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EDITOR'S NOTE

It seems as if the May Conference just ended and here we are planning the 1998 Conference at Tan-Tar-A. If you have not made your reservations, do so today. 1-800-826-8272.

If you have any questions concerning any article or questions in general, please call me at 573-874-7232.

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WELCOME!



New members who have joined MACA since the previous newsletter (as of August 8, 1997). If your name does not appear in this issue of the Reporter, check the next issue.

Kimberly Beltz, Lee's Summit Municipal Court, Region 2
Susan Crowley, Dearborn Municipal Court, Region 2
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Susan Rollins-Campbell, Eldon Municipal Court, Region 8
Angela Turney, Mansfield Municipal Court, Region 9
Vicki Zastrow, New Haven Municipal Court, Region 8

CERTIFICATION QUESTIONS??

Updated information!!! 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 **(573) 882-7331** with certification questions.

Aimee's new address is: UMC-Institute for Executive Development, 1100 University Place, Columbia, MO 65211

CERTIFIED COURT ADMINISTRATORS

As you are aware, we passed a by-law last year that requires all certified court administrators to obtain ten hours of education per year to maintain their certification. At this point, if you were certified in 1996 or before, you should have received a form from the University earlier this year that needs to be filled out after you have obtained your ten hours and sent back to the University in order to stay certified. You **MUST** send in the maintenance form in order to maintain your certification. You only need to send it in once per year after you have obtained your ten hours. If you were certified in 1997 (all applications that were reviewed in March), you do not have to send in the maintenance form until 1998 and you should receive one in the mail after January 1, 1998. If you are certified and did not receive the maintenance form, please contact either the University (Aimee) or one of the officers or directors for a copy.

1998 DRAFT BUDGET

Enclosed in this issue is the draft copy of the 1998 budget. Please review carefully. If you have any questions, please contact your regional director or any officer. This budget is slated for approval at the October Board Meeting.

CONTEST TO RENAME MACA REPORTER

THE PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE IS HOLDING A CONTEST TO RENAME THE MACA REPORTER. THE DEADLINE FOR ENTRY IS SEPTEMBER 1, 1997. FIRST PRIZE (THERE IS ONLY ONE PRIZE SO DON'T ASK ABOUT SECOND & THIRD) IS TWO NIGHTS LODGING FOR TWO AT THE LODGE OF FOUR SEASONS.

FAX YOUR SUGGESTIONS WITH YOUR NAME, ADDRESS AND PHONE NUMBER TO:

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WINNER WILL BE NOTIFIED AND ANNOUNCEMENT WILL BE PUBLISHED IN THE NEXT "REPORTER."

ONE LINERS

Be nice to your kids. They'll choose your nursing home.

There are three kinds of people: Those who can count and those who can't

Beauty is in the eye of the beer holder.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As I reflect on the May Conference, I am overwhelmingly pleased with the success of the Conference. I want to "Thank" all of the hardworking officers and members who helped make it all come together. My other "Thanks" goes out to all of the members who attended the conference and participated in the sessions. You are why there is a conference, and what the Board bases all of its ideas on. I think it is very important to stress that the Board and I are here for the members. We strive to work in a direction with the best interests of the members in mind, but I would also like to emphasize that all of the planning, copying, stuffing and all of the other workings of the conference are done by volunteers.

That's why I stress membership involvement. Those of you have been around me will know that I like to see results from committee work. I feel that by members participating in committees, then the Board receives a direct input from the membership as to what you want to see done. I would like you to take the time to review the committees listed in this month's Reporter. If you have any interest in getting involved, call the chair of the committee(s) of your interest and tell them you would like to help. You may get involved as much as you want. There is no pressure and everything is done on a volunteer basis by the amount of time you have available to contribute.

I have also appointed two new committees this year. One is the Membership Drive Committee. This Committee is responsible for encouraging Court Administrators to join MACA. I feel that it is very important to any organization to keep a growing membership. The newest committee is the Survey Committee. This committee was developed due to several requests that I had from members. There were suggestions that we survey the membership on such things as salaries, employees and computer systems; so with these requests surfaced a new committee. This committee, presently, has no committee members since it is so new. So if you have an interest or any suggestions, please contact the committee chairs.

The Board had its July board meeting in Branson. The committees reported on their goals and ideas that they want to accomplish for the next year, and the planning of the annual conference is well under way. The Directors reported on regional activities, and it looks like Region V will have a chapter soon. We also finalized the 1997 conference finances and the budget for the 1998 fiscal year was presented. Be sure to look over the draft budget in this newsletter and voice any comments to the Board.

A final note, a Retirement Congratulations to one of our Past-Presidents, Mary Ann McGrail. Mary Ann retired from the Jefferson City Municipal Court in June. I wish her rest, relaxation and fun (except I happen to know she is working part time). Good Luck, Mary Ann!!

Lisa Westfall, MACA President

1997 NEW CLERKS SEMINAR

This year's New Clerks Seminar is scheduled for September 19, 1997 at the Capitol Plaza Hotel, 415 West McCarty Street, in Jefferson City. Sessions begin at 9:00 AM and will end at 4:00 PM.

Cost for this seminar is \$25.00 and includes lunch.

Information was mailed in July. If you have not received your invitation, call Collene Paden at 816-271-4686.

The deadline for reservations is August 29, 1997.

INTRODUCING REGION 1

By: Pat Siekerman, Region 1 Director

Region One comprises the following areas: St. Louis City, St. Louis County, parts of St. Charles City & County, and parts of Jefferson County.

There are 92 municipalities in St. Louis County. The population in St. Louis City is 396,685, and the population of St. Louis County is 1,067,000.

Region One has 108 members in MACA.

Region One has an organization called the Metropolitan St. Louis Association for Court Administration, or MSLACA, which is a charter chapter of MACA. The current president of this organization is Carol Moses with the City of Brentwood.

Region One has a wonderful reputation for networking among new and seasoned clerks. It's a great place to live and work.

MACA COMMITTEES

If you are interested in serving on any of the following committees, please contact one of the following:

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LIBRARY INFORMATION

This month there is no library check out list included in this copy of the Reporter. The new Librarian is Rita Bovinett. She has made some additions to the library and these need to be inventoried and a new listing printed. So, hopefully, next Reporter (October) should have a listing available.

“Leadership is the ability to hide your panic from others.”
--Unknown

“Seize the moment. Remember all those women on the Titanic who waved off the dessert cart.”
--Erma Bombeck

NEW LEGISLATION

Governor Carnahan signed Senate Bill 248 on June 30, 1997. The provision of Section 476.056 RSMo. (Court Automation Fund Fee) becomes effective August 28, 1997 and the provision of Section 479.260 RSMo. (Judicial Education Fund) is in effect beginning July 1, 1997.

COURT AUTOMATION FUND FEE: Section 476.056 RSMo. provides that municipalities may participate in the statewide court automation project. Participation in the project requires that the municipality pass an ordinance imposing the \$7.00 Court Automation Fund Fee and enter into an agreement with the State Courts Administrator outlining minimum annual fees and other terms.

JUDICIAL EDUCATION FUND: Section 479.260 RSMo. provides that each municipal court may establish a judicial education fund to pay for continuing education and certification required of municipal judges by law or Supreme Court rule, and for education and training for the court administrator and clerks of the municipal court.

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**MISSOURI ASSOCIATION FOR COURT ADMINISTRATION
BUDGET FOR 1998**

CREDITS:

10 DUES	\$ 9,500
20 CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FEES	20,000
30 CONFERENCE GUEST'S FEES	0
40 MACA PROMOTIONAL SALES	300
50 NEW CLERK'S SEMINAR FEES	1,500
60 INTEREST	300
70 VENDORS FEES	1,500
80 PLAQUE REIMBURSEMENT (CCA)	1,200
90 CONTINGENCY	950
100 MISC. CREDIT	0

TOTAL CREDITS \$35,250

DEBITS:

10-0100 ASSOCIATION EXPENSES

01-Lodging	\$ 1,600
02-Travel	1,500
03-Meals	750
04-Photo Allotment	250
05-Supplies	850
06-Subscriptions/Books	200
16-Presidential Expense	300
17-Conference Gift Items	1,500
18-Postage-Misc.	500
19-Dues Reimbursement	0
20-Awards/Gifts/Presentations	650

\$ 8,100

20-0200 ANNUAL MEETING

01-Lodging	1,500
03-Meals	\$ 9,500
14-Printing	1,100
25-Audio/Visual	700
26-Speaker Fees	500
27-Scholarships	500
28-Conference Pins	500
29-Contingency	200

\$14,500

10-0300 GRANTS/FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

09-President/NACM	\$ 900
10-Membership/NACM	500
11-New Clerks/MACA	250
12-Membership/MACA	250

\$ 1,900

50-0400 NEW CLERKS SEMINAR

01-Lodging	\$ 150
02-Travel	150
03-Meals	700
05-Supplies	300
18-Postage	200

\$ 1,500

10-0500 NEWSLETTER/PUBLICATIONS

14-Typesetting	\$ 1,200
15-Promotional/Calendars	0
18-Postage	600

\$ 1,800

40-0600 PROMOTIONAL ITEMS

07-Promotional Items (Sale)	0
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\$ 0

10-0700 REGIONAL TRAINING/DEVELOPMENT

03-Meals	\$ 300
05-Supplies	700

\$ 1,000

10-0800 COMMITTEES

01-Lodging	\$ 150
02-Travel	150
03-Meals	200
23-Social	650
24-Library	250

\$ 1,400

80-0900 PLAQUES		\$ 2,000
21-Plaques	\$ 2,000	
70-1000 VENDORS		\$ 0
22-Vendors Fees	\$ 0	
90-0000 CONTINGENCY		\$ 3,050
TOTAL DEBITS		\$35,250

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NEW LEGISLATION (Con't.)

JUDICIAL EDUCATION FUND:

One dollar of the \$12.00 clerk fee on each case may be retained by the court. The fund is administered by the municipal court, and fund balances which exceed \$1500 for each court employee (judges, administrators & clerks) are to be turned over to the county or city general revenue fund.

OTHER LEGISLATION

LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING FUND (LETF): 590.140 RSMo. - If the municipality has enacted a municipal ordinance to collect this surcharge, charge it on all municipal ordinance violations **including** non-moving traffic violations. Effective 07/01/97.

PEACE OFFICER STANDARDS & TRAINING FUND (POST): 590.140 RSMo. - No longer optional as of 07/1/97. It should be charged on all municipal ordinance violations, **including** non-moving traffic violations, and remitted to the state treasury.

INDEPENDENT LIVING CENTER FUND: 561.035 RSMo. - This surcharge was changed from \$5.00 on all alcohol related traffic cases to \$0.50 on all criminal cases including "traffic laws of the state [emphasis added]." The wording used in the statute has led to some degree of uncertainty about whether municipal courts should ever charge this surcharge. Some judges have interpreted the phrase "of the state" to mean that the surcharge should only apply to violations of state statutes. According to this interpretation, the surcharge is no longer charged on municipal cases as of 07/01/97.

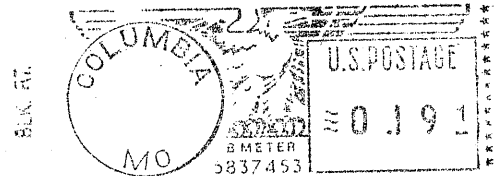
For copies of Senate Bills, call: 573-751-2966.
For copies of House Bills, call: 573-751-4555.

THIS JUST IN.....

ANDREA HOLLAND, MACA TREASURER, HAS RECEIVED WORD THAT OUR LETTER OF INCORPORATION HAS BEEN APPROVED, SIGNED AND RETURNED TO HER. WE ARE NOW OFFICIALLY "MISSOURI ASSOCIATION FOR COURT ADMINISTRATION, INC.". TAX EXEMPT STATUS IS THE NEXT ITEM ON THE AGENDA.

REMINDER: CERTIFICATION APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY AIMEE NO LATER THAN OCTOBER 1, 1997 FOR CONSIDERATION AT THE OCTOBER BOARD MEETING.

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