### **SWMOCCFOA**



City Clerks and Finance Officers who wanted to join to improve the professionalism of their offices founded the MOCCFOA in 1952. Setting up Bylaws, a President, President-Elect, Secretary, and Treasurer to govern the organization. The **MOCCFOA** is an affiliate of the Missouri Municipal League (*MML*). The MML assists the MOCCFOA by keeping us informed of legislation, which affects our cities.

the Missouri Municipal League (*MML*). MOCCFOA's major emphasis is the annual Educational Institute held each spring under the auspices of the Missouri State University, in Springfield,MO. The Missouri Local Government Program. Educational sessions are offered to help members earn a 120-hour certificate from MSU. Programs are offered on Personal Development, Professional Theory, and Practical Application.

In addition to the Spring Institute, the MOCCFOA offers a shorter seminar each fall in conjunction with the MML Conference and a Regional Academy in 3 different areas of the State. Attending seminars and institutes will help you interface with municipal officials from all over Missouri. Members can also obtain answers to their immediate problems by associating with their colleagues with similar problems. "The Southwest Missouri City Clerks and Finance Officers Association is a Division of the State Association. If you encounter a problem during your job as a City Clerk or Finance Officer, all you have to do is pick up a phone, and a network of experience and expertise will be at your disposal."

Excerpt taken from the MOCCFOA Newsletter, fall 1998



#### **SWMOCCFOA FACTS:**

Southwest Missouri City Clerks and Finance Officers Association is made up of the following 16 counties: Barry, Barton, Cedar, Christian, Dade, Dallas, Greene, Jasper, Lawrence, McDonald, Newton, Polk, Stone, Taney, Vernon, and Webster.

SWMOCCFOA members meet 6 times a year in different areas throughout the Division. Bylaws, President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer govern the organization. This is a not-for-profit organization that is dedicated to education and networking within City Government.

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## Southwest Missouri City Clerks & Financial Officers Association

The Southwest Missouri City Clerks and Finance Officers Association is a Division of the State Missouri City Clerks and Finance Officers Association.

### (MOCCFOA) PURPOSE

To promote and develop the Association as an agency for the professional benefit of Municipal Clerks, Finance Officers, and officials or persons with the same or similar powers and duties.

This is a not-for-profit organization

You are invited to attend our meetings this year that are listed belowon the following schedule:

June 9-10, 2022, Elected Officials Training-Columbia, MO (MML)

Summer Break-June and July 2022
September 28, 2022, -TBA
September 11-14-2022 Osage Beach, MO
(MML) 88<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference & IIMC Regional
Meeting -Margaritaville

October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2022,-TBA; January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023, -TBA; February 22, 2023,-TBA MOCCOFA Spring Institute March 14-16, 2023 -Columbia, MO Holiday INN

April 26, 2023, -TBA; May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023, -TBA

August 30, 2023,-TBA; September 27, 2023,-TBA; October 25, 2023,-TBA

Feel free to contact Paula to volunteer to host a meeting. Contact:Bpearson@missouristate.edu for more information on upcoming trainings. Start planning now for May 18-May 21, 2025, IIMC Conference-MO to host St. Louis, MO

Self-government is fragile; It takes a specialHand to create order, keep the peace, and Bring justice to the land.

Self-government is precious; It's worth Cannot be measured; It needs a special talentto preserve what is so treasured.

Self-government is paramount; Our freedomls based on it. The eye that watches must be Keen, For erosion creeps so silent..

Who then shall bear so great a trust? WhoseHand could stay takeover's thrust?

A Record kept so carefully will preserve thisprecious right; And self-government will beKept safe, For the Record is the Light.

And so was given to the Clerk this precious Obligation. To keep the Record as the Light, for that is Freedom's preservation.

In Hallowed Hall's throughout the land Self-Government's our banner; And it's the Clerk At every point who guards it in safe manner.

Written by: Mary L. Haynes CMC/AAE 1998

Do not forget we host Hospitality Room March of 2023, so we need volunteers Monday to Wednesday Evenings. We need giveaways.

# IMPORTANT ORGANIZATIONS TO JOIN:

International Institute of Municipal Clerks (IIMC)

8331 Utica Ave., Suite 200, Rancho Cucamonga, CA 91730. 909-944-4162 <a href="https://www.iimc.com">www.iimc.com</a>

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