

Legislative Committee

General Responsibilities:

The Legislative Committee studies proposed state and federal legislation and reports to the WMCA Executive Committee and membership. The committee recommends legislation for WMCA sponsorship, monitors legislation detrimental to the interests of cities, and the profession of the City Clerk in particular, and maintains a close working relationship with the Association of Washington Cities (AWC) through its appointed liaison, to lobby in the best interest of cities.

Organization and Tasks:

1. The President of WMCA will appoint: a Committee Chair; a member of the Executive Committee to act as a liaison; and as many committee members as necessary to accomplish the tasks of the committee.
2. The Chair will immediately establish contact with the appointed liaison from AWC. The greatest degree of activity will occur during the period of the annual legislative session. The Chair is the WMCA representative to the AWC Legislative Committee, and shall attend all meetings of that committee. If the Chair cannot attend, he/she will send another representative or inform the WMCA President.
3. The Chair informs the Executive Committee and the membership of the status of important legislation and communicates WMCA positions to AWC. The Chair will prepare, when necessary, to designate one or more individuals to testify to committees of the State Legislature.
4. In consultation with the Executive Committee, the committee will work together with AWC and state representatives to promote legislation that is in the best interest of WMCA. The committee may draft proposed legislation and prepare testimony for various committees of the State Legislature.
5. The committee will submit "news" articles to "The Quill" as news develops throughout the year.
6. At the President's request the Committee Chair will submit a written report for inclusion in the Executive Committee meeting packet.
7. The Committee Chair shall prepare certificates for all committee members, which show the member's name, the committee and the year (i.e. 2006-2007) for distribution to the committee members at the Annual Conference.
8. All invoices for WMCA expenses shall be forwarded to the Executive Committee Liaison for review and sign-off prior to being sent to the WMCA Treasurer.