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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE POSITION #5, 6 OR 7

Jay Burney; Assistant City Manager; City of Olympia

I am honored to be considered for the WCIA Executive Committee. I have been with the City of Olympia for nineteen years, ten of which as the Assistant City Manager and Risk Manager. I currently serve on the Executive Committee, and for the past three years, I have been the Chair of the WCIA Risk Reduction Grant Committee, providing grants to cities to aid in minimizing risks and safety concerns.

My experience serving on an elected Board includes six years on the Executive Board of the Washington State Chapter of the American Public Works Association, serving one year as President of the Chapter.

I am extremely impressed with the strategic direction and support provided by WCIA to its members, and I hope to help the pool sustain its member services and affordable coverage into the future. I thank you for your consideration.



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Paul Ellis; City Administrator; City of Arlington

I am honored to be considered for the WCIA Executive Committee. I am a strong believer in the fiscal health of WCIA and the collaborative work of the board and all the subcommittees. I have served as a member of the Loss Control Committee for two years, working with the other committee members and WCIA staff on policy revisions and risk reduction.

I have served in municipal government for 28 years, the last four as the City Administrator for the City of Arlington.

Thank you for your consideration.



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Arlene Fisher; City Manager; City of Union Gap

I am honored to ask for your support in allowing me to serve on the WCIA Executive Committee. I previously served on the Executive Committee from 2010 through 2015 and also on the Long Range Planning Committee for over 5 years.

Additionally, I served on the Grant Committee whereby we (the WCIA Grant Team) awarded small grants to cities who utilized those funds to minimize safety concerns and risks. For example, funds were used to purchase sidewalk grinders; another to install fencing in a park that posed a risk to small children. Now, that's finding solutions to solvable problems!

In 2019, I will celebrate 39 years of public service. The last 19 years I have truly enjoyed city management. While municipal governance can be challenging, it's also very rewarding. As a former member of the WCIA team, I personally know the amount of work this organization dedicates to its cities. As a city manager/administrator it is rewarding to know you have an insurance organization that will back you in times of need. Whether it is pre-defense or having just suffered a loss of property, with just one phone call, WCIA is there to help.

I am a very strong believer in the fiscal health of WCIA and the amazing work done by the boards, committees, staff and most of all the membership. I truly appreciate your consideration to serve on the WCIA Executive Board.



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Robert J. Larson; City Administrator; City of Snoqualmie

I'm honored to be considered for an executive board position and would be thrilled to serve you. If elected, I pledge to put forth my full effort to serve you and provide the greatest good for all WCIA members. Our organization is at the forefront of several major issues that will require diligent leadership and guidance.

It's been my pleasure to serve WCIA on its Budget Committee and Long-range Planning Committee. Through my participation on both I've become more informed about our organization and am convinced it is financially sound and poised to continue to provide affordable and comprehensive coverages for all our members.

I'm pleased that WCIA is a premier risk pool organization. It's imperative all our members continue to work together to ensure we retain and sustain this position including through diligent risk management, education programs, training and aggressive pre-defense reviews.

I'm passionate about local government, having served 34 years in city management. I'm Snoqualmie's city administrator and came to Washington state for this position in 2004. Prior to that I was a city administrator in Minnesota for eight years.

From 2010 to 2017 I served on the Washington City-County Management Association (WCMA) board of directors. In 2015-16 I had the distinct pleasure to serve as its president. The experience I gained with WCMA has prepared me to serve in a leadership position on WCIA's executive board.

I'd appreciate your support and your vote. Thanks for your consideration.