



2022 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE CANDIDATE



EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE POSITION #5, 6 OR 7

Farah Derosier; Legal & Risk Manager; LOTT Clean Water Alliance

Thank you for your consideration to serve on the Executive Committee. I have been LOTT's WCIA delegate for over 10 years. I have served on the Loss Control Committee and the Grant Committee for the past several years. I have served on Boards and Committees in my local community and served as Past President of the WA PRIMA Board.

The success and sustainability of WCIA is very important to me. I am committed to serving the entire membership and help support the incredible staff at WCIA. A few of the current Executive Committee members have been great mentors to me over the years and it would be a great honor to serve alongside them. I would consider it a great privilege to be selected as an Executive Committee member and serve the WCIA membership.



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Paul Ellis; City Administrator; City of Arlington

I am honored to be completing my first three years on the Executive Committee. Thank you for the opportunity to serve another three years. I have also served on the Loss Control Committee for the last five years, and have had the opportunity to participate in drafting many of the model policies and risk reduction methods.

I have worked in local government in Washington State for 32 years. I have experienced first-hand the benefits of being a member of WCIA, and benefiting from COMPACT requirements, risk-reduction programs, and pre-defense services. As an Executive Board member, I have developed a greater level of understanding and an appreciation of the benefits of insurance pooling. I have been on the Executive Committee as we developed and worked with WCIA staff to implement the goals and strategic plans in order to face a changing insurance market.

I look forward to serving you, WCIA staff, and fellow board members, as a WCIA Executive Committee member. My goal is to work with you to keep WCIA responsive to member needs and a leader in government insurance pooling.



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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 2019 to the present. I am currently serving on the Budget and Risk Management committees. Additionally, I have served on the Risk Reduction Grant Committee and Long Range Planning Committee. The WCIA Grant Committee awards grants to members who use the funds to minimize safety concerns and risks. For example, funds can be used to purchase sidewalk grinders, or to purchase and install fencing in parks that pose risks to small children. Now, that's finding solutions to solvable problems!

In 2021, I will celebrate 41 years of public service. For the last 22 years I have truly enjoyed city management. While municipal governance can be challenging, it's also very rewarding. As a member of the WCIA team, I personally know the amount of work this organization dedicates to its cities. As a city manager, it is rewarding to know you have an insurance organization that will be there for 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 always there to help.

I am a very strong believer in the fiscal health of WCIA and the amazing work done by all 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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Blaine Fritts; Finance Director/Risk Manager; City of Woodinville

I am grateful to be considered for the WCIA Executive Committee position. I am committed to continue the level of excellence WCIA has provided over the years. The professional and responsive claims team, the guidance provided by our Risk Management Representatives, and the focus on training and providing pre-defense to reduce risks are invaluable assets to our members.

I have worked and held leadership roles in a wide variety of industries over the last 25 years, including, manufacturing, non-profit, service, and government. In the last 11 years I have served the City of Woodinville. Since 2016 I have served the role of risk manager. Over the last few years, I have had the pleasure of serving on and chairing the WCIA Budget Committee. As I see it, the most significant challenge WCIA and members are facing is minimizing the rising premiums while building reserves to mitigate the high-risk environment in which cities and special purpose entities are operating.

My commitment to risk management coupled with my experience makes me an excellent candidate for the Executive Committee. I would be honored to serve in this important role. Thank you for your consideration.



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

I am extremely honored to be considered to continue serving as one of your Executive Committee members. Being a committee member allowed me to better appreciate the terrific work that WCIA staff does on behalf of its members, and I have great admiration for past and existing committee members for their tireless efforts and commitment to serve. I joined Metro Parks Tacoma as its Chief Financial & Administrative Officer (CFAO) 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 financial management.

Prior to my appointment as CFAO, I served in various leadership roles in state government, including serving as the CFO for the WA State Department of Veterans Affairs; Finance and Budget Director and then as an Investment Officer in the Real Estate Division at the WA State Investment Board. I also served as CFO for Western State Hospital, an inpatient psychiatric hospital. Outside of my professional career, I also serve as a Park Board Commissioner for the City of Lacey and also a Board of Governor for The Evergreen State College Foundation. In August of 2021, I celebrated 32 years of public service!

I'm looking forward in continuing to help WCIA serve its members the most collaborative, effective and prudent way possible!

See the updated article in the January 2022 [newsletter](#).