

Annual Conference Orientation



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Introduce yourself

1. Name
2. City
3. Position at city hall
4. One thing you're hoping to get out of the conference



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Session Overview

- AWC member services
- Tour of the conference app
- Tips for conference success



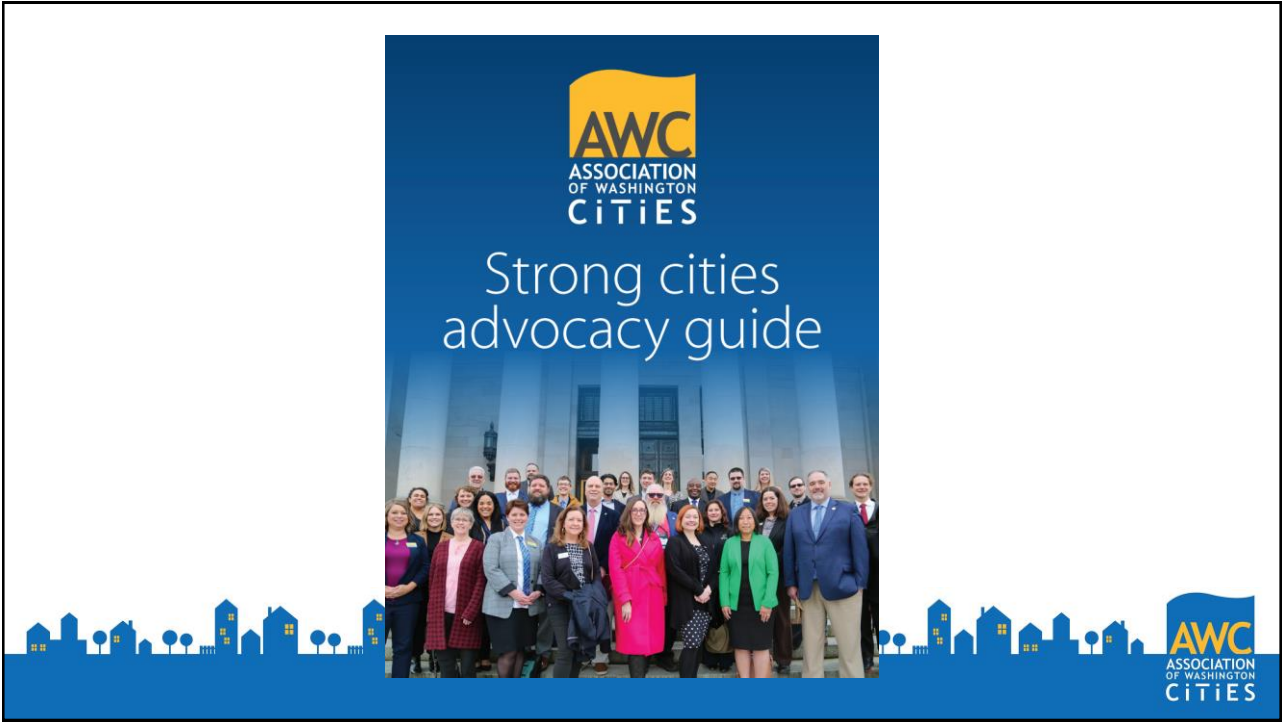
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data-driven education,
nationally recognized pooling
programs, and nonpartisan
advocacy.***



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Upcoming events

Mobile. Meaningful. Manageable.

Municipal Budgeting and Fiscal Management Workshop cmli

August 6-7 | Wenatchee
AWC's popular annual workshop is designed for those new to the budgeting process as well as those with plenty of experience. Brush up on the basics of budgeting, explore ways to engage your residents, and get your challenging budget questions answered. Hear from finance and budget experts and learn from your peers through a variety of general and breakout sessions.

Elected Officials Essentials webinar series cmli

Multiple dates | Online
Each webinar in the Elected Officials Essentials series is designed to equip city elected officials with essential tools to maximize your impact as a leader. Join one or join them all!

- **September 10** | Understanding Washington's ethics laws
- **November 12** | Comprehending quasi-judicial hearings

AWC Emergency Management Forum cmli

October 2 | Wenatchee
With natural and other disasters happening with more frequency, the top question asked by city officials is: What is my role during a disaster? This one-day training forum focuses on emergency management basics including planning and preparedness, roles during a disaster, and what support the state and other partners provide.

Mayors Exchange cmli

October 3 | Wenatchee
Mayors have a unique role at city hall, and who understands your challenges better than other mayors? Attend this popular event where mayors come together to share stories, ideas, and best practices for doing the work at city hall.

AWC Member Expo cmli

October 8-9 | Chelan
Member Pooling Program members come together to network and learn about the power of pooling and investing in employees. Explore topics such as trends and best practices in health, risk management, safety, impacts of drugs & alcohol in the workplace, and more.

AWC district meetings cmli

Multiple dates | Multiple locations
Join AWC Board members and staff and share stories from home with other city officials from your AWC Board district. Connect over lunch to share about your city priorities and hear about AWC's legislative agenda.

Elected Officials Essentials Workshop cmli

December 6 | Multiple locations and online
Following municipal elections every other year, AWC offers this signature Saturday workshop for new and seasoned elected officials alike. Explore your most critical legal and functional responsibilities in office while also meeting specific training requirements for elected officials under the Open Government Trainings Act.

cmli Elected officials:

Earn CML credits and get recognized! AWC's Certificate of Municipal Leadership (CML) program recognizes mayors and councilmembers for accomplishing training across multiple competency areas. Look for the CML logo accompanying trainings and you'll earn CML credits for attending. To learn more about the program and track your progress, visit wacities.org/cml.



For more details on AWC trainings and events, scan this QR code.

Stay in the know!

- Watch for Cityline newsletter on Wednesday
- Read Legislative Bulletin weekly during session, monthly during interim
- Explore AWC's Cityperson magazine

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Data & Resources

Our data and resources are waiting to be explored!

AWC is your source for publications, city data, and eLearnings. Our resources help you learn about cities, understand the legal landscape, discover municipal trends, and use data to make fact-based decisions. Scroll to the bottom to browse resources by category.

Featured resources

- [So you want to be an elected official](#) →
- [Welcome to city office](#) →
- [Open Public Meetings Act eLearning](#) →
- [Public Records Act eLearning](#) →
- [AWC 2025 Legislative Priorities](#) →

Welcome to city office

AWC is your go-to resource for relevant training, data-driven education, and the latest city news; networking and collaboration with peers; state and federal advocacy; member pooling programs; and much more! Check out these resources to get you started with your work at city hall.



Member Pooling Programs



- Employee Benefit Trust**
- Risk Management Service Agency**
- Workers' Comp Retro**
- Drug & Alcohol Consortium**





Get the Annual Conference app

Apple and Android devices:

1. Go to your app store
2. Search “AWC events”
3. Download the app
4. Select “Annual Conference”
5. Enjoy conference details at your fingertips

For your computer or Windows device,
visit awcnet.org.



Keep up with us any way you want!



Attend an evening event!

- Tuesday - First-time attendee meet & greet (Room EFGH)
- Tuesday evening - President's Welcome Reception (Hall AC)
- Wednesday evening - Exhibit reception (Hall BD)
- Thursday evening - Evening Reception at the REACH Museum
- Thursday - Late-night trivia



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Take a Tour

- Wastewater win: Tour of Kennewick treatment plant
- Kennewick: Planning for economic development & growth
- Pasco CJTC Training Center Tour



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Wellness activity - Fun & Walk

6:30 am - 8 am | Thursday, June 26

Special Prize for Attendees!



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Center for Quality Communities Lunch

- Hear from the next generation of municipal leaders
- Make a difference (this *is* a fundraiser)
- Get inspired!



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Network. Meet 3 *new* people

AWC Annual Conference is the perfect opportunity to meet people from throughout the State who have experienced, are experiencing, or will experience some issue that you are facing in your city or town.

Business cards, LinkedIn, Phone numbers & email



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Make it & break it!

- Find the schedule on the app, website, program
- Plan your day
- Hot sessions will fill up!

Set a schedule and be okay breaking it.



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Exhibits and sponsors

- Check out the Exhibit Hall
- Don't forget your name badge
- Be sure to check out the Exhibitor and Sponsor information in the Conference Program or on the app.



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Come with a problem. Leave with a solution

- Take notes, you will not remember it all
- Share what you learn with colleagues at home
- Stay for the Friday sessions:
 - Disaster preparedness & leading through recovery
 - Jurassic Parliament
 - Leveling up your communication skills
 - Showing up with courage & energy
- And mark your calendar for next year in Spokane!



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