seasons for the October board meeting. A number of issues were discussed including the 1996 budget, 1996 Conference.

I hope that you find this issue of the MACA Reporter informative. As always, if you have an article you would like to submit, please feel free to do so. This is your newsletter and your input is important.

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WELCOME!

New members who have joined MACA since the previous newsletter are:

Lisa J. Brown, Knob Noster, Region 2
Jill K. Henley, New Bloomfield, Region 7
Beth Peters, Shelbina, Region 3

BUDGET - 1996

Enclosed in this newsletter is the final version of the 1996 budget. The budget was approved at the October board meeting.

CERTIFICATION QUESTIONS??

Aimee Klimczak, our University liaison, is now working with the Missouri Institute for Executive Development Monday through Thursday from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM. You may call her between those hours at (314) 882-4803 with certification questions. Remember, the next deadline for applications is March 1st for the March review.

TIPS FOR SPEAKERS

If you haven't struck oil in the first three minutes, stop boring!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

Happy Birthday to the following members whose birthdays are October, November or December.

OCTOBER

5-Irene Webb, Frontenac
10-Rita Lay, Rock Hill
15-Lori Bussmann, Edmundson
23-Joyce Henson, Richland
27-Kathleen Rose, Riverside

NOVEMBER

16-Cheri Reisch, Hallsville
18-Rita Bovinett, Dellwood

DECEMBER

3-Julie Hohe, Village of Riverview
11-Pat Castillo, Maryville
14-Shara Meyer, Columbia

BIRTHDAY SURVEY

I am still requesting names and birthdates for inclusion in future newsletters. See how painless the above was? Please fill out the information below (that includes the Directors, too!) and mail or fax to the editor. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated!!

NAME _____

TITLE & CITY _____

BIRTHDATE (Month & Day ONLY) _____

SEMINARS

HOW TO CURE ROTTEN ATTITUDES (Seminars International) - You'll learn: what causes attitude problems and what you can do; prevention tips, how to get the behavior you want, drug/alcohol abuse that creates attitude problems.

November 3, 1995, Kansas City, Missouri
November 8, 1995, St. Louis, Missouri
November 8, 1995, Jefferson City, Missouri

For more information, call 1-800-843-8084.

NACM SCHOLARSHIP MACA SCHOLARSHIP

REMINDER!!!

Just a reminder that if you have not turned in your NACM or MACA Scholarship applications, please do so. These are due by January 1, 1996. If you have misplaced your application, please give me a call at 314-874-7232 and I will be glad to mail or fax a copy to you.

MORE SEMINARS!!!

THE EXCEPTIONAL ASSISTANT (Fred Pryor Seminars) - Achieving respect as an indispensable secretary, administrative assistant, or support staff member. Cost is \$99.00.

October 31, 1995, Bridgeton
November 1, 1995, St. Joseph
November 1, 1995, St. Louis
November 3, 1995, Kansas City
November 7, 1995, Joplin
November 8, 1995, Springfield
November 9, 1995, Jefferson City
November 10, 1995, Columbia

or more information, call 1-800-255-6139.

FAMOUS NUMBERS

Answers located elsewhere in the newsletter.
Don't cheat!

1. _____ cheers.
2. A perfect _____.
3. The House of _____ Gables.
4. Tea for _____.
5. Friday the _____.
6. The Roaring _____.
7. The _____ Seas.
8. _____ strikes and you're out.
9. A cat has _____ lives.
10. Ride in a _____ horse open sleigh.

"I don't think it does any harm just once in a while, to acknowledge that the whole country isn't in flames; and that there are people in the country besides politicians, entertainers, and criminals."

-Charles Kuralt, Journalist

MEMBERSHIP CERTIFICATES

If any new member has not received a membership certificate signed by the President and the Secretary, please contact Rita Bovinett, Dellwood at 314-521-4352 or fax her a line at 314-521-4699. She would be happy to remedy this situation.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

Enclosed in this issue of the MACA Reporter is the 1996 Membership Application Form. Membership fees are due in January. There will be no separate mailing of membership forms so be sure to send this in!

TIPS FOR DEALING WITH NEGATIVITY

The following tips are designed to help people deal with negativity in the workplace, either in others or themselves:

WHINING: Others: Listen to the complaints, then quickly steer the conversation towards solutions. Try to cite examples of how similar problems were resolved in the past.

Yourself: Whining often betrays powerlessness. Take constructive, well-planned action that makes you feel more in control.

CYNICISM: Others: Work at listening to the content of what they are saying without focusing on the emotion. Turn it into a dialogue rather than a confrontation.

Yourself: Also rooted in feelings of helplessness, cynicism is often an early warning that change is needed. Depending on the severity of the situation, you may want to consider new responsibilities or a new job.

BACKSTABBING: Others: Confront the person who is spreading rumors. They inevitably will deny the accusations but you need to let them know you are aware of the game. Tell them, "it's come to my attention that you are saying negative things behind my back. If it's true, I want you to know I'm offended and I want you to stop."

Yourself: Backstabbing usually indicates insecurity. Identify the cause of your emotions and try dealing with it in a positive way.



**MISSOURI ASSOCIATION FOR
COURT ADMINISTRATION**

1996 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

DATE: _____

NAME _____

TITLE _____

NAME OF COURT _____

MAILING ADDRESS _____

CITY & ZIP _____

YEARS OF SERVICE _____

COURT: MUNICIPAL _____

ASSOCIATE _____

COUNTY _____ POPULATION _____

PHONE# () _____ FAX# () _____

SOCIAL SECURITY # _____

If newly appointed to replace previous clerk, name of clerk you are replacing:

DUES OF \$35.00 ARE DUE JANUARY OF EACH YEAR.

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO MACA

MAIL TO: SHARA MEYER, MACA TREASURER
COLUMBIA MUNICIPAL COURT
600 EAST BROADWAY
COLUMBIA, MO 65201

MACA USE ONLY

Date payment received _____

Check # _____



MISSOURI ASSOCIATION FOR COURT ADMINISTRATION

Dear MACA Member,

Enclosed find an application for nomination for an AWARD OF MERIT to be presented at the 1996 annual conference. In accordance with the bylaws the individual given this award must meet the following criteria.

"The individual, either outside or inside the court administration, must demonstrate leadership and excellence in the advancement of the ideals and principles of modern judicial management and professional court administration embodied in the purposes of the Association. No individual may nominate themselves, however, they may be nominated by another member in good standing of the Association."

If you wish to nominate someone, please do so by completing the enclosed application and submitting it to:

Shea J. Stafford
Award of Merit Application
Municipal Court
401 Independence
Cape Girardeau, MO 63703
(314) 335-1658

Applications must be received no later the March 1, 1996.

Committee Members:

Shea J. Stafford, Court Clerk, Cape Girardeau Municipal Court
Linda Renz, Court Clerk, Avondale Municipal Court
Cindy Spaulding, Court Clerk, Fayette Municipal Court



**MISSOURI ASSOCIATION FOR
COURT ADMINISTRATION**

AWARD OF MERIT

APPLICATION FOR NOMINATION

NAME OF NOMINEE _____

MAILING ADDRESS _____

PHONE NUMBER _____

JOB TITLE & BRIEF DESCRIPTION (Attach separate sheet if needed) _____

NUMBER OF YEARS OF SERVICE IN COURT ADMINISTRATION _____

PREVIOUS AWARDS/RECOGNITION _____

BRIEFLY DESCRIBE WHY THIS PERSON DEMONSTRATES LEADERSHIP AND EXCELLENCE IN MODERN
JUDICIAL MANAGEMENT AND COURT ADMINISTRATION:

SPECIFIC ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND/OR PROJECTS _____

NOMINATED BY _____

JOB TITLE _____

Applications must be received no later than March 1, 1996

MISSOURI ASSOCIATION FOR COURT ADMINISTRATION

BUDGET FOR 1996

Approved October 14, 1995 - MACA Board of Directors

CREDITS:

10	DUES	\$ 9,150	
20	CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FEES	19,000	
30	CONFERENCE GUEST'S FEES	0	
40	MACA PROMOTIONAL SALES	2,000	
50	NEW CLERK'S SEMINAR FEES	1,400	
60	INTEREST	175	
70	VENDORS FEES	0	
80	PLAQUE REIMBURSEMENT (CCA)	2,000	
90	CONTINGENCY	200	
	TOTAL CREDITS		\$33,925

DEBITS:

10-0100	ASSOCIATION EXPENSES		\$ 8,150
	01-Lodging	\$ 1,300	
	02-Travel	1,500	
	03-Meals	750	
	04-Photo Allotment	250	
	05-Supplies	850	
	06-Subscriptions/Books	200	
	16-Presidential Expense	200	
	17-Conference Gift Items	1,600	
	18-Postage	1,500	
	a. Newsletter		
	b. Miscellaneous		
	19-Dues Reimbursement	0	
20-0200	ANNUAL MEETING		16,400
	08-Conference Expenses	15,750	
	20-Awards	650	

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10-0300	GRANTS/FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE		1,800
	09-President/NACM	800	
	10-Membership/NACM	500	
	11-New Clerks/MACA	250	
	12-Membership/MACA	250	
50-0400	NEW CLERKS SEMINAR		1,200
	01-Lodging	150	
	02-Travel	150	
	03-Meals	500	
	05-Supplies	200	
	18-Postage	200	
10-0500	NEWSLETTER/PUBLICATIONS		1,200
	14-Typesetting	800	
	15-Promotional/Calendars	400	
40-0600	PROMOTIONAL ITEMS		1,500
	07-Promotional Items (Sale)	1,500	
10-0700	REGIONAL TRAINING/DEVELOPMENT		300
	03-Meals	300	
10-0800	COMMITTEES		1,250
	01-Lodging	150	
	02-Travel	150	
	03-Meals	200	
	23-Social	750	
80-0900	PLAQUES		2,000
	21-Plaques	2,000	
70-1000	VENDORS		0
	22-Vendors Fees	0	
90-0000	CONTINGENCY		125
	TOTAL DEBITS		\$33,925

NEW LEGISLATION

The following is a summary of bills passed during the 1995 legislative session. Implementation date for these bills was August 28, 1995.

SB 102 - IGNITION INTERLOCK/DWI Beginning January 1, 1996, the court may require a person found guilty of, or pleading guilty to an intoxication related traffic offense, to equip their vehicle with an ignition interlock device. If a person pleads guilty to or is found guilty of an intoxication related traffic offense a second time, and receives probation, the court is required to order an ignition interlock device on the offender's vehicle. Cases handled by non-lawyer judges are exempt from this legislation under Section 577.203, RSMo.

No court shall require the use of an interlock device if a determination is made that the device poses an undue hardship by reason of cost, or difficulties associated with installation, testing, calibration, servicing, or removal of the device. Cost of the equipment will be borne by the probationer; however, the amount of the fine may be reduced by the cost of the interlock device. The court shall send the order restricting driving privileges to the Department of Revenue in all cases under Section 577.023, RSMo. The order shall contain the requirement for, the period of, the use of the interlock device.

HB 118, SB 70 - DRIVERS LICENSE SUSPENSION EXTENDED Current law allows a court to order the suspension of a driver's license for failure to dispose of a municipal or county traffic violation in cities and counties with populations of over 100,000. HB 118 allows such suspension for violations in any subdivision with a population of at least 1,000. The Department of Revenue has not been able to implement this procedure due to lack of staff; however, efforts are being made to receive the additional personnel for this purpose.

HB 118 also provides for any city deriving more than 45% of its annual revenue from fines for traffic violations on state highways, all revenues from such violations received in excess of 45% shall be transmitted to the Department of Revenue for distribution to the school districts of the county.

SS#2 SCS HS HB 383 - NUISANCE ORDINANCES; LANDLORD-TENANT This legislation allows the governing body of any city, town, village, or county of the first classification and any count of the first class with a charter form of government to enact orders or ordinances to provide for the vacation and mandatory demolition or the mandatory repair and maintenance of buildings or structures within the corporate limits of the city, town, village, or county which are detrimental to the health, safety, or welfare of the residents and declared to be a public nuisance. These entities may prescribe, enforce, and collect fines and penalties for breach of any ordinance regarding buildings or structures declared to be a public nuisance. Violations may be punished by a fine or imprisonment or both. The fine may not exceed \$1,000 unless the property owner is not a resident of the property, then the fine shall not exceed \$2,000.

HB 424 - DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS This bill allows the Kansas City Municipal Court to collect a fee of \$10 per month for supervision and rehabilitation services from city ordinance violators who are placed on probation. The court may exempt the offenders from paying the fees under certain circumstances.

The bill also allows the municipalities located within St. Louis County to enact ordinances establishing fines for ordinance violations not to exceed \$1,000 and imprisonment not to exceed three months in the city prison or workhouse instead of the county jail.

HB 717 - HIGHWAY PATROL SEARCH AND SEIZURE This bill reduces the penalty for speeding from a misdemeanor to an infraction. The bill also reduces the penalty for failure to wear a motorcycle helmet to an infraction with a maximum fine not to exceed \$25.00. Court costs shall not be imposed upon any person for failure to wear a motorcycle helmet and not points shall be assessed against the driver's license under Section 302.302, RSMo.

The Motorcycle Safety Trust Funds is created with the state treasury (Section 302.137, RSMo). Any person who violations a Missouri law or a municipal or county ordinance as an operator of a motorcycle or motortricycle shall be assessed an additional \$5.00 in court costs. Any motor vehicle operator who violations a state law or municipal or county ordinance where the violation involves a motorcycle or motortricycle where the operator causes an accident involving a motorcycle or motortricycle shall be assessed an additional \$5.00 in court costs. Each court cost assessed under this section shall be doubled if the operator at fault violated any state law or local ordinance relating to the consumption of alcohol. The court costs collected under this section shall be paid into the state treasury to the credit of the Motorcycle Trust Fund created in this section. (Send funds to DOR, P.O. Box 475C, Jefferson City, MO 65105).

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

Department of Revenue	314-751-4474
Department of Revenue Fax	314-751-8646
State Courts Administrator	314-751-3585
" " "	314-526-5809
State Court Administrator Fax	314-751-5540
Comm. on Legislative Research	314-751-4223
House Bill Room	314-751-4555
Senate Bill Room	314-751-2966
Hearing Impaired (Gerald Covell)	314-592-4036
State Treasurer (Unclaimed Prop.)	314-751-0840
Missouri Supreme Court	314-751-4410
State Auditor's Office	314-751-4824
Highway Patrol Headquarters	314-751-3313
Missouri Surplus	314-751-3415
Dept. of Corrections (Fulton)	314-592-4040

**1996 CONFERENCE INFORMATION
ROOM RATES**

The room rates for the Lodge of Four Seasons have been set for the 1996 Annual Conference. They are as follows:

Condos: \$109.00 per night
Rooms: \$ 69.00 per night

Include 3% lodging tax when figuring total bill. Be sure to include a copy of your City's tax exempt letter with payment. If this is not provided, you will be charged 5.725% sales tax.

If you have any questions, contact your Regional Director or call the Lodge at 1-800-THE LAKE.

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Answers to number quiz: 1. Three; 2. Ten; 3. Seven; 4. Two; 5. Thirteenth; 6. Twenties; 7. Seven; 8. Three; 9. Nine; 10. One.

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c/o Columbia Municipal Court
600 East Broadway
Columbia, MO 65201