



# PRELIMINARY 2009 CONFERENCE SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

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39<sup>th</sup> Annual WMCA Conference

Quinault Beach Resort and Casino, Ocean Shores, WA

March 17-20, 2009

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## TUESDAY, MARCH 17

- 8:30 am – 12:00 pm      **ACADEMY SESSION**  
**Speaker:** Deb Sofield  
**Location:** Great Hall 3 & 4
- 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm      **LUNCH**  
**Location:** Great Hall 5 & 6
- 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm      **ACADEMY SESSION** (Continued)
- 5:30 pm – 7:00 pm      **PRESIDENT'S RECEPTION**  
**Location:** Great Hall 5 & 6
- 7:00 pm                  **VIP DINNER**

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## WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18

- 8:00 am – 9:00 am      **FIRST TIME ATTENDEE/NEW CLERKS BREAKFAST SESSION**  
**Location:** Great Hall 1
- 8:00 am – 9:00 am      **BREAKFAST** (all other conference attendees)  
**Location:** Great Hall 5 & 6
- 9:00 am – 9:45 am      **OPENING CEREMONY**  
**Location:** Great Hall 3 & 4
- 9:45 am – 10:00 am    **EXHIBITOR VIEWING & BREAK**  
**Location:** Pre Function & Great Hall 2
- 10:00 am – 12:00 pm    **GENERAL SESSION**  
**Speaker:** Deb Sofield  
**Location:** Great Hall 3 & 4
- 12:00 pm – 1:30 pm    **LUNCH – REGION IX MEETING**  
**Location:** Great Hall 5 & 6
- 1:45 pm – 3:15 pm    **CONCURRENT EDUCATION SESSIONS** (classes will repeat in late afternoon)
- **Current Topics of Interest & Legislative Update**  
**Speaker:** Pat Mason, Municipal Research Services Center  
**Description:** Join Pat for his ever-popular review of recent legislative enactments, case law developments, Attorney General Opinions, and other topics that will be of interest

to municipal clerks in the performance of their duties and responsibilities.

**Location:** Great Hall 1

▪ **City Clerk – Lurker or Leader?**

**Speaker:** Ann MacFarlane, Jurassic Parliament

**Description:** City clerks are sometimes placed in a difficult position as they may be better informed about what is correct in a given situation than the individuals they work for, but are not always free to speak up. This interactive presentation addresses ways to deal with the difference in social status between clerk and elected official, and provides suggestions as to how to raise challenging questions when necessary. We will offer a framework for leadership based on self-awareness and the modern style of teamwork and collegiality. Attendee input is not only welcome but essential!

**Location:** Great Hall 3

▪ **The ABC's of Personal Wellness**

**Speaker:** Jon Smith, AWC

**Description:** Wellness is much more than just "not being sick." It refers to living a full, happy and healthy life. In this workshop you'll develop a personal definition of wellness, reflect on your own well-being, explore wellness habits and resources from A to Z, identify personal wellness goals and design a realistic plan to work toward your goals.

**Location:** Great Hall 4

3:15 pm – 3:45 pm

**EXHIBITOR VIEWING & BREAK**

**Location:** Pre Function & Great Hall #2

3:45 pm – 5:15 pm

**CONCURRENT EDUCATION SESSIONS**

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**Location:** Great Hall 4

5:15 pm – 5:45 pm

**INCOMING & OUTGOING COMMITTEE CHAIRS MEETING**

**Location:** Great Hall 1

**DINNER ON YOUR OWN**

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**THURSDAY, MARCH 19**

6:30 am – 7:30 am

**HEALTH WALK ON BEACH**

**Location:** Meet in hotel lobby

8:00 am – 9:00 am

**BREAKFAST** (begin bidding on silent auction items)

**Location:** Great Hall 5 & 6

9:00 am – 10:00 am

**ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING**

**Location:** Great Hall 5 & 6

10:00 am – 10:15 am

**EXHIBITOR VIEWING & BREAK**

**Location:** Pre Function & Great Hall 2

10:15 am – 11:45 am

**ROUNDTABLES**

**Location:** Great Hall 3 & 4

12:00 pm – 1:00 pm

**LUNCH**

**Location:** Great Hall 5 & 6

1:00 pm – 2:30 pm

**CONCURRENT EDUCATION SESSIONS** (classes will repeat in late afternoon)

▪ **Public Disclosure**

**Speaker:** Ramsey Ramerman, Foster Pepper

**Description:** Join Rasmey for an "advanced" training that will focus on recent development under the Public Records Act including (1) Addressing public records requests for personnel records after the Bellevue John Does opinion, (2) understanding a agency's responsibility for producing electronic records, including metadata and (3) a preview of the 2009 legislation.

**Location:** Great Hall 1

▪ **Customer Service**

**Speaker:** Michael Meines

**Description:** There is no question how important our customers are to our success. There also shouldn't be any question about how important our employees are to our success. Libraries and bookstores are filled with books that help us deal with the difficult person. There are very few that discuss "taking care of our employees". Mr Meines uses true life, humorous anecdotes to punctuate this philosophy: If you feel good about yourself, feel good about what you are doing and feel good about where you are doing it - positive customer service is a by product. He refers to this as "positive selfishness"- going out of our way to help people because it makes us feel good.

**Location:** Great Hall 3

▪ **The Multi Generational Workplace**

**Speaker:** Dr. Jeffrey Wilson

**Description:** This session will introduce participants to Generations Theory Concepts and its implications for today's workplace, including: Generations Theory Overview, Generational Models for Silent, Baby Boomer, Generation X, and Millennial Generations. Assumptions, Exceptions, Retention and Development perspectives are discussed.

**Location:** Great Hall 4

2:30 pm – 2:45 pm

**EXHIBITOR VIEWING & BREAK**

**Location:** Pre Function & Great Hall 2

2:45 pm – 4:15 pm

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**Location:** Great Hall 4

5:30 pm – 6:30 pm      **VENDORS/EXHIBITORS RECEPTION SOCIAL (No Host Bar)**  
**Location:** Pre Function & Great Hall 2

6:30 pm – 7:00 pm      **SILENT AUCTION (closes at 7:00 pm)**  
**Location:** Great Hall 1, 5 & 6

7:00 pm – 10:00 pm      **ANNUAL BANQUET**  
**Location:** Great Hall 1, 5 & 6

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## **FRIDAY, MARCH 20**

8:00 am – 9:00 am      **BREAKFAST**  
**Location:** Great Hall 5 & 6

9:00 am – 12:00 pm      **GENERAL SESSION**  
**Take This Job and Love It**  
**Speaker:** Martha Bryan  
**Description:** Consummate professionals pursue performance excellence. Developing, maintaining and nurturing this desire is key to its fulfillment. This session draws from research and practice in the areas of fostering human potential and personal excellence. The presenter will offer research results, indicators and strategies to educate and enlighten participants. Clerk professionals will engage in dialogue, critical thinking and application processes to transfer reflection, insights, and information back to their respective governments and communities. During this education session, the Presenter and Participants will:

- Explore and analyze how to view work in a different way.
- Strategies for maintaining professional perspective when workplace and community pressures increase.
- Methodology regarding ways to engage difficult people in a difficult world.

**Location:** Great Hall 3 & 4

12:00 pm      **CONFERENCE ADJOURNS / GRAND RAFFLE**

12:30 pm – 5:00 pm      **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE BOARD MEETING**  
**Location:** Private Dining Room, Emily's Restaurant