

March 2019

# Quest

## Pause for Education



It's March!! Those words are a cry of relief because all the reports are done and submitted. Goodbye W2's, 1099's, Gateway AFR, 100R, OPEB! Hello Spring!

March is also a busy time for various committees of ILMCT. The education committee just wrapped up Institute and Academy in Muncie. I hope everyone who attended had a great time and that you learned some valuable lessons. The education committee works closely with AIM to come up with creative class ideas that fit within the certification guidelines. I personally loved hearing Gian Paul Gonzalez speak and watching the movie *All the Queen's Horses*. Thank you to everyone who helped make this week such a success! We are All In

The legislative committee has had a very busy start to the year. Our enhanced education legislation was drafted, sponsored and heard before the Local Government Committee. Our bill received a unanimous approval vote at that first hearing and was scheduled to go to the Ways and Means Committee. However, it failed to get a second and third reading at that point. Our language has now been added to a similar bill for other municipal and county officials. Thank you to Michael Griffin and Deb Block and everyone else who took the time to contact legislators and show their support for this important piece of legislation. I look forward to seeing where this goes.

The 2019 conference committee is also hard at work planning for the 83<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference, June 9-13. I want to invite and welcome you to the Grand Wayne Center in Fort Wayne for a week of learning and networking. Monday will be a day of education followed by dinner and unwinding at the award winning Fort Wayne Children's Zoo. State Board of Accounts has called Tuesday and Wednesday as state called days for meetings. Wednesday will also be a chance to interact with vendors. I especially appreciate the hard work of my conference co-chairs Deb Twitchell and Lynne Christiansen along with the guidance of Lesley Mosier from AIM. I acknowledge that each of you put in long hours to be the best public servant you can be. I want you to come away from this year's conference feeling refreshed and renewed as you go back to your communities. I hope you'll spend a few days with us to "Pause for Education".

"An investment in knowledge always pays the best interest" – Benjamin Franklin

Much Love  
Carrie Mugford, IAMC, CMC  
ILMCT President



EDUCATION CO-CHAIRS Vicki Kitchen and Diana Bossingham  
Certification News as presented at Institute and Academy



ILMCT annual Ball State Institute and Academy was a great success! Nearly 200 Clerks, Clerk-Treasurers, and colleagues were in attendance including 22 first timers.

Our education has completed the transition. The ILMCT Education and Professional Committee will continue to kick it up a notch. Gian Paul Gonzales was a great inspiration with his "All In Motivations" presentation.



The next training opportunities are:

AIM Clerk's School May 15-16.

ILMCT Annual Conference and SBOA School in Fort Wayne, June 9-13.

Please submit any ILMCT Education topics to [nlclerk@yahoo.com](mailto:nlclerk@yahoo.com).

Diana Bossingham, IAMC, CMC, Clerk-Treasurer, City of Southport or Vicki Kitchen, IAMC, MMC, Clerk-Treasurer, Town of North Liberty are available to answer or help you complete your certification applications.

Hope to see you all in June!

ILMCT is ALL IN for our Indiana Communities!

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Clerk-Treasurer, IAMC, MMC  
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[Chair Education & Professional Development Committee](#)

And

Diana Bossingham,  
Clerk Treasurer, IAMC, CMC  
City of Southport  
Chair Education & Professional Development  
Committee





Michael W. Griffin

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Deborah L. Block



Dear Friends and Colleagues:

The ILMCT Legislative Committee has been “*working up a sweat*” the first half of the legislative session, which must end by April 30. Our goal was to have a single Clerk and Clerk-Treasurers’ bill. However, owing the vicissitudes of legislating, we are placing our initiatives in different bills. Here are the legislative goals still being sought for the League:

- Our most significant legislative proposal is a NEW law on the circuit court clerk law, requiring training for ***all clerks, clerk-treasurers and controllers***. As proposed, it will require at least 14 hours of training per year and 36 hours of training in any three-year period. This requires the training BUT does not provide any penalty for non-attainment. This is desired to further support the professional development of our members statewide and adding a requirement that the mayors, city and town councils must support this requirement. It is our belief that this language will be amended into HB 1437 in the Senate Local Government Committee.

Here are the other proposals that we are optimistic will be amended into a bill currently in the House.

- *Allow employees to be automatically enrolled in a Deferred Compensation Plan (Sec. 457) unless they opt out for 457 Plan.* State law allows state and local governments to offer deferred compensation accounts for its workers. Presently new State employees are automatically enrolled in such a plan unless they opt out. This section merely extends the same provision that applies to states to local government deferred comp plans, if the local body so elects.
- *Allow deposits to be paid when booking entertainers or ordering a fire truck.* Current law prohibiting paying before a service or good is delivered is clarified to permit a deposit to be paid to ensure performers or groups of performers to secure the booking at municipally sponsored festivals or events and it allows

## Legislative report continued ...

this as part of the order and purchase of Fire trucks or any personal property in excess of \$150,000 in value. In addition, these payments will be added to the list of payments allowable in advance of board or commission allowance.

- *Makes the law on timing of sewage delinquencies the same for both sewage works and sanitary districts. The provisions favored by the league aligns the current law that governs fixing delinquencies for sewage utilities operated under the general sewage law (IC 36-9-23) with the several sewage utilities that are operated under the sanitary district law (IC 36-9-25). Most municipalities that operate a sewage and water utility bill them on the same invoice. The delinquency date for both utilities can be the same if the sewage utility is organized under IC 36-9-23. If the sewage works is operated under IC 36-9-25, which every class 2 city in the state can as well as Indianapolis and any municipality in Lake County that adopts the Sanitary District law, then the delinquency date for sewage services can only be aligned if the water utility also allows a full 30 days before payment is due. Most water utilities have delinquency attach in the same month that the bill is mailed after at least 10-day's notice. This is a very needed fix.*

ILMCT Legislative Committee

Michael W. Griffin, Co-Chair  
Deborah L. Block, Co-Chair

## Ask Todd



**Q** The requirement to start an MVH Restricted subfund has me scratching my head as to how to approach the new #203 as far as appropriations go. Do I need an additional appropriation for MVH Restricted #203?

**A.** No. The State Examiner Directive on the MVH Restricted subfund (Directive 2018-2) specifies that together MVH and MVH Restricted are one fund for appropriation purposes. The total approved appropriation you have for MVH will cover both MVH and MVH Restricted. To get appropriations to MVH Restricted, your city/town would determine how much of the total appropriation is needed in MVH Restricted and you would move it to restricted subfund.

For example, let's say your MVH approved appropriation is \$1,000,000 for 2019. Included in that appropriation is \$674,000 for paving and other projects that would be construction, reconstruction, and preservation activities. You then would move \$674,000 of appropriations from MVH (fund 201) to MVH Restricted (fund 203). The end result would be an appropriation in MVH of \$326,000 and MVH Restricted \$674,000 – the appropriation of both together would be the \$1,000,000 that was approved. The moving of the \$674,000 does not require a resolution or ordinance, however, we would recommend council be involved in determining how much of the total appropriation is moved from MVH to MVH Restricted.



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Important Dates for 2019-  
AIM Clerk-Treasurer School– May 15 & 16, Plainfield, IN

**May 19th through May 23rd**—  
IIMC Annual Conference in Birmingham, Alabama

**June 9th through June 13th**—  
ILMCT 83rd Annual Conference in Ft. Wayne, IN

**July 14th through July 17th** - APT  
Annual Conference in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma