

MEMORANDUM

DATE September 18, 2019

TO: The Washington Association of County Officials Board of Trustees

FROM: Greg Zempel
2nd Vice President, Education Committee Chair

SUBJECT: EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Background and Summary:

I want to thank the members of the Education Committee for their hard work, dedication and participation this past year.

Mary Engle, Island County Assessor
Shoona Riggs, Clallam County Auditor
Tristen Worthen, Douglas County Clerk
Peggy Semprimoznik, Lincoln County Clerk

Linda Myhre Enlow, Thurston County Clerk
Craig Morrison, Grant County Coroner
Wanda Grone, Island County Treasurer
Adam Kick, Skamania County Prosecutor

Thanks to them, we have a terrific 2019 conference agenda and a new approach for identifying and providing meaningful, relevant and accessible training and education opportunities for WACO members.

The committee met the third Tuesday of every month this year. The responsibilities of the Committee members are demanding. Following the annual conference each year, they get right to work in planning the next year's conference. The Committee set the theme for the 2019 Conference, "We Are Family", with the intent of focusing sessions and dialogue on those issues that affect the entire county courthouse family. We're proud the conference agenda includes outstanding sessions and presenters / panelists of relevance to all WACO members.

The Education Committee has also worked this year to assure that training offered by WACO is not redundant with what affiliates are offering. We've worked with fellow affiliate members to determine their training needs and desires and have brought those back to the Committee to plan training opportunities. This year the committee also focused on increased use of online formats via two forms primarily: online interactive webinars, such as our webinars on Open Public Meetings; and produced "in the can" training videos. Over the course of 2019 WACO hosted eight, all member, webinars with plans on increasing the content. To better track, plan and evaluate WACO trainings, WACO staff developed a new online catalog of proposed and delivered training to guide the Committee's work.

