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2001 Spring Conference

We will be returning to Skamania Lodge, one of the most popular sites for WSAMA conferences, in the spring of 2001. The exact dates are May 2-4, 2001. We have negotiated what we believe to be fairly reasonable room rates for such an outstanding facility, Forest View rooms for \$99 and River View rooms for \$139. We also will reserve a block of rooms at a lower rate at the Best Western Columbia River Inn, which is about four miles away and is also an excellent facility, as an alternative or for overflow.

There will be complete details in early February, with hotel and conference registration forms in the next *WSAMA News*.

New Municipal Attorney Seminar

We held our first ever seminar for new municipal attorneys in conjunction with the fall conference in Spokane. It was attended by about 40 attorneys with varying degrees of exposure to municipal law, but primarily by attorneys with less than two years experience in this field. The feedback from attendees was very positive, and so we will hold a second identical seminar in conjunction with the WSAMA conference at Skamania Lodge in May.

The format for this seminar will be a four-hour session Wednesday afternoon, May 2, preceding the regular WSAMA conference. There will be no additional charge for this seminar. So if you or an attorney in your office are relatively new to the practice of municipal law, or if you feel that an overview of municipal law could be helpful, then plan to attend this session at Skamania Lodge, from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on May 2.

Topic Suggestions!

At this time, we need your suggestions for what topics to include on the agenda for the spring conference. A *Request Form for Topics* is included with this newsletter. Please return this form by *January 5* to one of the topic committee chairs listed below. The topics committees rely on these suggestions for most of the topics selected, so your suggestions are crucial if the

conference is to be a success. Topics in the areas of criminal and civil law are needed. If you are willing to be a speaker on a topic, please let indicate this on the topics form since we primarily utilize WSAMA members on our program.

Send in your topic suggestions to the following:

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CLE Credits and Future WSAMA Conference Dates and Locations

Enclosed is a list of CLE credits for WSAMA conferences from 1998 to 2000 to assist in filling out the required Washington State Bar Association forms. Also, the dates and locations of future WSAMA conferences for the next two years are listed.

Enjoy the holiday season – and send in topic suggestions by *January 5, 2001!*

Job Announcements

See enclosures from Federal Way.

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