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## Join Us in King County for the Annual WACO/WSAC Conference!



Please register today for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual WACO/WSAC Fall Conference, to be held September 30 – October 3 at the Doubletree Hotel at the Seattle Airport. Registrations are also being accepted to join the Certified Public Officials' (CPO) training courses on Tuesday, September 30 (see story, page 4), before opening ceremonies on Wednesday. Several groups will be meeting on Tuesday, in addition to CPO participants, and an icebreaker reception will welcome everyone at 6:00 p.m.

Our conference program just keeps growing! The latest addition is on Wednesday morning, October 1, following the breakfast buffet. The first speaker will be Tony Ventrella, a popular television personality in Seattle for over 20 years. Tony has been a sportscaster for all three of the major network channels in Seattle and is now a co-anchor at Q13 News. He is funny, entertaining and will give everyone more than a little inspiration. Opening ceremonies will follow with King County Executive Ron Sims welcoming everyone to the Seattle area, and some words of wisdom from the WACO and WSAC presidents, Greg Zempel, Kittitas County Prosecutor, and Harold Moss, Pierce County Councilman, respectively. The colors will be presented by the King County Sheriff's Department Honor Guard.

The keynote speaker will be Cam Marston,

who will give a helpful and humorous talk on workplace issues between younger and older colleagues, titled "Conquering the Great Intergenerational Divide".

Luncheon speakers will be National Association of Counties' 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Bill Hansell, Umatilla County (Oregon) Commissioner and John Roskelley, Spokane County Commissioner. Roskelley will show photographs of his journey earlier this year with son, Jess, to the summit of Mt. Everest.

WACO and WSAC members will hold business meetings following lunch on Wednesday and then break into separate meetings for that afternoon and most of Thursday. Please see the conference program which is posted on the WACO and WSAC websites for the latest information on board, affiliate, committee and other joint programs. Friday will offer a WACO/WSAC Business Meeting, adoption of the Tri-Association Legislative Proposal and a workshop of interest to everyone on Tort Liability, a very timely topic.

Social activities will include dinner cruise aboard the famous "Royal Argosy" in Seattle's Elliott Bay on Wednesday evening to honor Greg Zempel and Harold Moss. Following the banquet Thursday night, conference delegates are in for a treat with music and entertainment from favorite icons of the past. You won't believe your eyes!

Most of all, this conference is an opportunity for members from both associations to work on important issues together, become stronger through understanding each others needs, and to help make positive changes in difficult economic times. Please attend this important conference. You can make a difference by being involved in determining what our legislative package will look like next year and in choosing our new leaders.

## County Officials Complete CPO requirements!

During lunch on October 1, at the Joint WACO/WSAC Fall Conference, a special awards ceremony is scheduled to recognize those county officials who have completed the core and elective course requirements for CPO. We hope you will attend this event and help us recognize these officials who have worked to become the first class for this new program.

The CPO program was developed as

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a collaborative partnership with agencies committed to strengthening and promoting the leadership capacity of elected and appointed county officials in Washington State. During these first two years, we have provided our county officials with professional development opportunities that accentuate the vital personal skills and abilities needed to facilitate positive change and innovation within their counties. Successful completion of the educational program components results in public recognition of our officials. Minimum requirements consist of 16 core course credits and 16 elective course credits. To date, nearly 600 county elected officials, administrators or staff, from all 39 counties have taken advantage of the 21 courses which have been offered in locations all over the state.

The five CPO partners: WSAC, WACO, CRAB, WCRP and WSU invite you to join with your colleagues to congratulate and celebrate the accomplishment of these officials at the conference.

Look for more specific upcoming CPO training information on courses being offered at the conference in the Trainings and Upcoming Events section of the Journal.

### Free Census Workshop

The Washington State Employment Security Department and of the Office of Financial Management is sponsoring a free workshop concerning Census 2000 data and its availability, on Wednesday, October 15, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Central Washington University. The workshop is geared toward local government officials and staff. Workshop instructors will explain what census data is available, offer tips on community comparisons and answer questions. Topics are:

#### An overview of Census 2000, including:

- Content and important concepts
- Revised racial and ethnic categories
- Census 2000 geography and how to find maps for your area

- On-line data products for Census 2000 and the 1990 Census

#### Value Added Data and Application:

- Office of Financial Management (OFM) resources
- Using OFM website---Painting the Path
- Beyond the Census: Projections and Estimates
- Social and economic data to frame policy and program decisions.
- The last word in race/ethnicity and minority data issues
- Navigating other popular and valuable websites

**American FactFinder**, the Census Bureau's premier free, on-line resource. You'll learn how to:

- Find data for a specific community or keyword
- Search by address
- Create reference maps to show boundaries and features
- Compare one community with another using demographics
- Produce thematic maps to reveal geographic patterns in statistical data
- Create custom tables
- Save queries
- Use census data for community and business planning

Workshop instructors will be Cam McIntosh, an Information Specialist with the U.S. Census Bureau, and Yi Zhao, State Data Center, with the Office of Financial Management.

For further information and to register for this free workshop, please call Ann Leal at the Washington State Employment Security Department at (360) 438-4800 or e-mail her at [ann.leal@esd.wa.gov](mailto:ann.leal@esd.wa.gov)

**NOTE:** Legislative Committee schedules and agendas can be found at <http://www.leg.wa.gov/wsladm/calendar.cfm>

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## Budget, Finance and Taxes

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### LEOFF 2 Board Meets

When the LEOFF 2 Pension Board met for the first time, two of the three employer representatives were from the county family. Doug Cochran, the Yakima County Administrator and Maureen Morris, Deputy Director of WSAC were appointed by the Governor

to the board. The initiative sponsored by police and firefighters, requires six of the eleven members on the board to represent LEOFF members. The other two members are Legislators.

At the first meeting, the Board was briefed on its responsibilities. The Board decided to hire a temporary

Executive Director and Administrative Assistant to help the Board plan for its long term operations. The Board faces many decisions about administrative matters before it can begin deliberating on benefit issues. TVW covered the Board meeting.

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## Environment, Land Use and Resources

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### Funding Watershed Restoration in the Pacific Northwest

To increase the sustainability of natural resource restoration projects as well as building capacity of watershed planning organizations, the Pacific Northwest Regional Water Quality Program is collaborating with the Environmental Finance Center (Center) at Boise State University to present a satellite conference on Funding Watershed Projects on November 18, 2003.

Over the last two years the Center has held regional workshops in all four Northwestern States to introduce a comprehensive database of natural resource funders. The searchable database, available on their website <http://sspa.boisestate.edu/efc/>, divides funders into federal, state, foundation, and private categories. Organizational funding goals and limitations are included to assist the grant writer with matching project needs to funders' areas of interest.

The Center has developed a new computer-based tool, *Plan2Fund* for assisting the design of long-term projects in order that discrete segments are appropriate for the more usually available short-term funding. The first session of the two-hour satellite conference introduces the software's effectiveness in planning project portions that build on one another facilitating the leveraging of funding to accomplish a

long-term project. Personnel from the Center will develop a scenario encompassing common riparian and stream degradations to demonstrate how the software may be used to transform watershed goals into objectives and tasks, as well as, delineate a project timeline. The remote audiences will have phone, e-mail, and fax access to the studio to ask questions about using *Plan2Fund* for their specific needs.

A grant writer and an evaluator will present in the second segment of the broadcast. They will use the scenario built in the previous hour to guide the participants in creating a sound document that articulates needs and project plans so as to satisfy the requirements of the Request for Proposals. The presenters will be available for participant questions on methods and philosophies of high-quality proposal writing by phone, fax, and e-mail.

The audience this program is designed to reach is watershed councils, planning groups, tribes, and county government planning agencies and natural resource departments. Extension Service staff and faculty and Conservation District personnel are especially invited to participate to increase their capability to assist constituencies in watershed planning efforts.

Call your local Extension office to see if they are hosting, if not, your call may be all that is necessary to have it hosted in your area. For further

information on the broadcast, how and where to find remote sites, please call Jan Seago at 360.786.5445 x 7911 or e-mail [seagoj@wsu.edu](mailto:seagoj@wsu.edu) [<mailto:seagoj@wsu.edu>](mailto:seagoj@wsu.edu). You may also check <http://wawater.wsu.edu>

### Governor directs CTED to appeal Snohomish County's proposed amendments to their Countywide Planning Policies

In a letter September 8 to Martha Choe, Director of CTED, the Governor stated the appeal is necessary because the county's amendments could result in an inappropriate expansion of the urban growth areas, leading to sprawl.

The Snohomish County Council responded with a letter asking the Governor to reconsider his directive. They point out his direction to CTED subverts local control and the rights of Snohomish County citizens to benefit from representative government.

Without having had the opportunity to read the petition for review filed with Central Puget Sound Growth Management Hearing Board, it appears the appeal is based on a concern that the proposed UGA expansion is inconsistent with the 1994 Countywide Planning Policies and their buildable lands report.

As the details unfold, future *Courthouse Journal* articles will expand on the merits of the appeal.

# Training and Upcoming Events

## Mark your Calendars for CPO 2003!

<b>September</b>	<b>Ethical Dilemmas: Integrity as a Tool for Successful Public Officials</b> (Full day Core course – 4 credits)	September 30, SeaTac
	<b>Conducting and Managing Effective Meetings</b> (Half day Elective course – 2 credits)	September 30, SeaTac
<b>October</b>	<b>Making a Difference in County Communication: Speak and Write More Confidently</b> (Full day Elective course – 4 credits)	October 30, Yakima
<b>November</b>	<b>Making a Difference in County Communication: Speak and Write More Confidently</b> (Full day Elective course – 4 credits)	November 6, Fort Worden

**CPO Credit Update:** Your CPO Transcripts have been updated with the 2003 course credits for all classes held to date. If you would like to check your credit totals, request your transcript.

Later this fall we will be sending out a new training needs assessment. This assessment will be very important as we plan the 2004/2005 training calendar. Always, if you have suggestions or comments about the program, please share them with us.

### Register Now - CPO Training – September 30, 2003 – SeaTac Doubletree Hotel

You won't want to miss two CPO courses which are being offered in conjunction with the Second Annual WACO/WSAC Joint Fall Conference. If you are working toward your Certification and have not taken the Ethics course, this will be the last opportunity until 2005.

#### Ethical Dilemmas: Integrity as a Tool for Successful Public Officials – 4 Core Course Credits

During the course of the workshop, you will review the ethical environment within which public officials must function as well as the standards you are expected to meet. This training will provide you, as elected officials and administrators, with an understanding of statutory standards, core principles and give you the ability to apply these principles in your own county.

Evaluation comments from January 2002:

- "I have been attending trainings for years – this was the first topic regarding ethics that I remember – since our county is a true "fishbowl" it had real meaning."
- "The information presented can be used every day."
- "It was great to be able use "real" examples in your own workplace to bounce off other participants in the workshop."

**This program has been approved by the Washington State Bar Association for 5.75 hours of CLE (all Ethics).**

#### Conducting and Managing Effective Meetings – 2 Elective Course Credits

This practical half day workshop will cover the skills needed to ensure that the time you spend in meetings produces positive results. Have you participated in a meeting when a participant exhibited some behaviors that took the meeting off track? The program content will focus on management of people and time and the use of techniques to ensure that your meetings produce real, measurable results.

**This course was identified in the original CPO Training Needs Assessment and has been requested by numerous members of the CPO Partner Associations. Don't miss this opportunity to learn how to REDUCE the amount of time you spend in meetings and still get the results you need.**

For more detailed course, schedule and registration information you can check the WACO or WSAC web site or contact dharris@wacounties.org.

#### Workshop focuses on protecting essential records

Secretary of State Sam Reed has announced a series of workshops to help local governments prepare for natural disasters and other emergencies. Through the sessions, employees will learn to better protect essential public records.

The Essential Records Protection and Disaster Preparedness workshop will be held in 11 cities statewide from September 9, 2003 to December 17, 2003.

View the registration brochure at the State Archives website: <http://www.secstate.wa.gov/archives/> or for more information call 360.650.7930

## **Training and Upcoming Events (continued)**

<b>Training or Workshop</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Information</b>
<b>SEPTEMBER 2003</b>			
CPO Training - Ethical Dilemmas: Integrity as a Tool for Successful Public Officials	SeaTac	September 30	(360) 753-1886
<b>OCTOBER 2003</b>			
Washington Forest Protection Association Annual Meeting	Sheraton Tacoma Hotel, Tacoma	October 23	info@wfpa.org
Brownfields 2003: Growing a Greener America	Portland, OR	October 27-29	www.brownfields2003.org
<b>NOVEMBER 2003</b>			
CPO Training - Making a Difference in County Communications: Speak and Write More Confidently	TBD	November 6	(360) 753-1886
Medicolegal Death Investigations Training	Details will be mailed	November 17-21	Kathie at (360) 753-7319
<b>JANUARY 2004</b>			
WCRP Training Liability Issues re: supervision in probation, early release and pre-sentencing	Skamania Lodge, Stevenson	January 20 - 22	Kitty at (360) 586-7447
<b>APRIL 2004</b>			
WAPA Spring Training Program	Spokane	April 21-23	(360) 753-2175

### **Register Now for Cascade Center Course in Olympia**

If you have not yet done so, there is still time to register for the upcoming Cascade Center course, "Managing People to Improve Programs" to be offered in Olympia, October 20-24, 2003. The course will be taught by Cascade Center founder Jon Brock. If you are one of the 25 people who have already registered for the course, we thank you and look forward to seeing you next month! If you've considered attending this course, but haven't yet registered, there is still time to do so. You can register on-line for this course right at <http://depts.washington.edu/uwevans/forms/cascade/registration/2003/regform.pdf>

To learn more about the "Managing People to Improve Programs" course, including a course description, learning objectives, and to see Jon Brock's complete biography, please visit [http://www.cascadecourses.org/courses/5\\_Day\\_Courses.html#People](http://www.cascadecourses.org/courses/5_Day_Courses.html#People)

If you are a member of *Seattle Management Association, Washington City/County Management Association, Washington City Planning Directors Association, Washington Finance Officers Association, Washington Public Ports Association* or the *Washington State Association of County and Regional Planning Directors*, special scholarship funds may be available for you through your organization.

We appreciate the participation of many of you in the Olympia area and thank you for your ongoing support. Our remaining 2003 courses and complete 2004 course schedule are available at <http://www.cascadecourses.org/courses/Series-Schedule.html> Please call 206-685-0523 if you have any questions, or e-mail [cascade@u.washington.edu](mailto:cascade@u.washington.edu) for more information.

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## Good Things

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### **Doomed time capsule saved Aberdeen to receive 1909 keepsakes**

Secretary of State Sam Reed presented the Aberdeen School District the last week of August with the contents of a 1909 time capsule once thought to be destroyed. The time capsule, filled with 93-year-old photos, newspapers, and maps, is intact despite 18 months of exposure to Washington weather conditions.

"When we first opened this time capsule, we pulled out literally a wet wad of paper," said Reed. "Today, thanks to the work of archivists, we can return a piece of Aberdeen history to the Aberdeen School District."

Members of the Free and Accepted Masons buried the time capsule in the cornerstone of the J.M. Weatherwax Building - Aberdeen's first high school - back on Nov. 5, 1909.

But in 2002, arson destroyed the 93-year-old landmark, the oldest of 9 buildings on campus and home to more

than half of the school's classrooms and the library. On July 26, 2003 - just before the building's structure was scheduled to be demolished, the Masons removed the time capsule.

Last month, Reed opened the time capsule to find a wad of water-damaged, unrecognizable papers.

The 12-inch time capsule was sent to the Washington State Archives in Olympia, where the block of papers sat in a freeze dryer for two weeks before archivists could begin pulling off century-old newspapers, photos and postcards one sheet at a time.

The salvaged items include the November 5, 1909 edition of *The Aberdeen Tribune*, several copies of the high school newspaper *Ocean Breezes*, and postcards of Aberdeen's ports, city streets, and the Humptulips River.

The water-damaged items spent weeks between acid-free folders in a temperature-controlled room to remove every last bit of moisture before they were returned to Aberdeen. The

Aberdeen School District will display a few items from the time capsule in the new school's lobby and donate the rest to the Aberdeen Museum of History.

"Our community lost so much in the fire - our library, student-painted murals and every annual printed and trophy won since 1909," said Superintendent of Aberdeen Schools Marty Kay. "We are so grateful that archivists could preserve the time capsule and we can bring a little piece of Weatherwax to our new campus building."

Some items, however, could not be preserved. Water destroyed silver-based photographs, including those of Indian Princesses "Taholah" of Quinalt and "Angeline." Mold disintegrated paper fibers in a few of the newspapers resulting in dry, brittle paper that broke apart when touched.

The copper time capsule was damaged while in the school's cornerstone, allowing moisture inside. Archivists suspect a drill pierced the box causing a 1-inch hole in the side.

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## Association News

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### **Position open on Board of NACo Western Interstate Region**

WSAC is seeking letters of interest from commissioners or councilmembers to represent Washington for position one on the Board of the Western Interstate

Region (WIR) of NACo. WIR focuses on issues of special import to western states, from the Dakotas to the Pacific Coast.

Washington is currently represented on the WIR Board by Klickitat County Commissioner Joan Frey and by Kitsap

County Commissioner Chris Endresen, who just joined the WIR Board.

The WSAC Bylaws call for election of the WIR representative annually at the fall legislative conference. Please send a brief letter or e-mail expressing your interest to Bill Vogler at WSAC.

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## Courthouse Ramblings

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Our deepest sympathies to the members of the Spokane County Sheriff's department and the family of Deputy James Slater, 41, who died August 29 after suffering head injuries in a car accident. Slater is the first Spokane County deputy to die in the line of duty in more than 20 years. He had been on the sheriff's department for two years, following a 22-year career in the Marines, and leaves behind a wife and two daughters. Slater's patrol car left the road, struck a wooden pole head-on, then

rolled for 60 to 70 feet as he was responding to a back up call involving a stolen car.

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Columbia County Commissioners have named Chris Miller as the new county assessor. She takes over the unexpired term of Bob Carlton, who resigned to take a position in Lacey. Chris has worked in the assessor's office for the past 12 years.

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Fall is here, the yellow buses are on the

road again, and one day those kids will be eligible for a Washington Counties Scholarship. Let's make sure there will be something in the pencil box by donating now to the Fund. The county, department, region or affiliate which contributes the most will receive recognition at the Joint Conference banquet. Make checks payable to "Washington Counties Scholarship Fund" and mail to: 206 10th Ave SE, Olympia, WA 98501. *Be sure to include your name and county, etc.*

## Calendar of Events

<i>Meeting</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Information</i>
<b>2003</b>			
County & Regional Planning Directors/City Planning Directors Joint Conference	Campbell's Resort, Chelan	September 9 - 12	www.geocities.com/wsacrpd
WSAC Fall Eastern District Meeting	Marcus Whitman Center, Walla Walla	September 11 - 12	(360) 753-1886
Association of County Human Services (ACHS)	Moses Lake	September 17 - 19	(360) 786-5585
WCIF/WCIP Insurance Advisory Committee 2004 Renewal Meeting, WCIP and WCIF Board of Directors	WestCoast Hotel, SeaTac	September 18	(360) 586-0466
Washington Association of County Treasurers' Legislative Meeting	Summit Inn, Snoqualmie Pass	September 22 - 23	(360) 753-7319
Washington State Emergency Management Association (WSEMA) Fall Conference	Red Lion Hotel, Pasco	September 23 - 24	John Scheer at jscheer@co.franklin.wa.us
WACO/WSAC Joint Fall Conference	DoubleTree Hotel Seattle Airport	September 30 - October 3	(360) 753-7319
WCIF Board of Trustees	DoubleTree Hotel, SeaTac	October 1	(360) 586-0466
WCIF/WCIP A.C.E. Committee Meeting	Yakima	October 15	(360) 586-0466
L & I Retro Fall Meeting	TBD	October 16	(360) 753-1886
WCRP Autumn Board Meeting	Heathman Lodge, Vancouver	November 6, 2003	Kitty at (360) 586-7447
WSAC Fall Western District Meeting	Fort Worden State Park	November 7	(360) 753-1886
WASPC Fall Conference	Campbell's Resort, Chelan	November 17 - 20	(360) 486-2380
Association of County Human Services (ACHS)	Seattle	November 19 - 21	(360) 786-5585
<b>2004</b>			
WSAC Legislative Rally	Olympia	February 5	(360) 753-1886
NACo Legislative Conference	Hilton Washington & Towers, Washington, DC	February 27 - March 2	www.naco.org
WSAC Spring Eastern District Meeting	Campbell's Resort, Chelan	April 8 - 9	(360) 753-1886
WCRP Spring Board Meeting	Icicle Inn, Leavenworth	April 15	Kitty at (360) 586-7447
WSAC Spring Western District Meeting	Heathman Lodge, Vancouver	April 22 - 23	(360) 753-1886
WASPC Spring Conference	Yakima Convention Center, Yakima	May 24 - 27	(360) 486-2380

## **Calendar of Events (continued)**

National Sheriffs' Association	Seattle	June (TBD)	www.sheriffs.org
County Clerk's Association 2004 Summer Conference	Bonneville Hot Springs Resort, Skamania County	June 22 - 25	(360) 753-7319
WSAC 98 <sup>th</sup> Annual Summer Convention	Pierce County, Sheraton, Tacoma	June 22 - 25	(360) 753-1886
WAPA Summer Conference	Chelan	June 23 - 25	(360) 753-2175
NACo Annual Conference	Maricopa County, Phoenix, AZ	July 16 - 20	www.naco.org
County & Regional Planning Directors/City Planning Directors Joint Conference	Campbell's Resort, Chelan	September 14 - 17	www.geocities.com/wsacrpdc
WACO/WSAC Joint Fall Conference	Spokane	October 4 - 8	(360) 753-7319
WASPC Fall Conference	Shilo Inn, Ocean Shores	November 15 - 18	(360) 486-2380
<b>2005</b>			
NACo Legislative Conference	Marriot Wardman Park Hotel, Washington, DC	March 3 - 4	www.naco.org
WASPC Spring Conference	WestCoast Wenatchee Center Hotel, Wenatchee	May 23 - 26	(360) 486-2380
WSAC 99 <sup>th</sup> Annual Summer Convention	WestCoast Hotel at Columbia Center, Kennewick	June 13 - 16	(360) 753-1886
WAPA Summer Conference	Chelan	June 22 - 24	(360) 753-2175
NACo Annual Conference (City & County of Hawaii)	Honolulu, HI	July 15 - 19	www.naco.org
County & Regional Planning Directors/City Planning Directors Joint Conference	Campbell's Resort, Chelan	September 13 - 16	www.geocities.com/wsacrpdc
WACO/WSAC Joint Fall Conference	Ocean Shores	October 3 - 7	(360) 753-7319
<b>2006</b>			
WSAC 100 <sup>th</sup> Annual Summer Convention	TBD	June TBD	(360) 753-1886
NACo Annual Conference	Denver, CO	July 21 - 26	www.naco.org
<b>2007</b>			
NACo Annual Conference (Sponsored by the counties in the Metropolitan Richmond Area)	Richmond, VA	TBD	www.naco.org