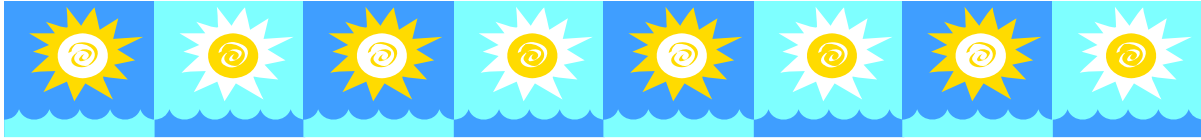


WMCA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT JUNE – 2010



Scott Passey, CMC
Board Member

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy Almost Summer Everyone! I am so ready for summer – even if it does mean my fingers will be brown and dry from all the yard work. Digging in the dirt is my therapy! Well it's been a busy time since my last report in April! I've been traveling and I have a new grandson! His name is Liam Osiris Reese and he was born May 26!!

Board Positions

When Sandy Paul was elected as Vice President, she resigned her position as a Board Member. Due to time and family commitments, Debbie Krumpols also submitted her resignation as a board member. There were seven applications for these two positions. That is an awesome number!!! I can't encourage everyone enough to throw your hat in the ring and run for a position on the Executive Committee. I know it's a hard thing to do. The benefits are totally worth the fear though. I have learned so much and grown even more. It has done amazing things for my self confidence. You WILL hear more from me on this issue when there is a Call for Candidates. Anyway, the Executive Committee appointed two new board members – Diana Quinn from the City of Algona and Claire Lider from the City of Battle Ground. We are very happy to have them onboard and to have a full Executive Committee once again.

Travels

I have also been traveling a bit representing WMCA the last few months. My dogs are so happy that the suitcases are out of sight!



I always love attending conferences of other organizations. It's fun to see how they conduct their annual conference. I truly thank the WMCA members for this opportunity to represent YOU!

I attended the CCAC conference April 27 – 30 in Ventura Beach. It was a great experience! The classes were very informative. I must say I know I'm scared to have my city getting on Twitter, Facebook or any of the many other social sites out there. That would be a Public Records Act nightmare!!!! It even gave me the willies about having my own Facebook page.

There was a disappointing time for most of us because we didn't get to do the harbor cruise. Something about 60+ mile an hour winds. The Coast Guard wouldn't let us even get on the boat. One of our Region IX Directors was very excited about that as evidenced on HER Facebook page (I won't name Peggy's name! ☺) We had a great time anyway.



May 18 – 21 I attended the Local Government Management Association's conference in Whistler, B.C. Whistler is a beautiful place and it was a wonderful experience! The classes develop their community. The last speaker of the conference, Kit Grant, was hilarious. He provided valuable information about the 10 Steps to Success in an easy-to-learn format with lots of laughter! It was great to renew old acquaintances! I was able to visit with Tom MacDonald again. He is doing great and hopes to attend our conference in Vancouver in 2011. LGMA has partnered with Jan Enns Communications and Paragon Strategic Services LTD to provide wonderful online training opportunities. These courses are available to public service employees at an affordable price. For more information, contact <http://www.lgma.ca/EN/main/programs/programs/webinars.html>.

May 24 – May 28 was the International Institute of Municipal Clerks annual conference in Reno, Nevada. It was snowing when we got to the airport!!!

The President's Opening Reception was held at the National Automobile Museum. It was voted one of the top ten automobile museums in the country and one of the best 16 auto museums in the world. Visitors are able to dress in period costumes and pretend they're in a whole different era.



The conference offered many great sessions on communication, budgeting, emergency management, human resources, and leadership. We learned that life is getting busier and more demanding for everyone. Really??? It was agreed that email is the biggest interruption in our daily lives. Her suggestion was to check it 3 times a day (just like a meal) with 2 snacks in between. That's easier said than done – at least for me.



This was Pam Kolacy's final trip as our Region IX Director. Pam has done a great job representing WMCA and Region IX. Thank you Pam for all you have done – and will continue to do!! Colleen Nicol, another previous Region IX Director, was sworn in as President-Elect of IIMC. Congratulations to Colleen!

IIMC is very proud of their new website. Be sure and check it out at www.iimc.com.

Back at home

The Executive Committee is also working on a new website for WMCA. We hope to have it functioning within the next few months. It will be much easier to update and provide us better management of our membership database as well as provide registration capabilities for WMCA events. Stay tuned for more information! --Karen

NORTHWEST CLERKS INSTITUTE

Congratulations to all those who are working toward your CMC or MMC certification through the 2010 Northwest Clerks Institute. The classes, held on the beautiful campus of the University of Puget Sound in Tacoma, Washington, are just around the corner. It's sure to be a great opportunity for learning, networking, and fun galore! Check out the website for more information: <http://www.nwclerksinstitute.org>.



- Professional Development I Course: June 6 - 11
- Professional Development II Course: June 13 - 19
- Professional Development III Course: June 20 - 25
- Master Academy (PD IV): June 13 - 16

NCI SCHOLARSHIPS

Congratulations to the following WMCA members who received a scholarship to attend this year's professional development classes at the Northwest Clerks Institute:

Registration & Housing (PD I):	
Jill Allison	City of Toledo
Brandi Clark	City of Okanogan
Jill Hammond	Grant County
Tammie Herman	City of Ilwaco
Lisa King	City of Lynnwood
Autumn Lingle	City of Des Moines
Jane Montgomery	City of Pacific
Rosemary Murphy	City of Sultan

Registration Only (PD II and PD III):	
Craig Attwood	City of Okanogan
Michelle Brooks	City of Leavenworth
Shawn Campbell	City of Bonney Lake
Kelly Collins	City of Royal City
Traci Herman	City of Mountlake Terrace
Lalena Johns	Okanogan County
Kim Morey	City of Montesano
Kristy Powell	City of Montesano
Brandy Rinearson	City of Port Orchard
Morgan Stubbe	C-TRAN
Paula Swisher	City of Brier

The Executive Committee also accepted the Scholarship Committee's recommendation regarding the Marge Price Scholarships and awarded scholarships for the Master Academy in the amount of \$500 each to:

Terri Berry	City of Sumner
Randy Hinchliffe	City of Waitsburg
Kay Kammer	City of Ridgefield
Sandy Paul	City of Des Moines

These scholarships are in addition to the 13 scholarships awarded to WMCA members to attend the annual conference. Many thanks to the Scholarship Committee for their work in evaluating and making recommendations on all of these scholarship applications! Your work does not go unnoticed!

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING DATES

Be sure to contact anyone on the Executive Committee if you have thoughts, ideas or items to be discussed at one of our quarterly meetings. Minutes from those meetings are posted on the website. The first board meeting of the year took place immediately after the conference adjourned. The remaining meeting dates for the year are as follows:

- Friday, June 25, 2010 in Sequim
- Friday, October 22, 2010 in Vancouver
- Friday, January 21, 2011 at Pierce Transit

CONGRATULATIONS ARE IN ORDER!

Congratulations to Ali Spietz, City Clerk for the City of Mercer Island, for earning her MMC! And congratulations to Pamela Greytak, Administrative Assistant with the City of Medina, for earning her CMC! We all know how hard it is to reach these milestones...great job!

2010 FALL ACADEMY - SAVE THE DATES

We have scheduled Fall Academy sessions for:

- Friday, October 1 in the west side, tentatively scheduled for the Bracket Auditorium in Edmonds; and
- Friday, October 8 on the east side in the newly remodeled Richland Library. The host hotel is the Richland Red Lion. Room rates will be \$70/single and \$100/double.

The Education Committee is hard at work on a speaker and topic and hope to have the information for the July report. Thanks to Debbie Clark, Virginia Olsen, and Pam Kolacy for their work on the logistics.

WMCA HISTORICAL COMMITTEE

The Historical Committee has been working diligently at the tasks set forth according to the committee's responsibilities. A new project the committee has put together is a WMCA photo album via Shutterfly. We encourage anyone that may have taken pictures at the 2010 conference to share them with us via our shutterfly account at: <http://www.wmca1.shutterfly.com> or to simply email them to Rebecca Dover at rdover@othellowashington.us. The Committee has also come up with some great new ideas that we are still working through.

WMCA Events – The Historical Committee is asking anyone attending any WMCA training sessions to please take pictures and submit them to Rebecca.

WMCA SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

On April 13, 2010, the Scholarship Committee Co-Chairs submitted a list of recommendations to the Executive Committee with regards to housekeeping items to the Scholarship Committee Job Description. The Committee is also seeking clarification from the Executive Committee on the number of Marge Price Scholarships for the coming year so that the information can be included on the new Scholarship applications. Once the Committee receives direction, the Committee will take on the following tasks:

- 1 – Familiarization of the new job description for the Scholarship Committee.
- 2 - Updating and posting the new scholarship applications to the WMCA website.
- 3 – Marketing the scholarships to the membership.

COMMITTEE SIGN UPS

Weren't able to attend the conference or sign up for a committee? There's still time! Contact President Karen Kuznek-Reese (KKuznek-Reese@ci.sequim.wa.us) to let her know which committee you'd like to join. Working on a committee grows even more friendships and connections within the WMCA organization. Check out the committees on our website at <http://www.wmcaclerks.org>.

WMCA DISCUSSION BOARD

Have you signed up to receive email notifications when a new message is posted to the WMCA discussion board? Go to <http://www.wmcaclerks.org> and click on the WMCA discussion board link to sign up. This is a great resource to get your questions answered as well as share your knowledge and expertise answering other clerks' questions.

WMCA MEMBERSHIP DUES

Since we have a new Treasurer this year, Gina Anderson, be sure your Accounts Payable Department changes its system address and mails your check to the new Treasurer.

*****NEW ADDRESS*****

Please mail your completed invoice and check **made payable to WMCA to:**

Gina Anderson
WMCA Treasurer
PO Box 9
Woodland, WA 98674
(360) 225-8281

LOOKING AHEAD TO THE 2011 CONFERENCE

The Heathman Lodge in Vancouver will be the site for the 2011 WMCA Annual Conference. The Heathman recently added on 40 guest rooms and 4,000 additional square feet of conference center and they are ready for us to enjoy their facility! The Heathman Lodge is located in a beautiful rustic setting in Vancouver, Washington, just minutes from Vancouver Mall, downtown Vancouver, and 5 miles from Portland International Airport. Situated on the north bank of the Columbia River, directly across from Portland, Oregon and less than 90 miles from the Pacific Coast, Vancouver is a vibrant city with a unique mix of metropolitan energy, small-town charm, rich history and exciting recreational opportunities. The Heathman Lodge delivers a tranquil, mountain-like retreat brimming with Northwest ambiance and all the amenities you need to get down to business or vacation. Experience a charming artisanal lodge that allows you to escape the world while remaining connected.