

## A Message From Your President

Before you know it the next WMTA conference will be here. In fact, it's April 13-15. Our theme this year is "Financial Ports of Call."

Your WMTA board members are strongly encouraging anyone to apply for a scholarship to attend this conference. Please don't hesitate. If you are a first time attendee, we strongly encourage you to apply. Budgets are tight, but don't let that stop you from attending, apply for a

scholarship. We welcome your applications.

Scholarship applications will be available in the conference registration materials. The application will also be available on our Web site at [www.wmta-online.com](http://www.wmta-online.com), along with other conference information.

*Looking forward to seeing you at the conference!*

## Golf Tournament

The **22nd Annual WMTA Golf Tournament** at the Lake Chelan Golf Course is quickly approaching. Sign up early! The tournament is scheduled for a shot gun start at 12:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 13, 2005. Check in begins at 11:30 a.m. The registration fee is \$49 and includes a golf cart, lunch and great prizes. Everyone is guaranteed to win something. Happy Hour begins at 5:30 p.m. in the Club House and will be followed by a catered dinner, scheduled to begin at 6:30 p.m. Look for the registration form in the WMTA conference packet or email me at [rpatrick@ci.burlington.wa.us](mailto:rpatrick@ci.burlington.wa.us). Come join us for an afternoon of sun, golf and good times.

## Auction

The auction and raffle at last year's WMTA conference was a huge success. Together we broke a new revenue record and collected \$4,375 in sales! A special thanks goes to Jake Sanford from Stokes Auction for donating his time and making the evening a fun event. We truly appreciate all those who participate in this event, particularly those who contribute items for auction.

These funds are used to provide scholarships to the annual WMTA conference and the APT National Conference. Our members, who would not otherwise have these educational opportunities, benefit greatly.

Please consider donating an item for this year's auction. It does not have to be big or expensive. Gift certificates for restaurants, bottles of wine, tickets to cultural or sporting events are always popular. If you need ideas, please call Paula Florence at (360) 535-6142 or Kim Russell at (360) 535-6119 or you may email us at [florencep@kccha.org](mailto:florencep@kccha.org). Thanks for continuing to make WMTA's scholarship program a success.

## Conference Schedule

### *Wednesday, April 13*

- Registration
- Golf Tournament
- Training Session I
- Training Session II
- Dinner at Golf Course

### *Thursday, April 14*

- Fun Walk/Run
- Registration
- Buffet Breakfast
- Welcome
- General Session
- Business Meeting
- Roundtable Workshops
- Reception
- Dinner
- Entertainment
- Auction

### *Friday, April 15*

- Buffet Breakfast
- Roundtable Workshops
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- Lunch and Raffle Drawing

Complete conference registration materials will be mailed out soon.

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## WMTA 2005 Conference Roundtables

### **TRACK 1: A PORT IN THE STORM**

#### **Financial Nightmares**

Have you ever been in a situation where your City Council cannot agree on the Budget and they do not approve it on time? If not, come and hear from a few of your peers as they share experiences you may never want to know.

#### **New Treasurers Safe Harbor**

Are you a new Treasurer or have you been recently assigned your entities Treasury responsibilities and duties? If so, come and hear from your fellow experts on the ins and outs of the forms you must complete as well as clues about what the auditor needs.

#### **Claims Management/Loss Control**

Are you up to speed on your entities claims management process? Do you have a good loss control system in place? Come and hear experts chart you a course to be in compliance and stay afloat.

### **TRACK 2: CHART A FINANCIAL COURSE**

#### **Technology – The Future Of Banking**

Do you know what's in the future of banking? If not, come and find out how technology is going to change theirs and our lives. These changes may happen faster than you think.

#### **Current Bank Financing Trends**

Are you on smooth water knowing what your banker has to say about leases, lines of credit,

TANS and BANS? If not, find out about the latest trends and requirements. Things are changing; come and get caught up on what's currently happening.

#### **Electronic Banking Fraud**

Do you know about the latest electronic banking\_fraud? Get on board and find out the latest. Crooks are out there spending all their waking moments trying to figure out how to electronically steal our entities money. In addition, these bad guys also want to take yours and my money too.

### **TRACK 3: TREASURY RUNWAY EXPANSION**

#### **Interfacing With the State Treasurer's Office**

Are you familiar with the services of the State Treasurer's Office? Are you up to speed on the Revenue Distribution system? Do you know how to navigate the screens? If not, then come and find out how. Talk to an expert and find out how to make your life easier.

#### **Investment Management**

Are you knowledgeable of the tools to employ when managing a portfolio in a rising rate environment? If you have any doubt, find out what to do as well as what to be thinking about as you expand your investment knowledge.

#### **The Pitfalls of Buying Software**

What should you be looking for when you're buying software to improve your Treasury operations? Experts will tell you

what to look out for to make your life less stressful. What should you plan for? How should you implement and train your staff? All of these questions will be answered.

#### **TRACK 4: FINANCIAL INSTRUMENT NAVIGATION**

##### **They're Coming To Get You**

Do you know what the SEC, IRS or State Legislature is up too? How do these entities affect your operation? Hear what life is like when the IRS shows up and wants to review your debt issues. Also, find out what the SEC is doing to make you and your bond counsel's life more interesting. Do you know what a performance audit would do to your Treasury? Find out, if the State Legislature lets the State Auditor conduct Performance Audits.

##### **LID Issues**

What happens if a developer wants to do a project as an LID and then request the development be annexed? What happening on the LID financing front? Here's your chance to navigate the waters and find out. Experts will direct you.

##### **Bank of New York Web Site Navigation**

Do you know how to look up your debt issues and determine how much your next debt service payments to the fiscal agent will be? If not, come and find out. Bank of New York representatives will be here to guide you through the process.▶

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**Campbell's Lodge  
Chelan, Washington**

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