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Founded in 1970, WMCA is a non-profit association that promotes the professional and education standards of Municipal Clerks, County Clerks, and Transit Board Clerks in various local governments of the State of Washington.

## President's Message

**Sandy Paul, CMC**

### LEARN. GROW. LEAD.

I attended the CCAC Conference April 10<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> and I want to report that visiting with the City Clerks Association of California was both a fun and an educational experience.

It had been years since I spent any time in Sacramento, and the last time I was there, there was no such thing as *Old Sac* and Downtown. *Old Sac* WAS Sacramento! The City of Sacramento has beautifully refurbished *Old Sac* and preserved it essentially the way it was during the California Gold Rush days of the mid-century 1800's complete with wooden sidewalks and hitching posts. It's just so fun and cute with old-style but modern and trendy shops and restaurants. Sacramento is a definite do-over on my own time. My favorite shop was the Olive, an olive oil shop where you could find olive oils, both plain and infused with flavor, from all over the world (even though olive oil is widely produced in California), and some for up to \$100 for a few ounces. Never mind that Napa and Sonoma are mere hours away!

The Clerks were very welcoming, but they did not think much of our pie-in-the-face bidding war and fundraiser! Their loss!! They have no idea what they are missing both in fun and financial benefit. California clerks are tasked with jobs that Washington's counties take care of. I was very impressed with the work they do on the California elections. Many cities have full City Clerk departments, and the smaller cities get by with one person, just like we do. One thing I really liked – as soon as their paper documents are scanned to digital storage, the paper is shredded. If only . . . . .

Another thing I found most interesting is that they have a team of two retired police officers who are their Conference Planning Committee. Rex and Tom negotiate the venue, the restaurants, the entertainment and keep costs down. They are paid \$3000 and they guarantee to save the association that much or more. Definitely a most interesting concept that I would like to see the WMCA Board discuss, too.

I met the 2012 Institute Director of the Year, California's own Maureen Kane. She's their Dema Harris. She is as respected and beloved to California Clerks as Dema is to all of us. She is passionate about educating Clerks in the expectations and responsibilities of California statutes. For those who will be attending the Portland IIMC Conference, introduce yourself to her. You'll recognize her after she receives her Institute Director of the Year Award.

I look forward to seeing many of you in Portland at the IIMC Conference. There are two Region IX events taking place on Monday, May 21: the Region IX meeting and, later, the Region IX Reception. Once there, look for meeting locations and times posted somewhere near the conference registration desk. If you have not registered for the Region IX Reception and wish to attend, the cost is \$29. Search your old emails or let me know and I'll connect you to the right people to register.



In closing I have this thought, borrowed, of course, from Dr. Seuss: *You have brains in your head. You have feet in your shoes. You can steer yourself any direction you choose. You're on your own. And you know what you know. And YOU are the one who'll decide where to go...things may happen and often do to people as brainy and footsy as you.*

~Sandy

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# WMCA 2012 ANNUAL CONFERENCE IN CHELAN



## Participate—Learn—Advance Yourself!

What a great Conference!  
Here's what **YOU** had to say:

### General Conference Comments:

"Love new ideas and the ability to participate in a round table setting - thank you!"

"Thank you for the ability to hear what others do. It gives me some great ideas"

### Laughing as though your life depended on it by Bob Wells & Dave Johnson:

"Fantastic and creative - energizing!"

"Hilarious!!! Have not laughed so hard and so much as in these sessions!"

"Loved the presentation. Time flew by and learned pertinent information."

"Amazing session! Great fun and great reminder to not be so serious."

"They were great! The most I have laughed at during a conference!"

### 9 Tips for a Healthier Happier You All Day Long Session by Ken Briggs:

"Great session! Dr. Briggs positive attitude is infectious!"

"The first wellness session I have attended and it was fabulous!"



Beautiful Lake Chelan



Past President Treva Percival passing the plaque to President Sandy Paul



Ronald Moore, City of Shoreline enjoyed this way too much!



Kay Kammer, City of Ridgefield having some auction night fun!



Little pie in the face never hurt anyone!  
Diana Quinn, City of Algona



Great Sessions!

# WMCA ANNUAL AWARDS

## CLERK OF THE YEAR



At our annual banquet held in **Chelan** on March 15, (Past) President Treva Percival announced the 2012 Clerk of the Year from the City of Mercer Island, Ali Spietz.

Surrounded by her brothers, sisters, nephews, in-laws and City Manager, Ali accepted the award following a standing ovation by her peers. It's hard to imagine that there's any member of WMCA who doesn't know Ali Spietz who at the "ripe old age of 35" has already reached the summit having chaired several committees and served as WMCA President and a two-year stint as Past-President. Since Executive Committee officers are not eligible to be selected as Clerk of the Year, this is the first time Ali has been eligible in several years. Currently serving on the IIMC Education Committee, Ali clearly doesn't know the meaning of "slow down and take a break".

Ali is not only the "go-to" person in her city and community of Mercer Island where she has served since 2001, she has contributed countless hours to WMCA. Her nomination letter said that if such an award existed, Ali would likely be named "Clerk of the Decade". There are those who give a lot to WMCA and then there is Ali who like the Energizer Bunny, just doesn't stop. She has given so much to WMCA, there just isn't enough room in this newsletter to name all of her significant contributions. Therefore, we can only say "Thank you, Ali, for leading WMCA to another level. You are amazing!"



## PRESIDENT'S AWARD OF DISTINCTION

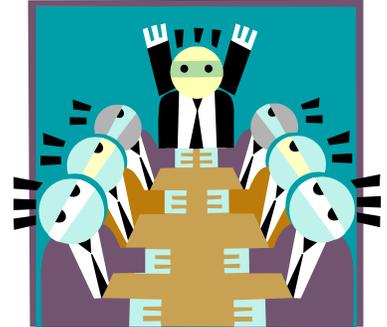
Additionally, the President's Award of Distinction was garnered by Anita Palacios, City Clerk for the City of Grandview, where she has worked for the past 21 years. Unable to attend the WMCA annual conference, Anita didn't find out she was honored until afterward.

"Working for the City of Grandview is such a privilege. It's amazing what a community can get done with a wonderful Council, excellent Department Heads and fabulous staff," said Anita. "Everyone that works for Grandview truly has a vested interest in the community. A majority of us not only work here, but also live here and I think that makes all the difference in the world," she added.

Please join us in congratulating Ali and Anita for their outstanding accomplishments! You rock, ladies! For more information about Ali's and Anita's nominations, check out our new webpage at [www.WMCAClerks.org](http://www.WMCAClerks.org).

# MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Greetings from the Membership Committee!! We are in the process of undertaking some pretty ambitious tasks this year and we wanted to take this opportunity to communicate them to you. If you write down and tell others about a plan, you bind yourself to make it happen. Well, HERE GOES!!



First, we ARE going to present a Washington Municipal Clerks Association Handbook to the Membership at the 2013 Annual Conference. Darla Reese, Granite Falls and Jill Boltz, Poulsbo are leading this charge.

Second, the name of the Mentorship Program will be revised. As of right now, the names that have been deliberated and are more favorable to the Executive Committee and Membership Committee members are “Partnership Program” and “Partners in Leadership Program”. Additionally, there will be a slight improvement in the program itself with it being more encompassing and including clerks that need assistance no matter what level they are in their careers.

Third, the Elections Committee, led by Elizabeth (Liz) Adkisson, Redmond, and supported by Leana Johnson, White Salmon, has done an amazing job with the Special Election to fill the Executive Committee Board Member vacancy. The Call for Candidates has yielded FOUR (4) members and the election is moving along smoothly.

**Voting is open until May 10, 2012 at 5:00 p.m. at**  
<https://www.balloteer.com/bp/nph-bstart?&eid=0061548625342944>

Lastly, **THANK YOU WMCA!** This organization does what it does and gets things done because of its members. Thank you to all Membership Committee members for your service and thank you for being a member of WMCA!

# LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE UPDATE

With the closeout of the 2012 Legislative Session on May 2<sup>nd</sup>, the Legislative Committee's work becomes focused on what we would like to ask of our legislators in the 2013 session. Is there a piece of legislation that makes your work life difficult? The Committee will be working diligently in conjunction with staff at the Association of Washington Cities over the next year to make our membership's collective voice heard.



Please let me or one of the Committee members know about your concerns. We'll keep you informed about proposed legislation that may impact you as a Municipal Clerk or your entity.

(From the State Legislative webpage) – “The citizen Legislature meets annually on the second Monday in January in the ornate Capitol building in Olympia. In odd-numbered years -- the budget year -- the Legislature meets for 105 days, and in even-numbered years for 60 days. If necessary, the Governor can call legislators in for a special session for a 30-day period. Legislators can call themselves into special session with a two-thirds vote of the two bodies.”

You can find AWC's legislative “wrap-up report” at: <http://www.awcnet.org/LegislativeAdvocacy/LegislativeBulletin/StateBudget/Supplementalbudget/tabid/598/articleType/ArticleView/articleId/1044/The-2012-sessions-final-chapter.aspx>

Legislative Committee Members: Debbie Burke, Debbie Clark, Holly Pannell, Jill Boltz, Kathi Anderson, Kelly Wilson, Marsha Moore, Peri Gallucci, Sam Taylor, Sandra Nunnelee, Sandy Paul, Scott Passey and Sonja Claar-Tee.

Carol Etgen, Legislative Committee Chair

**Dues are due!**

## MEMBERSHIP DUES

The 2012 WMCA membership dues for May 1, 2012 through April 2013 are now due. Make sure to get your dues paid before May 31<sup>st</sup>! Register on the WMCA website at [www.WMCAClerks.org](http://www.WMCAClerks.org) “Membership – Join Now” button or mail in the membership application found in this newsletter and on the website. Dues paid after May 31, 2012 will incur a late fee of \$25.00.

There are many benefits to maintaining your membership in WMCA. A few of these include:

- ◆ Availability of scholarships for the 2013 annual WMCA conference; Academy sessions; and Professional Development sessions. You aren't eligible for scholarships unless you are a WMCA member!
- ◆ Reduced registration costs for the annual conference, Academy sessions and other training opportunities.
- ◆ A monthly e-mail newsletter and e-mail blasts keeping you abreast of happenings within WMCA, including changes to legislation affecting our profession and training opportunities.
- ◆ WMCA website, with access to “members only” areas.
- ◆ Eligibility for the prestigious “Clerk of the Year” award.

**Thank you** to the 213 clerks who have  
paid their 2012-2013 dues!  
WMCA is a great organization  
because of **YOU!**

**THANK  
YOU!**



**WASHINGTON MUNICIPAL  
CLERKS ASSOCIATION**

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**2012 WMCA Membership Application  
May 1, 2012 – April 30, 2013**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

CMC  MMC

Renewal?  New Member?  Replacing a clerk?

Jurisdiction Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Jurisdiction website address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Supervisor Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Please mark any committees you are interested in joining (if not already signed up):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Audit      | <input type="checkbox"/> Awards      | <input type="checkbox"/> Bylaws      | <input type="checkbox"/> Conference Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Education  | <input type="checkbox"/> Fundraising | <input type="checkbox"/> Historical  | <input type="checkbox"/> Legislative         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter | <input type="checkbox"/> Membership  | <input type="checkbox"/> Scholarship |  |

**IMPORTANT!** If you do not want to have your name listed on the WMCA website membership page, please check this box.

Please mail your completed application along with a check **made payable to WMCA** to:

**Gina Anderson**  
PO Box 9  
Woodland, WA 98674  
360-225-8281

**2012 DUES:**

<b>Active Member</b>	<b>\$75</b>
Affiliate Member	\$105*
Associate Member	\$15*
Honorary Member	\$0*

\*these membership categories are not eligible to vote.

**A \$25 late fee will be assessed for all dues postmarked after May 31<sup>st</sup>**

**Affiliate Members:** Any business representative (such as attorney, financial consultant, corporate representative, etc.) that seeks to assist in the accomplishments of the objectives of WMCA (no voting privileges).

**Associate Members:** Any former active member, upon payment of annual dues, may be an associate member without voting privileges.

**Honorary Members:** Retired charter members and retired past presidents of WMCA shall automatically become honorary members, without voting privileges, upon retirement from public employment in the State of Washington.

### ‘Kudos and High-Fives!’

Congratulations to our newest Certified Municipal Clerk—Nicole Stephens, City of Poulsbo, has achieved her CMC designation. ‘Congratulations to Nicole from WMCA!’



*The Executive Committee reopened the application period for NCI second round of scholarships. Congratulations to the following members of WMCA who received a scholarship to attend this year’s Professional Development classes at the Northwest Clerk Institute.*

The following received a scholarship to attend PDI	
Lynette Bisconer	City of Toppenish
Shannon Corin	City of Bremerton
Leana Johnson	City of White Salmon
Anastasiya Mishkova	City of Yarrow Point
Gwen Robson	City of Orting
Donald Ross, Jr.	City of Westport
Ashlee Sund	City of Montesano
Shannon Velasco (Odell)	City of Okanogan
The following received a scholarship to attend PDII	
Anja Mullin	City of Kirkland

If you have any great news to share or ideas for articles for the June edition of the WMCA Newsletter, be sure to email them to Melody Valiant at [mvaliant@ci.tumwater.wa.us](mailto:mvaliant@ci.tumwater.wa.us) and Rachel Shaw at [rshaw@cityofprosser.com](mailto:rshaw@cityofprosser.com)

**Sequim Irrigation Festival**  
 Sequim  
 May 4th—13th  
[www.irrigationfestival.com/](http://www.irrigationfestival.com/)

**Bluegrass From the Forest Festival**  
 Shelton  
 May 18th—20th  
[www.bluegrassfromtheforest.com/](http://www.bluegrassfromtheforest.com/)

**Penn Cove Water Festival**  
 Coupeville  
 May 19th  
[www.penncovewaterfestival.com/](http://www.penncovewaterfestival.com/)

**University District Street Fair**  
 Seattle  
 May 19th & 20th  
[www.udistrictstreetfair.org/](http://www.udistrictstreetfair.org/)

**Sasquatch! Music Festival**  
 Quincy  
 May 25th—28th  
[www.sasquatchfestival.com/](http://www.sasquatchfestival.com/)

**Juan de Fuca Festival of the Arts**  
 Port Angeles  
 May 25th—28th  
[www.jffa.org/](http://www.jffa.org/)

**Oceans of Fine Arts**  
 Ocean Shores  
 May 26th—27th  
[www.graysharborexpo.com](http://www.graysharborexpo.com)

**Tacoma Jazz & Blues Festival**  
 Tacoma  
 May 26th  
[www.tacomajazzfestival.com/](http://www.tacomajazzfestival.com/)