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Leave No One Behind



Dear Friends and Colleagues,

As your ILMCT President for the 2020-2021, I wanted to wish all of you a great week at the March 2021 Institute and Academy virtual schooling. I am thankful that we have created a way for all of us to stay connected and educated in this unprecedented time. I would also like to thank the Education Committee, AIM, State Board of Accounts', and our Presenters for working so hard to make all this possible. Thank you again.

“Update” The annual June 2021 Conference will be postponed yet again due to so many unknowns with the Covid-19 infection. No worries though, as we will still have an in-person Evansville conference in the 2021 year. I will update all of you as soon as I know more specifics and the new dates of the conference. This will truly be a year where our campaign of “No Clerk Left Behind,” will have more meanings than initially intended.

As always, please remember, the Indiana League of Municipal Clerks and Treasurers Officers, Executive Members, Education Chairs, Education Committee, District Directors, and Mentor Committee continue to be committed to all of you, feel free to reach out to any of us for guidance or questions. I look forward to seeing all of you soon.

**Sincerely,
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Your Co-Chairs hope you have all signed up for the virtual ILMCT Institute and Academy. Unfortunately, COVID took over our state and country as we all returned home from last year's Institute and Academy. That was the last opportunity we had to be together.

ILMCT Institute Director Chip Taylor, AIM, ILMCT Officers, SBOA, and ILMCT Education & Professional Development Committee have worked hard with the education guidelines and virtual presentation to have a successful institute.

Other 2021 Education Opportunities are IIMC (International Institute Municipal Clerks) in Grand Rapids, May 9-13. The APT USC Conference (Association of Public Treasurers of United States and Canada) in person or virtual July 18-July 21, 2021. ILMCT District meeting is still being planned.

To be safe and healthy the Institute and Academy conference gift is a mask. There will be contests throughout the four days.

Attendance will get you certified.

Ask Todd

Q There was some discussion in the past regarding cities and towns reporting of financial statements using the Enhanced Regulatory basis of accounting. Is that still a thing and when will it happen; I can't wait!

A. We appreciate the enthusiasm. Enhanced Regulatory reporting was originally scheduled to go into effect for 2020. However, due to the pandemic, the State Board of Accounts pushed the implementation back.

Enhanced Regulatory financial statements will begin with calendar year 2021 activity. We plan to have several training opportunities between now and the end of the year to get everyone acquainted with reporting on the Regulatory Basis. Please keep an eye out for when the trainings will happen and let your peers know in case they may have missed any notices.





LEGISLATIVE CO-CHAIRS

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Dear Friends and Colleagues:

Hello! The ILMCT Legislative Committee joined by our wonderful partners from Aim, moves forward observing the League's goal to make existing good policy better.

As it was supposed, the Indiana General Assembly has imposed some special conventions to protect the public health during the session and the COVID Pandemic. Committee hearings actually have separate rooms from where the committee members are gathered to take testimony. With the current social distancing requirements and similar protocols, there is very limited to no in person contact with the members of the General Assembly.

Some of the matters of interest such as seeking "relaxation" of the 50/50 distribution requirements for Motor Vehicle Highway (MVH) Funds owing to the reductions from the COVID pandemic continue to be pursued by Aim. While we remain ambitious about our work, ILMCT Legislative Committee determined to fix its objects on a single measure of import for the League. With the assistance of our colleague Deb Twitchell of Angola, we are hoping to enlist the goodwill of the House Local Government Committee to consider our ILMCT measure as an amendment to pending bills. Our measure seeks to clarify the Board of Finance provisions for cities and towns. In 1997 the ILMCT Legislative committee sought to remove the requirement that cities and towns have an annual meeting to organize and conduct business as a board of finance. What was passed became IC 5-13-4-19(c), which now reads "*For the purposes of IC 5-13-7 and IC 5-13-8, the term does not included a city or town*". The term mentioned means a "political subdivision" in the context of the Local Board of Finance law. While the amendment was passed by basically exempting cities and towns from the provisions in the portion of the law that describes who or what is covered by the law, we know that many of our cities and towns continue to organize annually the Board of Finance. Frankly, the 1997 language that exempts us can be overlooked easily as written in the Indiana Code.



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Our measure if passed and signed into law, seeks to clarify what the ILMCT intended in its 1997 effort and fix this. It would expressly state that city and town councils have all the powers of the board of finance without having to perform the annual separate organizing meeting; that they may receive investment reports and do all other things that a board of finance does without the formality of an annual organizing meeting and the separate distinct identity as a board of finance – they may perform these activities at any special or regular meeting of the legislative body and remain the legislative body.

If we can successfully have this amended into an existing measure during the second half of the Indiana General Assembly's legislative session, we will share the information with our members to encourage them to urge their state representatives and senators to support the measure.

The committee always welcomes any suggestions from members. The co-chairs and the members continue to thank ILMCT President Karen McQueen for appointing us to serve the League and its members. It is an especially interesting time of service.

ILMCT Legislative Committee

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Important Dates for 2021-
AIM Clerk-Treasurer School– May 18, Virtual
May 9th through May 13th —IIMC Annual Conference in Grand Rapids, Michigan
TBA—ILMCT 84th Annual Conference in Evansville, Indiana
July 18th through July 21st - APT Annual Conference in South Bend, Indiana



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