



Executive Committee Report

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Happy Fall. I absolutely love this time of year. I love to watch the leaves change. I absolutely love taking my kids to the pumpkin patch and picking out Halloween costumes. I'm looking forward to an absolutely wonderful autumn and I hope all of you are too. With that comes election time though so I know many of you in your municipalities are probably really gearing up. So now, I am asking you to gear up for WMCA elections and consider throwing your name into the ring. It is an amazing way to give back to an association that gives so much to its members. I know Past President Karen Kuznek-Reese reiterated a lot when she was President about stepping out of your comfort zone and I will also encourage that. Although I do enjoy public speaking, being President of an Association this size is really out of my comfort zone but let me tell you there are amazing people working with you and supporting you all the way so I know that each and every one of you is capable of taking on one of the vacancies in the Executive Committee and I really hope that you will consider it.

I recently returned from representing WMCA at the OAMR conference in Portland. What an amazing trip. I can't believe living as close as I do, I have never actually been to Portland. It is a truly beautiful



city and I know it will be an amazing host for the 2012 IIMC Conference. The theme was "Strengthening Bridges Through Education" which they did. President Johnson took the VIP guests to the beautiful Lan Su Chinese Garden. This garden is a true traditional Chinese garden in the heart of the city. You feel like you are in a different world while inside. I highly recommend visiting if you get the chance and don't forget to stop at the Tea Room for some Saki. Yum yum. The President's reception was a ton of fun as we all donned our pajamas for a good old fashioned pajama party complete with tacos, a chocolate fountain, Scategories, Pictionary, and Xbox 360 with Kinect. A fun time was had by all. OAMR hosted two silent auctions; both with a ton of great stuff and raised a lot of money for their scholarships. Way to go OAMR.

The Executive Committee will be meeting on October 21 at our host hotel for the 2012 conference; Campbell's Resort in Lake Chelan. I'm looking forward to hearing what all the committees have been up to and also looking at some possible Bylaw changes.

Several individuals have received their CMCs and MMCs lately and I want to thank Webmaster Bobbie Usselman for keeping our website up to date with all these great accomplishments.

One more plug for the 2012 conference as budget time is upon us. Please don't forget to include the 2012 WMCA conference in your budget planning. Campbell's resort is giving us an amazing rate on rooms at \$70/night for singles and \$90/night for doubles. You can't pass that up and let me tell you, we are going to have a great time. In the meantime, Don't forget to P.L.A.Y. Participate, Learn, and Advance Yourself.

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CLERK OF THE YEAR

THINK AHEAD -- NOMINATE SOMEONE FOR CLERK OF THE YEAR!

By Past President Karen Kuznek-Reese

Perhaps the most prestigious award a Clerk can receive is that of “Clerk of the Year” and - it’s not too early to start thinking about who you will nominate for this award. That’s right – Clerks can nominate each other! Past nominees will tell you that just being nominated for this award is an honor in and of itself.

Nomination forms and information on the process can be found under the Clerk of the Year Policy and Awards Committee description on our website at www.wmcaclerks.org. You can also see a list of past Clerk of the Year Award recipients, as well as those honored with the President’s Award of Distinction.



2010 Clerk of the Year
Pam Kolacy with hubby

The criteria for the Clerk of the Year nomination include:

- * Eligible nominees shall be active WMCA members (fully paid dues) for the preceding five consecutive years.
- * The nominee must have made significant contributions or performed outstanding service to WMCA, to the profession of municipal clerk, and to his/her individual municipality in the following areas:
 - Leadership, organization, administration and communications.
 - Legislative and governing body procedures, records management and public relations.
 - Outstanding service to WMCA (time/length of service; service on WMCA Committees, attendance at State conferences, involvement in regional groups and/or IIMC committees) and contribution to the clerk profession.
 - Special projects and community activities and volunteerism.

Please note that it is encouraged that nominations be submitted in collaboration with the nominee’s elected and/or appointed officials and/or supervisor. Letters will be sent to all members’ elected and/or appointed officials in a few weeks. The only WMCA members not eligible to be considered for nomination are those holding the office of President, President-Elect, Vice President and Past President.



2011 Clerk of the Year
Margo Tackett with hubby

Don’t let this opportunity to recognize one of your peers pass you by! Nominations must be **postmarked by December 31, 2011**, and submitted to:

*Past President Karen Kuznek-Reese,
City Clerk, City of Sequim,
152 West Cedar Street,
Sequim, WA, 98382.*

Scholarships for WMCA Annual Conference

This year's conference will be held at the Campbell's Resort located on the beautiful Lake Chelan from March 13 - 16, 2012. Conference scholarship applications can be found on the WMCA website and are due on **December 5, 2011**.

Questions on this scholarship opportunity may be directed to Traci Herman, City of Mountlake Terrace at therman@ci.mlt.wa.us.

WMCA Spring Academy Scholarship Opportunity!

Have you obtained your CMC status and are now working towards your MMC? If so, you may be eligible for a Margery Price Scholarship. Please look at the Margery Price Scholarship guidelines on the WMCA website.



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Keep Working on that MMC

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Annual Conference Reminder

Plan ahead for our annual conference next spring in Chelan at Campbell's resort. Talk to your supervisor about the value of our conference education including the advanced academy where you can earn credit toward your CMC and MMC designations. Even if you've obtained your CMC or MMC, the learning opportunity is well worth your while.

Our conference rotates each year between the east side and west side of the state. The 2013 conference location will be in Tacoma at the Hotel Murano.

Legislative Report

Sandy Paul, CMC



On September 6, 2011 the larger AWC Legislative Committee participated in a conference call. Following discussion, votes were taken. The following chart shows the Committee's collective recommendation to the AWC Board of Directors at their September 23 meeting regarding prospective topics that may come before the 2012 Washington State Legislature. Given the success of legislation regarding public records in recent years, the Committee could not come up with any specific wishes for the list regarding future public records topics. However, it is sure that should issues pop up, the Committee will be very keen on AWC's resolving those satisfactorily to Cities statewide.

	Votes
Tax Increment Financing/Local Revitalization Financing	15
City Transportation Funding	15
Pursue options for creating sustainable personnel related costs	14
Stormwater Funding	12
Ensure continued appropriation of committed state shared funds	12
Pursue proactive public records proposals	12
Preserve existing local revenue authorities	9
SEPA Reform	5
Additional tools for combating gang activity	5
Medical Marijuana	3
Stormwater permit requirements	2
Preserve existing traffic safety camera/photo enforcement authority	2

AUTUMN SALES – KEEP WMCA IN MIND!

Don't forget your silent auction item(s) for
the 2012 WMCA Annual Conference.

Fall sales are on! People are done with back to school shopping and are hanging on to what is left of their dollars in anticipation of the upcoming holiday shopping season. As a result, the stores are offering huge sales to get us in the stores. This could be the best time to pick up a silent auction item for the annual conference.

Each year, WMCA members lend a helping hand to each other by donating items for the Live and Silent Auctions held during the Annual Conference. Over the years, we have helped hundreds of our fellow clerks achieve their education goals. Keep WMCA in mind while shopping!



Be GREAT - Sell GRT!

WCMA's Annual Grand Raffle Tickets (GRT) will be available for sale starting October 7th at the Fall Academy!

GRT Facts:

The GRTs are \$5.00 each!

Come in a book of ten tickets!

Three chances to win **CASH** with one ticket (\$500, \$750, \$1,000)!

Top ticket seller will receive a credit from the WMCA Store!

GRT GOAL:

Sell all 1,500 tickets!

Selling all 1,500 tickets will net \$7,000 for scholarships!

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Are you up for a CHALLENGE WMCA Regional Groups?!

The WMCA Fundraising Committee challenges the WMCA Regional Groups to participate in the 2012 Annual Conference Raffle and Fundraiser by having your group put together a theme-based basket. Tickets will be sold for \$1.00 each for a chance to WIN a basket!

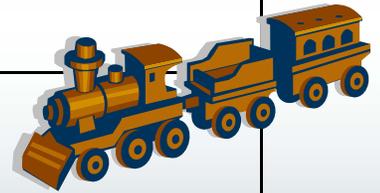
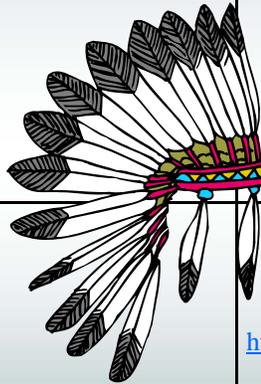
When soliciting for donations, this would be a great way to promote your region. The baskets should be brought to the 2012 conference and should include a list of items. All proceeds raised from the raffle baskets will benefit the members for scholarships. If your group is interested in participating, please contact Mari Ripp, City of Woodland rippm@ci.woodland.wa.us or 360-225-8281.



WMCA Statewide Events

There are so many wonderful events throughout Washington State. We would like to restrict the number of announced events per city to two per newsletter. Send the Event Name, Event Days/Dates, a website and an event logo if it is nonproprietary to DebbieB@ci.normandy-park.wa.us. If your city has more than two events, we can list the specific events as well as a website for more events at the end of this listing. Please send your December events for the November newsletter by October 23, 2011.

<p>East Wenatchee Events - www.east-wenatchee.com</p> <p>Fife Events - http://www.cityoffife.org/</p>	<p>43rd Annual Yakama Nation Veteran's Day Pow Wow - Toppenish Fri-Sun 11/11 – 11/13 http://www.yakamanation-nsn.gov/events.php</p>
<p>Prosser Events - www.prosserchamber.org/index.php?option=com_events&Itemid=113</p>	<p>Toy Train Christmas NPRR Museum - Toppenish Sat 11/26 http://toppenish.net/</p>
<p>Washington Fairs & Festival Link - www.washingtonfairsandfestivals.com/index.php?page=11&jpp=20</p>	<p>Leavenworth Events - http://www.leavenworth.org/modules/event/events.php?pageid=26&path=26</p>
<p>SeaTac Events - www.ci.seatac.wa.us</p>	<p>Tukwila Events - http://www.tukwilawa.gov/calendar/calendar.asp</p>



Share those photos!

Laurel Humphrey, City of Seattle, Historical Committee Chair

Do you have any great photographs taken at professional events, trainings, or get-togethers? The Historical Committee wants to document all of the amazing things our member Clerks are doing and rely upon your help to do so. We encourage you to share your photos to the WMCA Shutterfly page, located at <http://wmca1.shutterfly.com/>. Create a free account, and start adding!

For those of you with Facebook accounts, there is another great photo-sharing opportunity via the WMCA group page. Any member can add photos for all to view. Please remember, keep it professional and respectful. Photos shared via these methods may be used in WMCA publications or promotions.

Please take a look at photos taken over this past year and consider sharing them with the WMCA membership. If you don't wish to join an online community, but have something you would like to contribute, feel free to email it to me at laurel.humphrey@seattle.gov.

October Holidays

Columbus Day --
October 10th

United Nations
Day - October 24

Halloween --
October 31



Clerks at Work and at Play



Featured Clerk – Linda Mead, City of Toppenish

Toppenish *Where The West Still Lives!* Incorporated in 1907, the City of Toppenish is located in Central Washington and is situated about 20 miles southeast of the City of Yakima. The City covers approximately two square miles and has a population of 9,000 residents.

The City of Toppenish has preserved its beginnings as a rugged western town through restoration and beautification efforts that make it a popular tourist attraction today. At the heart of the City and its beautification are over 70 outdoor, historical murals. They tell the story of early development of the City of Toppenish, and its rich history and cultural diversity.

Linda was born in Yakima and raised in Wapato where she worked on the family orchard and graduated from high school. After graduating from CWU in 1985, Linda wanted to teach in the Mattawa School District where she and her husband lived for 18 years. However, since a position was not open in the brand new high school, Linda accepted the position of City Clerk/Treasurer for the Town of Mattawa – and the rest is history.

Linda has learned the ‘ropes’ of both a Clerk and Finance Director while serving the communities of Mattawa, Quincy, Wapato, Naches, Union Gap and finally, she says, her last stop in the City of Toppenish since 2008. Each entity has had its own unique characteristics and differences that provided the best of educational opportunities as well as establishing life-long friendships.

Linda and Bob have been married for 32 years, even though Bob swears it is more like fifty! They have managed to raise Bob’s two children who are now both in their 40’s and have enjoyed watching their seven grandchildren grow to awesome young adults. Bob and Linda enjoy working in their garden, attending car shows for any old cars as well as Volkswagens. They hope to spend part of their retirement at art & craft shows with the metal fish Bob has developed over the years, and hopes to get back to creating very soon.



Linda Mead (center) Finance Director/City Clerk and her trusty sidekicks, Debbie Zabell (left) Deputy Finance Director/City Clerk and Heidi Riojas (right) Executive Assistant/Deputy City Clerk



We are pleased to inform you that as of today, the following individual has earned the prestigious Master Municipal Clerk (MMC) designation:

Anita G. Palacios, MMC, City of Grandview. Congratulations Anita.



In addition we would like to congratulate **Deborah Zabell, CMC, City of Toppenish** for achieving her Certified Municipal Clerk (CMC) designation.



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If you have any great news to share or ideas for articles for the November edition of the WMCA Newsletter, be sure to email them to Past President Karen Kuznek-Reese at KKuznek-Reese@ci.sequim.wa.us