

## Fisbeck earns MMC designation

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Holyoke Deputy City Clerk/Treasurer Tillie Fisbeck recently was notified she earned the prestigious Master Municipal Clerk (MMC) designation from the International Institute of Municipal Clerks (IIMC).

“I’m happy and excited about it,” Fisbeck said. “It feels great.”

MMC is one of the two professional designations granted by IIMC. To qualify for entrance into the Master Municipal Academy (MMCA), which prepares participants for achieving the MMC status, one must have earned the Certified Municipal Clerk (CMC) designation.

Fisbeck earned CMC designation in November 2000.

To earn the CMC designation, a Municipal Clerk must attend extensive education programs. The designation also requires pertinent experience in a municipality. The program prepares the participants to meet the challenges of the complex role of the Municipal Clerk by providing them with quality education in partnership with 47 institutions of higher learning.

Fisbeck said part of the MMC process was to get involved within IIMC. She served a two-year term on the Board of Directors and sat on several committees including the scholarship, membership and awards committees.

The MMCA is an advanced continuing education program that prepares participants to perform more complex municipal duties. The program has an extensive and rigorous educational component, a professional and social contributions component and a commitment to lifelong learning.

Academy members must demonstrate they have actively pursued educational and professional activities and have remained informed of current sociopolitical, cultural and economic issues that affect local governments and municipalities.

Fisbeck began in 1994 as the Deputy Clerk/Treasurer in Holyoke. She plans on continuing her deep involvement within the IIMC and plans to continue participating in the educational

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programs.

She said there aren't many MMC designations in Colorado. "It's a great accomplishment," she added.

Founded in 1947, IIMC is a professional association with more than 10,000 members in the U.S., Canada and 15 other countries. IIMC's primary goal is to actively promote the continuing education and professional development of municipal clerks through extensive education programs, certification, recertification, publications, networking, annual conferences and research.

IIMC also engages in municipal research administration, enhances critical professional skill development and fosters a spirit of mutual assistance and good fellowship among municipal clerks around the globe. IIMC is governed by a 26-member Board of Directors.