



# WSAMA News

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## 2004 Fall Conference Edition

**Where:** Campbell's Resort on Lake Chelan

**When:** October 6-8, 2004

**Hotel Room Block Cut-Off:** September 6

**Hotel Reservation Number:** 1-800-553-8225, Ext. 1

## Conference and Hotel Registration

The fall WSAMA conference will return to Campbell's Resort on Lake Chelan. It has been one of our more popular conference locations over the years. All of the guest rooms have a lake view. The New Municipal Attorney Seminar will also be offered on Wednesday afternoon, October 6, from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. for no additional charge.

The materials needed to register for this conference are available on the WSAMA Web site at [www.wsama.org](http://www.wsama.org).

- ★ Preliminary Agenda
- ★ WSAMA Conference Registration Form
- ★ Optional Golf Scramble Form
- ★ New Municipal Attorney Seminar Agenda

Conference attendees should make their own hotel reservations directly with Campbell's Resort at the following toll-free number: 1-800-553-8225 Ext. 1.

The room rate for this conference will be \$92 for a standard room and \$102 for deluxe for either single or double occupancy. This rate is only guaranteed until **September 6**, so please make your room reservations early. Also be sure to identify yourself as an attendee at the WSAMA conference to obtain the reduced room rate.

## Program Highlights

We will meet in the usual all-day Thursday and one-half day Friday format for this conference.

As usual, we try to cover as many facets of municipal law as possible with a mix of basic nuts and bolts topics along with some more specialized areas of the law. This conference will feature, among other topics, an overview of First Amendment and public forum issues, an open government forum, an introduction to intellectual property rights for municipal attorneys, and a look at some non-traditional methods of nuisance enforcement. Also, most of the major areas of municipal law will be highlighted with updates in tort law, criminal law, construction contract law, personnel law, and collective bargaining and PERC. Attendees will qualify for one hour of ethics.

We will have the usual concurrent criminal track on Thursday afternoon. Presentations will be made on the hearsay rule and DV prosecution after *Crawford*, conducting forced medication hearings in competency restoration proceedings, and a detailed overview of recent key cases at both the state and federal level.

We have requested 9.75 hours of total CLE credits for this conference, which will include one hour of ethics for most attendees. The Washington State Bar Association has changed the method they use to compute CLE hours and so we no longer receive credit for break time. This is the reason that the number of CLE credits for this conference is not as great as for past conferences even though our time in session is the same.

## Social Highlights!

There will be a welcome reception on Wednesday evening and also a hosted reception Thursday evening for attendees. We want to thank our sponsors who make our receptions possible: Kenyon Disend; Foster Pepper & Shefelman; Ogden Murphy Wallace; and Preston Gates & Ellis.

There will also be a lunch on Thursday. In addition, there will be the usual continental breakfast on Thursday and a **full course breakfast** on Friday morning.

## New Municipal Attorney Training Seminar

The new municipal attorney training seminar will be held on Wednesday afternoon, October 6, from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., preceding the main conference. It is the intent of the board to repeat this seminar periodically for the benefit of new, or relatively new, practitioners in the area of municipal law.

While the seminar is primarily for newer municipal attorneys, it is open to any WSAMA member who wishes to attend. It will provide a very brief overview of the principal subjects of municipal law, with an emphasis on providing direction to resources where additional information may be obtained, since it is impossible to cover all these topics in any depth in such a short time period.

There is no additional cost for attendance at this seminar, but please mark the WSAMA registration form if you plan to attend. If there are municipal attorneys in your office who desire to attend just this portion of the conference, mark that on the registration form and send it back to MRSC and there will be no charge.

Enclosed is a list of topics for this portion of the program. A manual for new attorneys containing additional written information on each topic will be distributed to seminar attendees.

## New Location for WSAMA Web Site!!!

WSAMA now has its own Web site, which was formerly housed on the Web site of the Municipal Research and Services Center. It is located at [www.wsama.org](http://www.wsama.org).

Note that the WSAMA directory of members is now available online. Information can be searched instantly by name of the member, name of the agency, or name of the city. The membership renewal form is also available online.

The WSAMA Web site is still in the development stages. Check it out and let us know what other information would be helpful to have available on the Web site.

## WSAMA Officers for 2004-05

The WSAMA officers for the 2004-05 year were elected at the annual business meeting on Friday, May 14 at Semiahmoo Resort:

- ★ President – Chuck Zimmerman, City Attorney of Brewster, Bridgeport, East Wenatchee, Pomeroy, and Rock Island
- ★ First Vice-President – Cynthia McMullen, City Attorney of Medical Lake
- ★ Second Vice-President – James Pidduck, City Attorney of Ellensburg
- ★ Gail Gorud will serve as Immediate Past President

The following new board member was elected:

- ★ Bruce Disend, City Attorney of Sammamish, Duvall, and Maple Valley

The following board members will continue to serve for the year 2004-05 year:

- ★ Londi Lindell, City Attorney of Mercer Island
- ★ Cynthia Martinez, City Prosecutor of Yakima
- ★ Larry Warren, City Attorney of Renton
- ★ Michael Weight, City Attorney of Bothell
- ★ Heidi Wachter, City Attorney of Lakewood

If you need to contact any of the board members, their phone number and e-mail addresses can be found on the WSAMA Web site, located at [www.wsama.org](http://www.wsama.org), in the membership directory.

## Conference Questions???

If you have any questions about the fall conference in Chelan, contact either Donita Mowers or Patrick Mason at the Municipal Research and Services Center:

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