

WASHINGTON  
STATE ASSOCIATION  
OF COUNTIES



# Quick Reference Guide

# Welcome!

This booklet is designed to provide a sneak peak into the many benefits available to you as a member of WSAC. Each page highlights a resource and gives you a quick access QR code to easily access the information you need.

*SCAN THE QR  
CODE WITH YOUR  
PHONE TO ACCESS  
ADDITIONAL INFO  
THROUGHOUT THIS  
BOOKLET*

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# What is WSAC?

Created in 1906, the Washington State Association of Counties (WSAC) serves the counties of Washington State. Members include elected county commissioners, councilmembers, and executives from all of Washington's 39 counties. WSAC provides a variety of services to its member counties, including advocacy, professional development, public-private business partnerships, and a forum to network and share best practices.



**EXPLORE  
THE WSAC  
WEBSITE**

*wsac.org*



# The WAcounties HUB

The WAcounties HUB, WSAC's customized Association Management System, will give members one-stop access to the resources and information they need to keep up-to-date on WSAC meetings and events and provide a collaborative environment for committees and affiliates to engage. You will also be able to control and update your information.



## THIS HUB IS SPECIFICALLY FOR WSAC MEMBERS AND AFFILIATES:

- WSAC
- WACSWM
- WSALPHO
- WSACE
- ACCIS
- ACHS
- SWISS
- WCAA
- WSACRPD
- WSU: Extension
- Various Boards & Commissions
- Caucuses

**PLEASE JOIN YOUR GROUP(S) TO GET THE MOST OUT OF YOUR HUB EXPERIENCE.**

**CREATE YOUR PROFILE BY SIGNING UP HERE**

*members.wsac.org*



# National County Government Month (NCGM)

Every April, counties around the country celebrate National County Government Month (NCGM)! Here at WSAC, we want to celebrate you, our counties, and the wonderful work you all do around our beautiful state! And as the National Association of Counties says (NACo), show how this is “intrinsically connected to the responsibility of county leaders to inspire our residents to take an interest in and engage with their communities, and how it presents an opportunity to lead in new and growing ways.”

**LEARN  
MORE**

[wsac.org/ncgm](http://wsac.org/ncgm)



# County Development Institute of Washington (CDIWA)

CDIWA provides county leaders with in-depth training on budget & finance, effective meeting management, ethics in public service, risk management, and more. After completing the core courses, leaders can receive their Certified Public Official (CPO) certificate. We also offer in-depth, on-demand training on subjects like housing, timber, water, planning, and more to come!

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MORE**

[cdiwa.org](http://cdiwa.org)



**County Development  
Institute of Washington**

# Counties Job Board

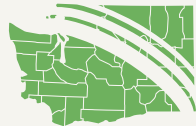
The WSAC Job Board is a free resource for counties and is built for job seekers who are actively searching for a career in county government or in the private or non-profit sector that supports counties. By posting, you are actively engaging seekers who support and believe in making government better for everyone.

Get your jobs listed and featured without waiting.

Candidates can sign up for alerts and be notified when a new listing is available.

SEARCH  
LISTINGS &  
POST JOBS

[jobs.wsac.org](http://jobs.wsac.org)



WASHINGTON COUNTIES  
**Job Board**



## WSAC Data Resources

WSAC is committed to providing you with a library of data regarding a variety of topics. This resource continues to grow, so check the website often.

CHECK OUT THESE RESOURCES TODAY

[wsac.org/data-resources](http://wsac.org/data-resources)



# Latests News & Newsletters



## WACOUNTIES WEEKLY

Your weekly newsletter sharing the most pertinent updates, articles, events, grants, and other information straight to your inbox every Friday!



## WACOUNTIES QUARTERLY

A quarterly email highlighting resources, events, and valuable content from training providers and agencies.

**SUBSCRIBE & VIEW THE LATEST NEWS**

*members.wsac.org/news*



# Events & Training

WSAC hosts a wide variety of events ranging from large conferences to Zoom meetings, lunch & learns, virtual assemblies, regional meetings, and much more. We are constantly looking for more event and training opportunities to educate members. Our Learn page offers a series of topic trainings!

**VIEW THESE OPPORTUNITIES**

*wsac.org/learn*



# County Leaders Conference

Our premier learning and networking event occurs each year to bring over 300 elected/appointed officials and department heads together in a collaborative and productive opportunity for professional advancement.



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DETAILS

[countyleaders.org](http://countyleaders.org)



# Legislative Steering Committee (LSC)

LSC is composed of one member from each of WSAC's member counties as well as each of the four County Executives. In addition to setting the policy direction for the association through the Legislative Agenda, LSC members are expected to attend regular meetings during legislative sessions and to communicate with legislators regarding WSAC's legislative priorities. LSC members frequently interact with legislators, agency staff, and representatives of other organizations.

MORE  
DETAILS

[wsac.org/  
advocacy/#lsc](http://wsac.org/advocacy/#lsc)



# Advocacy

## LEGISLATIVE BULLETIN

The best way to keep up with the Legislative Session every year by getting updates from each issue area that affects counties. While this newsletter usually runs every other week during session, there are occasional updates throughout the interim, Legislative Update calls also happen on the opposite weeks of the newsletter!

## LEGISLATIVE BILL TRACKER

WSAC serves as a forum to build a statewide county legislative agenda. The fact that WSAC represents all 39 counties is key to building the coalitions needed to pass helpful legislation and likewise prevent harmful legislation. WSAC utilizes various tools to keep members up-to-date on legislative activities throughout the year

## END OF SESSION REPORT

This report provides analysis and outcomes of the bills we tracked during legislative session, including budget highlights for major topic areas and priorities and the impacts on counties. Utilize this reference throughout the year to help prepare for the next session.

## FEDERAL ISSUES

Did you know that WSAC advocates on your behalf at the federal level? In conjunction with the National Association of Counties (NACo), we disseminate information and share your needs, coordinate responses, and provide opportunities for your voice to be heard at the national level.

**VIEW & DOWNLOAD THESE RESOURCES**

*[wsac.org/advocacy](https://wsac.org/advocacy)*





# Committees & Caucuses

## COMMITTEES

WSAC has a number of standing committees that involve members to ensure the oversight and direction of decisions are member driven. In addition to the Legislative Steering Committee there is the Audit, Investment and Finance Committee, the Marketing & Partnership Committee, the Federal Issues and Relations Committee, and the Legal Committee.

## BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

WSAC carefully monitors & tracks information on upcoming or current vacancies for a variety of boards and commissions across a wide spectrum, from Public Health and Criminal Justice to Transportation and Public Works. WSAC has legislative authority

to appoint members to certain boards and commissions, while others we merely put forth nominations to the Governor's office to request their appointment.

## CAUCUSES

WSAC has various programs for member counties that specialize in certain policy areas affecting Washington State. There are currently 3 active caucuses: Coastal Counties, Timber, and Columbia River.

**VIEW  
BOARDS &  
COMMISSIONS**

*[wsac.org/boards-and-commissions](https://wsac.org/boards-and-commissions)*



**VIEW  
CAUCUSES**

*[wsac.org/programs](https://wsac.org/programs)*



# Business Partners

Our Business Partners program was created with the goal of increasing capacity to provide connections and resources for counties to become more effective and efficient in the services they provide while being mutually beneficial to the partner organization. These partnerships create value for both sides and fosters relationships that make a difference in counties.

**BUSINESS PARTNER DIRECTORY**

*[wsac.org/businesspartners](https://wsac.org/businesspartners)*



# Social Media

Find WSAC on your favorite social media platform. Follow along, interact and share to help spread the word that counties matter.



# WSAC Affiliates

WSAC supports many different kinds of county association across the state, of which, serve at all levels of county government. WSAC is dedicated to continue its work with affiliate associations and support our county professionals and creating stronger local governments across the state.

WSAC also works closely with its sister organization, the Washington Association of County Officials (WACO), which serves independently elected non-judicial county officials, including assessors, auditors, treasurers, prosecutors, coroners, clerks, and sheriffs.



**WSACE**  
WASHINGTON STATE ASSOCIATION OF  
**COUNTY ENGINEERS**



**WACSWM**  
Washington Association of  
County Solid Waste Managers



**WSACRPD**  
Washington State Association of County  
& Regional Planning Directors



**WSALPHO**  
WASHINGTON STATE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICIALS



**WCAA**  
Washington County  
Administration Association



**ACHS**  
Association of County  
Human Services



**WACCC**  
Washington Association of  
County Commissioners / Council Clerks

LEARN MORE  
ABOUT WSAC  
AFFILIATES

[wsac.org/affiliates](https://wsac.org/affiliates)



## WSAC Staff

One of the most valuable resources in any association is the staff! Your team of policy, communication, and operational experts are here to serve you and respond to your needs. We also have knowledgeable consultants and contractors to bring expertise at all levels.

**VIEW WSAC STAFF DIRECTORY**

*[wsac.org/contact](https://wsac.org/contact)*



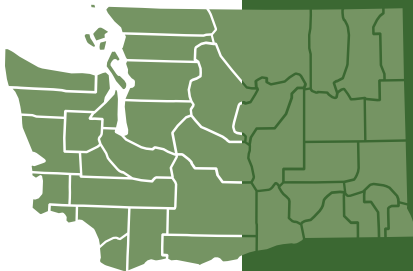
## WSAC Leadership

The Associations Board of Directors is comprised of dedicated and engaged members that provide operational oversight to the affairs of the organization in accordance with policies. WSAC's Executive Committee has an additional role and closer engagement with WSAC's Executive Director to monitor activities and make decisions. All members are encouraged to become involved in WSAC leadership to grow knowledge and have your voice heard.

**VIEW WSAC LEADERSHIP**

*[wsac.org/about-us](https://wsac.org/about-us)*





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