

WMCA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT April 2010

Treva Percival, CMC

WMCA President-Elect (2010-2011)

Happy Spring to Everyone!

It seems like we were just gearing up for conference & now our 40th anniversary party is all over! Thank you to everyone for helping to make our conference a great success! The education sessions and speakers were terrific! Ronald Moore & Scott Passey from Shoreline provided great entertainment for the annual banquet.

- Pam Kolacy was selected as WMCA's 2010 Clerk of the Year! Pam's husband, Keith, really does exist and was in attendance to see his wife receive the association's highest award.

Also attending were Pam's Mayor, Michelle Sandoval and deputy clerk, Sheila Spears.



- Alice Attwood received the President's Award of Distinction!
- Dema Harris was unanimously selected by IIMC as Institute Director of the Year!



The fundraising committee did a wonderful job! Thank you to them and to YOU for supporting our fundraising efforts! Colleen Nicol from the City of Riverside served as our auctioneer for the live auction! She did a great job even offering to yodel as a fundraising effort! Thank to your generosity through auctions, raffle tickets, WMCA store merchandise, etc, the Executive Committee was able to award 4 Margery Price scholarships and 22 scholarships to PD classes! So keep those auction items coming and keep on buying those auction items at conference. It is our biggest fundraiser for the year!

Usually this message is from the newly elected President. This year it's a bit different. It's me again! I stepped into the Presidency with the unfortunate resignation of the previous President. Now I will begin my term and am excited and looking forward to a great year!

My conference travels begin in April when I will be representing WMCA at the California City Clerks Annual Conference in Ventura Beach. Then in May I will be attending the Local Government Management Association (LGMA) conference in Whistler, BC and the IIMC conference in Reno. I'm really looking forward to attending other conferences to see what they do! I'll fill you in on the details in the months to come.

The committees are gearing up for a busy year. If you signed up for a committee, and haven't heard from the committee chair by the end of April or are interested in serving on a committee, please let me know. I created the committee lists and hope I didn't miss anyone!

Believe it or not – plans are already underway for next year's conference at The Heathman Lodge in Vancouver, WA. The theme for the 2011 conference is "Believe It! Achieve It!" Mark your calendars! Spring Academy is scheduled for Tuesday, March 22, 2011. Conference is March 23 – 25. Hope to see everyone there!

Congratulations to the Newly Electeds

The Elections Committee conducted the election process for this year's Executive Committee vacancies, including President-Elect, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and two Board Member positions. Candidate statements and associated documentations were received by all members in accordance with the WMCA Bylaws.

The Committee met on January 29 to stuff the ballot envelopes. The ballots were mailed out on Tuesday, February 2, 2010. Two-hundred fifty-six ballots were mailed out to members based on the active membership list received by Treasurer Sheryle Wyatt. The deadline for ballots to be received by Elections Chair Michelle Murphy was February 19, 2010, as of that date, 158 ballots were received. No ballots were rejected and a total of 148 ballots were validated for counting.

The Committee met on Friday, February 26, 2010, at 10:00 a.m. at Bellevue City Hall to count ballots. The following are the results from that meeting:

President-Elect: Treva Percival	Total votes received – 144
Vice President: Sandy Paul	Total votes received – 146
Secretary: Erin Larsen	Total votes received – 148
Treasurer: Gina Anderson	Total votes received – 148
Board Member: Debbie Burke	Total votes received – 141
Board Member: Debbie Krumpols	Total votes received – 139

Congratulations to all newly elected members of the Executive Committee.

Vacancy on the Executive Committee

Sandy Paul was elected Vice President. This created a vacancy on the board and must be filled. Take a chance! Step out of your comfort zone! For those of you who attended Dr. Reyes' academy session, remember "You can't fail. You can only learn and grow." You'll be amazed at what you'll learn about how WMCA runs & about yourself. The DEADLINE IS APRIL 30! To apply, please prepare the following:

- Letter of Interest (include your name, title, place of employment, and a statement of why you feel you should be appointed).
- A signed Declaration of Candidacy as follows:
"I declare myself as a candidate for the position of Board Member. I declare that I am an active WMCA member in good standing. I request that my name be considered by the Executive Committee for appointment to the position of Board Member for the duration of the unexpired term, through March 2011."
- Letter of support from your Mayor, City or County Administrator or Manager supporting your candidacy and increased involvement in WMCA.

Please keep in mind that travel costs associated with attending quarterly Executive Committee meetings are your responsibility and are not covered by WMCA.

It is the Executive Committee's desire to have the new Board Member appointed in time for our June 25, 2010 meeting. Please mail your packet, postmarked no later than **Friday, April 30, 2010** to:

Karen Kuznek-Reese, MMC
 City Clerk
 City of Sequim
 152 West Cedar Street
 Sequim WA 98382

Because we need original signatures on the Declaration of Candidacy and the Letter of Support, these documents must be submitted in hard copy.

The Executive Committee looks forward to reviewing your packet and thanks you for your interest in becoming a member of our team.

Spokane Valley Conference A Success!

Over 160 members, speakers and vendors attended our annual conference March 17-19 in Spokane Valley. The education classes were excellent with renowned speaker Mark Towers leading the Advanced Academy on March 16. Mark spoke about leadership in the morning and how to become an indispensable public servant in the afternoon. The President's Reception followed that evening with President Karen Kuznek-Reese welcoming attendees and WMCA members getting reacquainted.

Opening session featured Spokane's own Dr. Raymond Reyes, sans braids, who taught us to get in touch with nature and appreciate some of the things we take for granted. Several classes were offered on Wednesday and Thursday as well as opportunities to meet our 15 conference exhibitors and learn about new products that can help us back at the office. A live auction was held at lunch and the silent auction opened. Wednesday offered an optional winery tour with over 30 conference attendees participating.

Thursday opened with the Annual Business Meeting followed by the Region IX lunch. The silent auction closed and our fabulous Fundraising Committee raised nearly \$10,000 in sales of merchandise, raffle tickets and auction items. Great job! That evening we held a Vendor Reception at 6pm as a precursor to the Annual Banquet. With many guests dressed in ruby attire in commemoration of WMCA's 40th Anniversary, President Kuznek-Reese announced Port Townsend City Clerk Pam Kolacy as Clerk of the Year for 2010! Congratulations also to Alice Attwood, City of Tonasket, for receiving the President's Award of Distinction. Both ladies are very deserving with years of service to WMCA as officers including President and they continue to serve as Co-Chairs

of the Education and Conference Planning Committees. Shoreline Deputy City Clerk Ronald Moore moonlighted as our DJ as we danced the night away after the banquet.

The conference concluded with a familiar speaker, De Hicks, who helped us learn how to become more organized and eliminate chaos. Thanks for the Conference Planning and Education Committees for your hard work in putting on another successful conference. The Historical Committee pitched in to provide historical photos to help us celebrate our 40th anniversary!

Next year's conference is at the newly renovated and expanded Heathman Lodge in Vancouver, WA. Please work with your Municipality to include funds in your budget for next year's training!



Our Hats are Off to You WMCA!

The Fundraising Committee would like to say THANK YOU to everyone who generously donated auction items, bid and won auction items, sold tickets, bought tickets, and shopped at the WMCA store. As a result of fundraising efforts, a total of \$10,105 was raised as follows:

\$2,191.00 – WMCA Store Sales

\$609.00 – Dollar Raffle

\$1,045.00 – Live Auction

\$3,655.00 – Silent Auction

\$2605.00 – Grand Raffle (\$4,855 in ticket sales, minus \$2,250 in prize money)

Congratulations to City Clerk Claire Lider



Acting City Manager John Williams announced City Clerk Claire Lider, as the City of Battle Ground's 2009 Employee of the Year at the March 10th State of the City Address. Claire was selected from nine individuals nominated by fellow City employees for their exemplary efforts on behalf of the city during the past year. Way to go Claire.