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Founded in 1969, 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

Virginia Olsen, MMC

In just a few days, WMCA will host our 49th Annual Conference at Semiahmoo Resort in Blaine. I'm really looking forward to seeing those who can attend to celebrate our accomplishments, learn new skills and have some fun too!

Thanks so much to the Executive Committee, our Committee Chairs and Committee Members for preparing this event. It's a lot of extra work and it pays off in a really positive experience for learning and professional development as well as getting to know fellow municipal clerks.

For the past decade, the Executive Committee, Conference Planning Committee and Membership Committee have worked hard to make our conferences inclusive and bring new people into the mix early on. We want you to feel welcome whether it's your first time and you don't know anyone, you've gone to a few conferences and know a couple people, or you've gone through the professional development "PD" program and have several "PD buddies" attending.

If you are new to WMCA, please make sure to attend our Meet and Greet on Tuesday night prior to the President's Reception as well as our First Time Attendee Breakfast which is an orientation for those who have not previously attended our conferences. First time conference attendees (not necessarily new clerks) should receive an email prior to conference with information about these events.



2017 Conference Group



2018 Conference Group

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE, CONTINUED

If it's not your first time but you don't know very many members, please reach out to any of the Conference Planning or Membership Committee members. You'll learn who they are at our opening session on Wednesday, March 13. If you would like to go out to dinner after the President's Reception on Tuesday and do not know anyone, please ask when you check in at the registration desk or email me before conference. We will make sure you have someone to hang out with and eat meals with.

As you've read each month this year, the theme during my term is "Don't Sit Out the Dance". Besides attending our educational sessions, please come and stay at our President's Reception on Tuesday night, our auction night dinner followed by dance lessons on Wednesday, and our awards banquet and subsequent dance party on Thursday night. I promise you'll meet new people and some of them might end of being lifelong friends or colleagues you can count on to help you do your job better. And, you might just have some fun when you least expect it! I know you really want to learn the Cupid Shuffle and the truth is, it's actually the same three or four moves repeated through the whole song. So come and learn it!



2015 Conference Dance Lessons



2017 Last Dance

Speaking of the dance party after the banquet, I've gotten to know many clerks over the years and the after party is a great place to learn more about them and mingle! If you don't know how to dance or you're self-conscious, get a table near the dance floor and enjoy the music. Feel free to laugh at and heckle me since I like to dance but I don't do it well! LOL

I also encourage you to visit our vendors during conference breaks and get to know them at our events. They are really supportive of WMCA and their products and services help us do our jobs better. And they're really nice people who actively participate at our conference!

In closing, it's been a pleasure to serve this fabulous organization as President this past year. I've met wonderful people, heard terrific speakers, and learned many new things in my travels. Thank you for giving me that opportunity. As I wrap up my 11th year on the Executive Committee and ratchet down on my WMCA commitments as Past President, I look forward to helping others get involved and take the lead. Think about your passions and areas you would like to participate in and let me or another Executive Committee member know what you're interested in. I had some great mentors who helped me and I'd like to do the same for others. At one time, each of your Executive Committee members did not have experience and we each took that first step. So, let us know what your interests are and.....wait for it.....

Don't Sit Out The Dance!

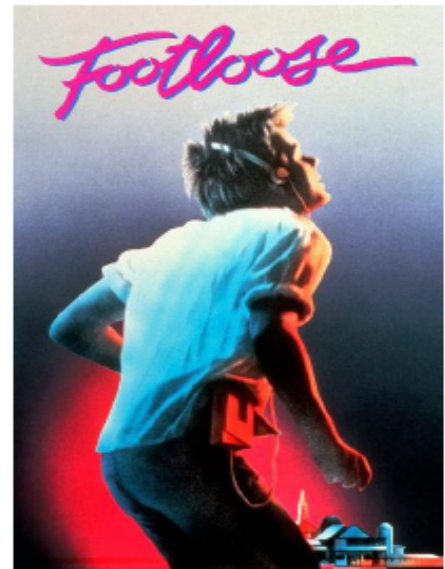


MOVIE NIGHT

Arriving to conference Monday? Join us for...

Movie Night!!

Seating limited to the first 50 people.



Theater Snacks Provided.
Bring your own drinks.



**Monday - 7:00 p.m. in
Discovery Theater**

WMCA CONFERENCE

Reminder – Don't Forget Your 2019 WMCA Conference Auction Items!!

Our annual conference at the beautiful Semiahmoo Resort is just around the corner! We would like to encourage everyone attending the conference to bring at least one auction item. The silent auction will kick off Wednesday, March 13 at noon. Bidding will continue until 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 14. The Live Auction will take place Wednesday evening.

For those of you who will be experiencing your first WMCA Conference, not only are the live and silent auctions our top money makers for scholarship funds, it is a fun way to get involved and have fun meeting new people. Be creative with your auction baskets. There are many popular themes, including Seahawks, spa treatments, gardening, home décor, wine tasting, and many more. Chances are if it's something you enjoy, others will also enjoy. Don't forget the men in your lives – create a "Guy" bucket with outdoor sports items, fishing tackle, bug repellent, hand warmers, wool socks. Perhaps a Poker Night Bucket including snacks. For those of you who would appreciate a little "me" time and have the house to yourself, how about a gas card and gift certificate for a weekend with the guys golfing?



We have some great themes for our live auction baskets: Italian, Tailgate Barbeque, Coffee Lovers, Scentsy, Margarita Night, Emergency Bug Out Bags, Gift Card Bouquet, Children's Books, Movie Night, Pet Bed Extravaganza, Man Cave, and Weekend Getaway. If you are able to contribute something towards one of these baskets, please email Susan or Deb, Fundraising Co-Chairs: susanduncan@cityofferndale.org and deb.estrada@mercergov.org



One Hundred Envelopes

We are introducing a new fundraising event this year: **One Hundred Envelopes**. Envelopes numbered from 1 to 100 will be placed on a bulletin board in the WMCA Store. Simply choose an envelope and place the corresponding amount of money in the envelope. Our goal is to fill all 100 envelopes. If we do, we will raise just over \$5,000! That's a lot of scholarships! This is a great way to donate back to the organization that supports us all so much in our profession. In addition to supporting a great cause, there will be a \$100 raffle drawing for those who contribute. For a donation of \$1-\$25, you will get 1 raffle ticket, for a donation of \$26-\$50 you will receive 5 raffle tickets, and for a donation of over \$50 you will receive 10 raffle tickets.

LET'S GET ALL OF THOSE ENVELOPES FILLED!!!

As usual, we will also have the dollar raffle. Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. The drawing for \$100 will be held at the end of Friday's session. Must be present to win!



SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

The following members were awarded a WMCA General Scholarship to attend the 49th Annual Conference in March at the Semiahmoo Resort in Blaine!

Annual Conference Scholarship Recipients:

Desirae Bearden, Town of Skykomish
Tracy Becht, Mason Transit Authority
Maria DeGoede, Town of La Conner
Linda Hannon, City of Mossyrock
John Millard, City of Tenino
Brandy Rhodes, City of Rainier

Attention Members!

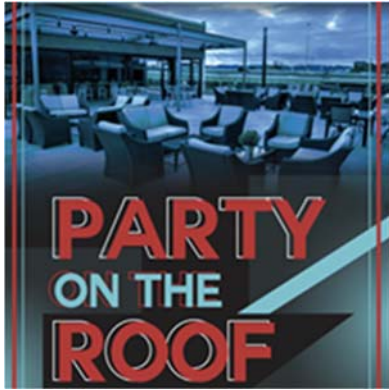
The Executive Committee recently approved changes to the scholarship guidelines document, specifically pertaining to eligibility and the scholarship payment process. You will find the key changes below.

- Mandatory attendance requirement (beginning with the Annual Conference):
 - ◇ Scholarship recipients must attend all sessions.
 - ◇ Accountability Tracking – a scholarship committee member will be assigned to each session/classroom to verify the attendance of scholarship recipients.
 - ◇ After the training/conference is over, attendance sheets will be checked to ensure that each scholarship recipient was in attendance at each session. Once that is verified they will be provided their certificate of attendance via email by the scholarship committee chair.
- Participation on the fundraising committee for the coming year:
 - ◇ Giving back to the committee that provides the funds to support the scholarship program is important to the Association and to the future of our scholarship fund.
 - ◇ Participation can come in a variety of ways; it does not necessarily mean you have to attend conferences in person. Examples of some ways you might be asked to participate are responding to emails from the chair, soliciting donations of cash, auction items, etc., coordination of pre-sales for clothing orders, ticket sales, helping in the WMCA store at conference, etc.
 - ◇ Participation will be verified with the Fundraising Committee Chair.
 - ◇ Non-participation will result in the member being ineligible for a WMCA scholarship for a period of three years.
- WMCA scholarships will be by reimbursement only beginning with the 2019 fiscal year (as of May 1, 2019, beginning with NCI/PD scholarships):
 - ◇ Member will need to pay for their registration costs up front.
 - ◇ After the Institute is over, attendance will be verified with the NCI Director. Once verified the attendee will be provided their certificate of attendance.
 - ◇ The scholarship recipient will complete a form for reimbursement and submit it to the Treasurer, along with their certificate of attendance from the conference/training.

Please visit the scholarship page on our website to review the full scholarship guidelines.



IIMC REGION IX EVENT



Please join us to spend some time with all of the amazing clerks from the **BEST REGION ON THE PLANET** – Region IX Rocks!!! Enjoy food, drinks, door prizes, and great conversation...

Date: Tuesday, May 21, 2019

Time: 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Where: The Southern Kitchen & Bar, 2301 Richard Arrington Jr. Blvd., Suite 300, Birmingham, AL – Rooftop Bar & Patio.

Menu: Cajun Angles (Blackened Bacon Wrapped Gulf Shrimp); Pork Belly Sliders, Easy Caprese, Smoked Turkey Chef Salad, Fresh Fruit Medley, Mac & Cheese, and Key Lime Pie. YUM! No Host Bar will be available.

Cost: \$40/person.



Reservations can be made online at <http://www.wmcaclerks.org>. For your convenience, payment can be made online or by printing and mailing the invoice to Shawn Campbell, no later than April 20, 2019.

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LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Bills of Interest & Upcoming Deadlines

HB 1666	Creating efficiencies in adoption of council-manager government
HB 1696	Prohibiting employers from seeking salary history
HB 1667	Public records bill: changes to JLARC reporting & extension of local records grant program
HB 1537 SB 5246	Sunshine Committee recommendations: changes to PRA exemptions
HB 1538	Sunshine Committee recommendations: changes to PRA exemptions
HB 1692	PRA Exemptions: harassment claims
HB 1782	Extends OPMA to advisory bodies
HB 1888	PRA Exemptions: employee birth dates/payroll deduction info
HB 2019	PRA Exemptions: criminal justice agent
HB 2020	PRA Exemptions: investigative records
SB 5266	Elections re: modifying district plans under Washington Voting Rights Act
SB 5376	Washington Privacy Act - consumer data protection
SB 5784	Concerning public records disclosure of the legislative branch
SB 5787	Public records inspection availability

The 2019 legislative session is well underway, and certain bill deadlines have already begun to occur. These deadlines, which are established each session, require bills to be at a certain stage in the legislative process to continue to be considered and viable in the current year. An important deadline will occur later this month, on March 13, when bills must have passed through the house of origin (House or Senate). Certain bills, those necessary to implement the budget (NTIB), are exempt from this process as are bills related to initiatives.

To learn more about the legislative deadlines and when they occur see the [AWC video](#) and [session cut-off calendar](#).

Additionally, this table is a list of bills that the Legislative Committee have identified as being of interest to Clerks. Use the links to learn more about the bills and see where they are at in the process.

Are you aware of other bills that may have impacts on Clerks? If so, please send them to Co-Chairs Tisha Gieser, tishag@issaquahwa.gov or Debbie Burke, dburke@cityofml.com.

THIS YEAR IN HISTORY

In celebration of WMCA's upcoming 50th Anniversary and 50th Annual Conference, the Historical Committee will be featuring fun facts from our former years in this and upcoming month's newsletters. We hope you enjoy this trip down memory lane!

1986

President: Linda Ruehle, CMC

1st Vice President: Dave Grove, CMC

2nd Vice President: James Neher, CMC

Secretary: Regina Williams, CMC

Treasurer: Debbie Symmonds, CMC

- Annual Dues = \$15.00
- The 1986 Conference was held April 23, 24, and 25 at the Red Lion Inn in Pasco, WA.
- The theme was "BE THE BEST YOU CAN BE...In the Municipal Clerk's Profession" and emphasized Professional Development and education.
- One featured speaker, Herb Robinson, presented materials on "Trust Building," while Pat Schwab addressed the topic of "Leadership Using The Situation Approach." Seems like some things never change.
- A tour of Preston Winery, a Western-Themed auction dinner, a fashion show by Youngs of Pasco, piano recitals, and a dance exhibition of 50's Rock 'n Roll were the featured entertainment.
- In 1986, "The future's so bright, I gotta wear shades" was released by Timbuk3. It was also the year that the UK and France announced the building of the Channel Tunnel, or Chunnel. The Soviet Union launched the Mir Space Station; but, the US experienced the Space Shuttle "Challenger" disaster, and the whole world held its breath while the nuclear reactor at Chernobyl melted down. We were "Addicted to Love" and headed into the "Danger Zone." Ferris Bueller famously took the day off... maybe to celebrate the birth of Lindsay Lohan or the Olsen Twins?
- Heralding the dawn of cyberterrorism, the first PC Virus, "Brain," begins spreading, but at least 5,000,000 people joined hands to form a human chain stretching from New York City to Long Beach in California. The population of the State of Washington increased by 67,980 single births, 1,411 sets of twins, 32 sets of triplets, and 149 births of "unknown" origin. Go figure.
- Ruby Trotter, the City Clerk of Sequim, retired after 25 years with the city. I think this is why the lowest temperature of -48 was recorded at Mazama and Winthrop, WA, on December 30, 1968 and the wettest 24-hour period of 14.26 inches of rain was recorded at Mount Mitchell on November 23-24, 1986.



If you enjoyed this tidbit of WMCA history, please check out all of the current and historical WMCA newsletters on WMCA's website at <http://www.wmcaclerks.org/news>.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Congratulations to our Newest Certified Clerks!

**Christine Brown, CMC, City of Bainbridge Island
Virginia Olsen, MMC, City of Mountlake Terrace**

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If you have any great news to share or ideas for articles for the next edition of the WMCA Newsletter, be sure to email them to Newsletter Committee Chair, Rachel Shaw at rshaw@ci.prosser.wa.us.