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Topics for Fall Conference!

The time to start preparing for the fall WSAMA conference begins as soon as the spring conference ends and so it is time to begin collecting topic and speaker suggestions. The fall conference will be at Campbell's Resort on Lake Chelan on October 3-5, 2001. This is a popular location for the fall conference since Chelan in October is usually very pleasant. More information on the conference itself will be in the next WSAMA News but please send in your topic suggestions now.

The Request Form for Topics and Speakers is included in this mailing and also can be found on the WSAMA Web page. Send in your criminal topics suggestions to:

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WSAMA Listserv

The WSAMA listserv or group e-mail is up and running as most of you are already aware. All WSAMA members who have e-mail addresses were automatically enrolled in the listserv with the option to unsubscribe. Then five

subgroups were established on more specialized topics: land use, telecommunications, personnel, public works and construction, and criminal law. There were a few inevitable opening glitches but generally this program has gone very well and promises to be a valuable communication tool for WSAMA members.

There is an enclosure in this mailing with more information about the WSAMA Listserv program. If you have already enrolled in one or more of the topic subgroups, you do not need to enroll again. If you have any questions about the listserv, you can contact Donita Mowers at dmowers@mrsc.org.

Election of New Officers

The WSAMA officers for the year 2000-01 were elected at the business meeting:

- **President** - Robin Jenkinson, City Attorney of Tacoma
- **First Vice-President** - Judy Zeider, Senior Asst. City Attorney of Vancouver
- **Second Vice-President** - Gail Gorud, City Attorney of Kirkland

Mike Finkle, Seattle Law Department, will serve as Immediate Past President.

The following new board members were elected to the WSAMA Board of Directors:

- Londi Lindell, City Attorney of Mercer Island
- Michael Weight, City Attorney of Bothell

In addition, the following current board members will continue to serve for the 2000-2001 year:

- Cynthia McMullen, City Attorney of Medical Lake
- James Pidduck, City Attorney of Ellensburg
- Larry Warren, City Attorney of Renton
- Chuck Zimmerman, City Attorney of Brewster, Bridgeport, Chelan, East Wenatchee, Pomeroy and Rock Island

Ernest Campbell Award

There were two recipients for the Ernest Campbell Award for excellence in the practice of municipal law this year. One award went to James Sloane, who has served as city attorney for Spokane since 1978 and also served as President of WSAMA in 1984-85. The award was presented at the WSAMA luncheon in Skamania by Larry Winner, Senior City Attorney in Spokane, who noted the many accomplishments of Jim Sloane while serving as city attorney of Spokane. Jim is continuing to practice in the field of municipal law by serving of counsel in the Spokane office of Perkins Coie.

The other award was made posthumously to Ralph Thomas, who served as city attorney of Kirkland for 31 years and who helped preserve Kirkland's small town

character and create many of its waterfront parks. Ralph passed away in January, 2000 before this award could be made and so it was presented to his widow Barbara. Ralph really was one of the founding fathers of WSAMA, serving as President in 1975-76, and guided this organization in its early years.

Both of these individuals are city attorneys who have served with great distinction and integrity and are worthy recipients of this honorary award.

New Municipal Attorney Seminar

The second new municipal attorney seminar was held Wednesday afternoon prior to the main WSAMA conference at Skamania Lodge and there were over 50 attendees. The feedback was very positive. It is not the intention to hold these seminars in conjunction with every conference and there will not be a new municipal attorney seminar at the fall conference in Chelan, although it is anticipated that this seminar will be repeated in the future. It may be that a variation of this concept will be tried also at a future conference, such as an additional Wednesday afternoon seminar on a specialized subject, such as Land Use or Personnel law, so watch for more information in the future about this type of program.

***Reserve October 3-5, 2001
for the fall conference in Chelan and
send in your topic suggestions!***

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