



EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE CANDIDATES



EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE POSITION #1 OR #2

**Heidi Behrends Cerniwey; Assistant City Administrator;
City of Tumwater**

It is my honor to be considered for service on WCIA's Executive Committee. As a member delegate and risk manager, I value the proactive risk-reduction programs and pre-defense services, the leverage provided by the pooling partnership, the bottom line affordability of coverage, and the strategic direction of WCIA.

I've worked in local government over thirteen years and currently serve as Assistant City Administrator for the City of Tumwater. I oversee human resources, information technology, risk management, city clerk, and volunteer/engagement programs and some economic development and change initiatives. Previously, I worked for the City of Lacey and have additional background in private and nonprofit leadership. I understand the challenges of municipalities today and the importance of adaptive risk programs.

Over the years, I have served on various nonprofit boards and committees. I use my voice to advocate for building resiliency in organizations. As an Executive Committee member, I commit to being the voice for continued smart, adaptive, and strategic decision-making to retain WCIA's protected risk pool position in the volatile and uncertain market.



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Woody Edvalson; Administrative Services Director; City of Bonney Lake

Thank you for considering me for reappointment to the Executive Committee. I have had the pleasure of serving you on the committee over the past four months while filling a vacancy. My activities with the committee include participation in the annual goal setting retreat, hearing an appeal of the Authority's by-laws, attending the annual audit exit interview and participating in monthly committee meetings. A review of the meeting minutes will show I have not just filled a seat, but have been actively engaged in working for the benefit of the association. With the support of my fellow Loss Control Committee members, I also currently serve as the chair of that committee.

I have been associated as a delegate or alternate with WCIA for approximately 17 years with the last 13 years continuously as a delegate. Past and current experience include board and committee appointments with three other pooled insurance groups. I find this experience useful in helping to evaluate and sustain WCIA's pre-eminent position among the government agency pools. Thank you in advance for your support and allowing me to serve you for a full term on the Executive Committee.



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Erwin Vidallon; Chief Financial Officer; Metropolitan Park District of Tacoma

I am extremely honored to be considered for the WCIA Executive Committee. I joined Metro Parks Tacoma as its Chief Financial Officer (CFO) on July 24, 2017. I also serve as the agency's Risk and Legal Manager. I strongly believe that managing the risks for an organization goes hand-in-hand with prudent finance management.

Prior to my appointment as CFO, I've had extensive leadership roles in state government. Most recently I served as CFO for the WA State Department of Veterans Affairs. I also provided leadership in different capacities with the WA State Investment Board – first as the Finance and Budget Director, then as an Investment Officer in the Real Estate division. I also served as CFO for Western State Hospital, one of the largest inpatient psychiatric hospitals in the US.

I'm currently a member of the WCIA Investment Committee and serve as a Park Board Commissioner for the City of Lacey. In my capacity as an investment professional, I've also served as an Advisory Board member for various investment partnerships. In August of 2019, I celebrated 30 years of public service!

I'm looking forward to continue to help WCIA serve its members the most collaborative and effective way possible!



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Dave Zabell; City Manager; City of Pasco

It is an honor serving you on the Executive Committee (EC) and under consideration for election. First elected to the EC in 2013, I voluntarily stepped down upon being appointed Pasco City Manager in 2014 - I could not support Pasco having two employees on the EC; the wildly popular Stan Strebels and myself, even if the bylaws at the time so allowed.

Having served WCIA cities (Marysville, Bothell, Fife and Pasco) collectively for thirty-four years, along with five years serving a community with off-brand coverage, recent/relevant experiences on both sides of the Cascades, with cities large, medium and small, I possess broad experience in this arena. I understand the value of this pool and the pitiful alternatives that exist.

WCIA's success is one of my top priorities. Our pool is the premier risk pool in its class; translating into stable and competitive rates, excellent coverage/representation and proactive customer service; claims management, training and pre-defense. The active role of members through several committees in setting the strategic direction of the organization, and more so, the organization's ability to attract and retain highly qualified and capable staff and their collective efforts are key to this success.

To maintain a successful posture going forward, we must continue building on the excellent foundation all of us have created - I would appreciate your consideration in allowing me to continue serving you on the Executive Committee to do just that!