

2026 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE CANDIDATE



EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE POSITION #1, 2, 4 OR 6

Paul Loveless | Town Administrator | Town of Steilacoom

I have been honored to previously serve as a member of the Executive Committee from 2012 through 2020 and again from 2023-2025, serving as the President in 2019 and 2020 and on the Budget Committee for the last 23+ years. During my tenure, I had the opportunity to experience first-hand how WCIA is run and participate in the strategic vision and goal setting for WCIA.

As an actuarial group one member, I enjoyed being that group's sounding board for assessment formulas and budget issues, particularly WCIA's pre-defense review and member services consulting programs. I believe strongly in maintaining WCIA's financial strength and reserves to collectively achieve our goals.

Thank you for considering me as a candidate for the WCIA Executive Committee. I would welcome your support.

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Steve Powers | City Administrator | City of Mukilteo

My name is Steve Powers, and it would be my honor to serve on the Executive Committee. If elected, I would bring over 35 years of local government experience to the Committee. My experience includes 18 years as a department head where, at various times, I oversaw a public marina and a variety of functions including planning, building, engineering, and senior services. For the last five and a half years I have served as the City Administrator for the City of Mukilteo, with responsibility for all aspects of our municipal government. These experiences combine to provide me a unique perspective on the risk management challenges a city faces every day.

As an individual, I benefited from the diverse training opportunities offered by WCIA. As a department head and city administrator, I benefited from the wide variety of risk management services. As Mukilteo's delegate since 2020, I came to understand the challenges we face in maintaining these programs for the membership. I seek a position on the Executive Committee to bring my experience and skills in helping to tackle these challenges. I would be honored to receive your support to serve WCIA on the Executive Committee.

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Matthew “Selby” | City Administrator | City of Leavenworth

My public service career began 20 years ago as the Conservation Agent for Ashland, a town of 15,000 located 20 miles west of Boston. It was in Ashland that I developed my love for municipal government, setting a professional goal to become a Town/City Manager. After a decade in Ashland, I became the first Land Use and Economic Development Director in Acton, another suburban community 20 miles west of Boston.

The opportunity to work as Interim Assistant City Manager of Yakima brought me to Washington in 2021. While in Yakima, I learned of the opening for the City Administrator position in Leavenworth. I started this position in August 2022.

My interest in serving on the WCIA Executive Committee is largely due to the number of claims that a popular tourist destination like Leavenworth receives every year. I recently worked with WCIA attorneys on a large trip and fall claim. I found the mediation process fascinating and decided during that day-long affair that I wanted to become more involved.

WCIA is a valuable organization that protects Washington municipalities. I am sincerely interested in filling an open seat on the Executive Committee and supporting its mission.

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Jason Wilson | City Administrator | City of Sumner

I am honored to be considered to serve on the WCIA Executive Committee. I have seen firsthand how vital a strong municipal risk pool is to the success and stability of our communities. Since 2013, I have represented my city as delegate and have served the past five years on the WCIA Budget Committee.

As City Administrator for the City of Sumner, I have experienced the tremendous value WCIA provides in helping cities manage risk and protect public resources. My career has included leadership roles in police, human resources, IT, and finance—giving me a broad perspective on the challenges and opportunities facing municipalities today.

I am seeking election to the Executive Committee to contribute my experience in municipal administration, budgeting, and policy development toward the continued strength of our shared program. My priorities include maintaining WCIA's long-term financial stability, expanding proactive risk-reduction and training initiatives, and ensuring all member cities are equitably represented.

I am committed to transparent governance, strong collaboration, and responsible stewardship of our pooled resources. Together, we can continue WCIA's tradition of partnership, innovation, and service to Washington's municipalities. I would be honored to represent you on the Executive Committee.



2026 PRESIDENT



Chris Searcy | City Administrator | City of Enumclaw

(Nominations for President are closed. Chris is running uncontested. He will be approved by acclamation at the January Full Board Meeting.)

I'm honored to be considered for the opportunity to serve as President of the WCIA Board. I have served in municipal government for over 28 years, all with the City of Enumclaw. The first half was in Public Works with 14 years as director; the most recent 12 years as City Administrator. Enumclaw provides many municipal services including law enforcement, dispatch, corrections, aquatic center, solid waste collection and we are also one of only two cities in the state to operate a natural gas distribution utility. All those services have inherent risk that must be thoughtfully managed along with more standard city functions of land use and transportation infrastructure.

Since becoming Enumclaw's delegate in 2013 I have increased my involvement in WCIA through serving on committees such as Budget, Investment, Long Range Planning, Legislative and for the past two years, Executive Committee. I look forward to the opportunity to continue this progression to serve as President. I am committed to being a champion for WCIA in these difficult times for the industry. I would be honored to receive your support to serve WCIA as President.



2026 VICE PRESIDENT



Kristina Nelson-Gross | City Attorney | City of Sequim

(Nominations for Vice President are closed. Kristina is running uncontested. She will be approved by acclamation at the January Full Board Meeting.)

I was honored to be appointed to the WCIA Executive Committee in February 2024, and I am excited to continue to serve as your vice-president! I am the City Attorney for the City of Sequim and have served in that role for over nine years. As a City Attorney and Risk Manager for a small city, I have seen and experienced a variety of the risks associated with running a municipality, including law enforcement, personnel, and land use issues. Serving on the Executive Committee has also allowed me to learn about the struggles and successes experienced by other jurisdictions, broadening my knowledge and perspective.

I believe that my rural, small-city experience would assist the Executive Committee in its decision-making processes in a legally and fiscally responsible manner. I am honored for this opportunity and welcome your support. Thank you for your consideration.