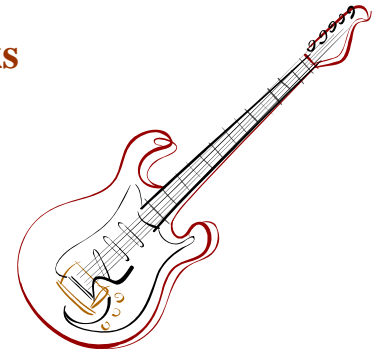
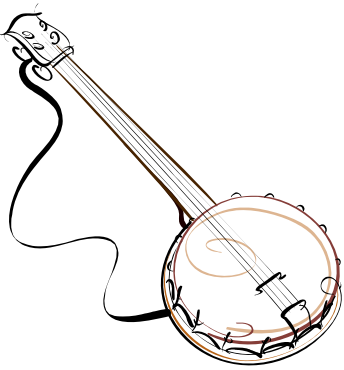


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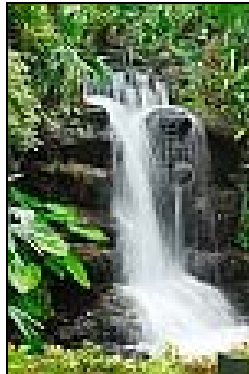


Greetings from Nashville!

There is a huge amount of activity in Tennessee these days as the Tennessee Association of Municipal Clerks and Recorders (TAMCAR) prepares to welcome more than 1,000 IIMC delegates, guests, and vendors to Nashville for the 65th Annual IIMC Conference in May 2011, now just months away! Here is a quick look at some of the things that are underway, and some of the ways we will need Region V members to help:



Country Music Hall of Fame



A waterfall in the hotel!



Nashville's City Hall

Conference Site

Gaylord Opryland Hotel is the conference site, and the IIMC Conference functions will occur in the Presidential ballroom and the adjacent meeting area. This resort hotel is **BIG**, so plan to wear your walking shoes – and don't forget your camera. This is a venue unlike any the IIMC Conference has seen in many years!!

Educational Program You may know Nashville as “Music City USA” but its nickname as “Athens of the South” goes back to the 1850's. The resources here (and throughout Region V) are endless for excellent presenters for the 2011 Conference, and we are working to produce one of the best educational conferences ever for IIMC!

All-Conference Event The Wednesday evening all-conference event will take place at the Wildhorse Saloon in downtown Nashville and will include a full barbecue buffet on the three levels of the club, music and entertainment, along with line dancing instruction on the 3,000 square foot dance floor. This is the site of numerous television tapings, and you might even see yourself on the big screen while there! It will be a great evening of fun, and night owls may want to stay downtown even longer to hit some of the famous nearby honky tonks.

International Program We are working on an afternoon off-site program for the Region XI delegates attending the conference, and Region V Director Tami Kelly, with her vast experience as the two-time IIMC International Committee chair, is leading our efforts on this. How very fortunate we are to have this experienced and well-travelled member to guide us in developing this program!

Nashville Promotion in Reno (IIMC 2010) The Nashville Convention & Visitors Bureau had lots of goodies for distribution in our exhibit hall booth in Reno. And, as is the custom, the post-banquet entertainment was provided by TAMCAR as the next year's host city. We contracted with a terrific country band -- Whiskey Dawn -- to perform at the closing event in Reno and it is was quite a party!

Fund Raising We are very pleased with our fund-raising success to date, and I encourage you to take a look at the sponsor listing on our web site and thank them for their support as you have contact with them. As we all know, there are many expenses (known and still unknown) to hosting a conference of this size, and the support of Tennessee's towns and cities and the Region V state associations has been great.

We hope to see you in Music City in May, and come prepared to experience a great conference and a grand city!

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