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See You
at
SeaTac

WACO/WSAC Joint Conference Reminder!

Pack your bags and gas-up the car! The 2nd Annual Joint WACO/WSAC Fall Conference is this coming week at the DoubleTree SeaTac Hotel. All staff efforts are directed at finishing the preparations to make this conference a great one so this edition of the Courthouse Journal will include only the conference program and recent election results. Normal publication will resume on October 9. See you in SeaTac and remember, it is never too late to register!

Senior WSAC Member Suffers Loss in Primary Election

King County Councilmember, Cynthia Sullivan (D), was defeated in a close primary election last week ending a 20 years on the King County Council. Sullivan, Chair of the county council, was first elected in 1983 and is the senior member within WSAC. She was defeated by Bob Ferguson (D). Ferguson will replace Sullivan beginning next January.

In other election returns Grays Harbor Commissioner Al Carter (D) won a special election against three other Democrats. He was appointed earlier this year to replace Dan Woods who had resigned. Another appointed commissioner, Dennis Bly from Lincoln County won his primary against a single Republican opponent. He was appointed to replace Bill Graedel. Both members will be elected in the general election with no opponent from the opposite party.

In other races affecting WSAC members Mark Rose (D) will oppose Pat Rodgers (R) in Jefferson County in the general election. This position is open because Wendi Wrinkle was elected last year, but resigned this Spring and the appointed commissioner, Judi Mackey chose not to file for the remaining term.

Other contested races for WSAC members that will go to the general election ballot are incumbent Steve Tharinger (D) and challenger

Sue Forde (R) in Jefferson; incumbent Dow Constantine (D) and Michael Nelson (L) in King County; incumbent Steve Hammond (R), who was appointed to replace Kent Pullen when he died earlier this year, will be opposed by Barbara Heavey (D) in King County; incumbent David Irons (R) will be opposed by former King County Councilmember Brian Derdowski (D); incumbent Bruce Coe (R), who replaced Bill Hinkle when he was elected to the Legislature last year, will be opposed by David Gerth (D) in Kittitas County; incumbent Gary Nelson (R) will be opposed by D.J. Wilson (D) in Snohomish County.

In the Executive's race in Snohomish County State Senator Aaron Reardon (D) will be opposed by Dave Earling (R). Bob Drewel is the incumbent and is term limited by the county charter.

In Whatcom County the positions are non-partisan. Incumbent Dan McShane will be opposed by two opponents, Kerry Chappel and Chuck Lind. Incumbent Sam Crawford will be opposed by Kike Kaufman.

A complete list of the unofficial election returns are attached with the *Courthouse Journal*.

WACO/WSAC Fall Conference September 30 - October 3, 2003 Doubletree Hotel, Seattle Airport

Tuesday, September 30

7:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Registration Desk Open	Grand Foyer
8:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.	CPO Core Course "Ethical Dilemmas: Integrity as a Tool for Successful Public Officials"	Evergreen 3-4
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Mike Gaffney</i>, Assistant Director of the Program for Government Studies and Services, Washington State University 	
9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.	Luncheon for CPO Registrants Only	Evergreen 1
	CPO Elective "Managing Effective Meetings"	Cascade 11
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Stephany Bruell</i>, Management Consultant 	
Noon - 1:30 p.m.	WACO Board of Trustees' Luncheon Meeting	Cascade 12
1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Washington Association of County Commissioner/ Council Clerks Executive Board Meeting	Cascade 1
1:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Washington State Association of County Clerks' Business Meeting	Cascade 11
1:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Washington State Association of County Treasurers' Meeting	Evergreen 2
3:45 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Election Administration and Certification Board Meeting	Cascade 12
4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.	WSAC Timber County Meeting	Evergreen 1
4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	WACO/WSAC Joint Board Meeting	Evergreen 3-4
6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.	Icebreaker Reception	Maxi's (top floor)
	Dinner on Own	

Wednesday, October 1

7:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Registration Desk Open	Grand Foyer
7:00 a.m. - 9:15 a.m.	WSAC Board Breakfast Meeting	Cascade 13
7:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.	Washington Counties Insurance Fund Board Meeting	Evergreen 1
7:45 a.m.	WACO/WSAC Buffet Breakfast	Grand 1-2
8:30 a.m. - 9:15 a.m.	"Humor in the Workplace"	Grand 1-2
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Neal Sofian</i>, CEO, The NewSof Group 	
8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.	Washington State Association of County Engineers' Executive Board Meeting	Cascade 1-2
9:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.	Opening Ceremonies	Grand 1-2
	Presentation of Colors	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Honor Guard</i>, King County Sheriff's Department 	
	Welcome	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Ron Sims</i>, King County Executive 	
	Remarks from the Presidents and Presentation of Joint Legislative Package	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Greg Zempel</i>, WACO President Kittitas County Prosecutor • <i>Harold Moss</i>, WSAC President Pierce County Councilmember 	
10:00 a.m. - noon	Keynote Address	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Cam Marston</i>, Consultant, "Conquering the Great Intergenerational Divide" 	
10:45 a.m.	Break	Northwest Ballroom

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Bill Hansell</i>, NACo 1st Vice President and Umatilla County (Oregon) Commissioner • <i>John Roskelley</i>, Spokane County Commissioner "To the Top of Everest" • Certified Public Official (CPO) Graduation • Introduction of Exhibitor Fair Participants 	
1:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.	Washington State Association of County Engineers' Business Meeting	<i>Evergreen 2</i>
1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.	WACO Business Meeting	<i>Grand 1</i>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • President's Opening Remarks - <i>Greg Zempel</i> • Nomination of Officers • Nomination Speeches • Financial Report • WACO Polls Open 	
1:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.	WSAC Business Meeting	<i>Evergreen 4</i>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nomination of Officers 	
1:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Exhibitor Fair	<i>Northwest Ballroom</i>
2:00 p.m. - 2:45 p.m.	WSAC Urban County Caucus Meeting	<i>Cascade 12</i>
2:00 p.m. - 2:45 p.m.	WSAC Rural Issues Subcommittee Meeting	<i>Cascade 9</i>
2:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.	WACO Affiliate Meetings	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assessors • Auditors • Clerks • Coroners/Medical Examiners • Sheriffs • Treasurers 	<i>Cascade 5-6</i> <i>Evergreen 1</i> <i>Cascade 1-2</i> <i>Cascade 13</i> <i>Cascade 7</i> <i>Cascade 11</i> <i>Evergreen 3</i>
2:45 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.	WSAC Legislative Steering Committee Meeting	<i>Evergreen 3</i>
2:45 p.m.	Break	<i>Northwest Ballroom</i>
3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.	Washington Association of Prosecuting Attorneys' (WAPA) Board Meeting	<i>Suite 1363</i>
5:00 p.m. sharp	Motor Coaches Leave Doubletree Hotel for Dinner Cruise (back parking lot, beyond glass elevators)	
5:30 p.m.	Board the Royal Argosy Ship - Pier 56	
6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	Presidents' Dinner Cruise Honoring Greg Zempel, WACO President and Harold Moss, WSAC President	

Thursday, October 2

7:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Registration Desk Open	<i>Cascade 12</i>
	Presentation of Affiliate Legislative Recommendations	
7:30 a.m.	Continental Breakfast	<i>Grand 3</i>
8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Exhibitor Fair	<i>Northwest Ballroom</i>
8:30 a.m. - noon	WSAC Legislative Program	
<i>Grand 2</i>		

How the State Legislature Really Works: An Insider View (8:30)

- *Jeannette Hayner*, Former Majority Leader, Washington State Senate
- *Joe King*, Former Speaker, Washington State House of Representatives

How to Succeed at the Legislature: The Lobbyist Perspective (9:30)

- *Gary Chandler*, Vice President, Governmental Affairs Association of Washington Business
- *Mike Ryberd*, Contract Lobbyist
- *George Walk*, Pierce County Government Relations

What the 2004 Session is Really About (10:15)

- *Peter Callaghan*, Tacoma News-Tribune
- *Tom Banse*, National Public Radio
- *Angela Galloway*, Seattle Post-Intelligencer

Presentation of WSAC Legislative Package (11:00)

- *Leo Bowman*, Benton County Commissioner and Co-Chair Legislative Steering Committee
 - *Darcie Nielsen*, San Juan County Commissioner and Co-Chair Legislative Steering Committee
 - *Mary Hunt*, Douglas County Commissioner and Chair, Rural Issues Subcommittee
- Washington State Association of County and Regional Planning Directors

8:30 a.m. - noon
Cascade 9

9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

WACO Affiliate Meetings

- Assessors
- Auditors
- Clerks
- Coroners/Medical Examiners
- Prosecutors
- Treasurers

Cascade 5-6
Evergreen 1
Evergreen 3
Cascade 1-2
Evergreen 4
Cascade 11



10:00 a.m.

Break **(This coffee service sponsored by Waste Management)**

Northwest Ballroom

Noon - 1:30 p.m.
1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Luncheon in Exhibitor Hall

Washington State Association of County Engineers' Business Meeting
WACO Polls Close

Northwest Ballroom
Evergreen 2

1:30 p.m.
1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

WSAC Session: Putting a Legislative Approach in Place - An Open Forum on Counties and Annexation in the 2004 Session

Grand 2

- Moderator: *Enid Layes*, Consultant and Former Business Lobbyist
- Perspectives from:
- *Dave Williams*, Municipal Policy Associate Association of Washington Cities

- *Larry Stout*, Assistant Director, Washington Association of Realtors
- *Tim Trobimovich*, Planning Director 1000 Friends of Washington

Followed by discussion and debate of the above issues with the WSAC membership

3:00 p.m.
3:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
3:15 p.m.

Break
Washington County Administrative Association Meeting

Northwest Ballroom
Cascade 8
Grand 2

WSAC Business Meeting

- WSDOT Project Excellence Awards
- Election of Officers
- Adoption of 2004 Budget
- Adoption of Legislative Package

4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

WACO Business Meeting

Grand 1

- President's Report - Greg Zempel
- Adoption of 2004 Legislative Package
- Election Results
- Other Business

6:00 p.m.

WACO/WSAC Banquet

Grand 3

- Installation of WACO and WSAC Officers
- Awards
- Entertainment - "Music From Your Legendary Favorites"

Friday, October 3

8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.

WACO/WSAC Breakfast Buffet and Business Meeting

Grand 3

- Adoption of Tri-Association Legislative Proposal
- 2006 and 2007 Conference Selection
- Closing Remarks from New Presidents

***(The coffee service sponsored by
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9:00 a.m. - noon

WACO/WSAC Workshop on Tort Liability

This session will update elected county officials on developments in civil liability law and the Legislature's approaches to reforming what has become a troubling burden that threatens the ability of local government to effectively provide basic public services. Questions and comments from the audience are encouraged.

- Moderator: *Marty Brown*, Director, Office of Financial Management
- *Dale Brandland*, Washington State Senate
- *Patricia Lantz*, Washington State House of Representatives
- *Ron Zirkle*, Yakima County Prosecuting Attorney
- *Larry Shannon*, Washington State Trial Lawyers Association
- *John Crawford*, Executive Director, Washington Counties Risk Pool

Noon

Adjourn