

WMCA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER 2009

President Elect Karen Kuznek-Reese Sworn In As President

Karen was sworn in as WMCA President at the Executive Committee meeting on October 23, 2009. Karen is the City Clerk at Sequim. Congratulations Karen!



Committee Chairs

Ever thought about chairing a WMCA committee? Now's your chance! Don't be shy! President Kuznek-Reese is beginning to plan for the 2010-2011 year and is looking for talented and dedicated members to fill Chair and Vice Chair positions on the following committees:

- Audit
- Bylaws
- Education
- Elections
- Fundraising
- Historical
- Legislative
- Membership
- Scholarship

Have you wanted to get more involved in WMCA, but weren't sure how to? This may be the right opportunity for you! Please contact Karen Kuznek-Reese at (360)681-3428 or <mailto:kkuznek@ci.sequim.wa.us> by December 1 if you are interested in volunteering for one of these positions.

Holiday Shopping? Keep WMCA in Mind!

It is true – we are approaching that time of year where we are blasted by retail ads everywhere we turn. But, there are some great bargains out there, particularly for those of you who love to get up at the crack of dawn the morning after Thanksgiving for those wonderful “Black Friday” specials.

While you are out shopping this season, keep WMCA in mind. Each year at conference we hold auctions to raise funds for the scholarship program. The items we auction are donated by members and businesses in your local

communities. If you have ever been a beneficiary of a WMCA Scholarship, you are well aware of the educational benefits.



Wonderful auction baskets can be put together with some bargain items – maybe a basket of socks, foot lotion, an outdoor candle, and a bottle of wine. Or how about thinking spring – some garden gloves, fall bulbs, garden tools, all packaged in a nice pot.

Thank you for your continued support of WMCA, and from your WMCA Fundraising Committee, Happy Thanksgiving!

Scholarship Opportunities

Upcoming scholarship opportunities include:

- **Spring Academy**, Margery Price Scholarships are available for registration; the **deadline to apply is December 18, 2009**. You must have received your CMC and be working towards your MMC designation to apply for a Margery Price Scholarship.
- **WMCA Annual 2010 Conference**, **deadline to apply is December 18, 2009**. (Annual Conference Scholarship Application)
- **Northwest Clerks Institute (NCI), PD I, II, & III**, **deadline to apply is February 19, 2010**. (NCI Scholarship Application)
- **NCI Master Academy, PD IV**, **deadline to apply is February 19, 2010**. (Margery Price Scholarship Application)
- **IIMC Advanced Academy**, **deadline to apply is February 19, 2010**. (Margery Price Scholarship)

Please see the WMCA website for full guideline and application details on WMCA Scholarships.

Other scholarship sources include IIMC (International Institute of Municipal Clerks), WCIA (Washington Cities Insurance Authority), AWC (Association of Washington Cities), CIAW (Cities Insurance Association of Washington) and regional clerks associations.

Call for Candidates!

By this notice, the Elections Committee announces the annual call for candidates to fill officer and board positions on the WMCA Executive Committee. The positions available in the 2010 election and their terms are as follows:

- President-Elect (1 year term)
- Vice President (1 year term)

- Treasurer (1 year to fill unexpired term)
- Secretary (2 year term)
- Board member, two positions open (3 year terms)

The job descriptions for each position can be found at:
<http://www.wmcaclerks.org> under the Executive Committee tab.

The application materials must be received by the Elections Committee no later than Thursday, December 31, 2009. An electronic copy of all the above is welcome, however, signed originals of the Declaration of Candidacy and the Letter of Support must be provided in hardcopy and received by the December 31st deadline. Submit the candidate packet to the following: Michelle Murphy, Deputy City Clerk, PO Box 90012, Bellevue, WA 98009-9012. Email address: mmurphy@bellevuewa.gov. Phone: (425) 452-6466.

WMCA 2010 CONFERENCE
Mirabeau Park Hotel and Convention
Center, Spokane Valley, WA
Advanced Academy – Tuesday,
March 16, 2010
Conference – March 16-19, 2010
“Celebrate You – The Gem of a
Community”



Planning is underway for WMCA’s annual conference scheduled for March 16-19, 2010 at the Mirabeau Park Hotel and Convention Center in Spokane Valley <http://www.mirabeauparkhotel.com/>. The conference will begin with an Advanced Academy on Tuesday, March 16 and will be followed by two and a half days of general and concurrent educational sessions. The Education Committee is hard at work reserving speakers to make this another great conference!

This year we will duplicate the “free night” on Wednesday that we had last year with many restaurants and the Spokane Valley Mall very close by. On Thursday evening we will have our annual banquet with a **ruby** colored theme in honor of WMCA’s 40th Anniversary. The gala dinner will feature the coveted “Clerk of the Year” award among others as well as swearing-in ceremonies. Other events include a First Time Attendee and New Clerks Breakfast, Silent Auction, Live Auction and Vendors’ Reception.

Room Reservations: The block of rooms for our conference is now open. Room rates are \$92.00 and \$10 person per night for each person after the first two guests (taxes not included). Please call 1-866-584-4674 to make your reservations and make sure you say that you are with the Washington Municipal Clerks Association for the conference rates. To help ease potential budget woes, consider sharing a room and transportation with another clerk. Call your

Professional Development or conference buddies to see if they'd like to share expenses. Don't miss out on all the fun and the opportunity to get an education while earning points toward your CMC and MMC designations!

Registration and vendor information will be online at www.wmcaclerks.org later this month. Please check our website for updates.

Spring '10 WMCA Conference Training Sessions

The Education Committee has been very active in suggesting topics, finding speakers, and "thinking outside the box" to come up with topics as indicated by the evaluations from last year's conference. We will have sessions on Notary Basics; Budgeting for Clerks; Legislative Update; Public Disclosure; and sessions on ethics and parliamentary procedure including a round table session.

Fall '09 Advanced Academy

Michael Shadow's presentation of "Storytelling: A Communication Tool for Improving Your Organization's Image". Attendance at the Wenatchee location total of 24 attendees; DuPont session had a total of 35 attendees. The presentation was very informative and well received by those attending.