

# Welcome to AWC RMSA's Annual Meeting & Dinner

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# Welcome!

2024 AWC RMSA Annual Membership Meeting

**6:00 pm**

**RMSA Reception**

**6:30 pm**

**Buffet dinner\***

*\*Bar closes at 8:00 pm*

**7:00 pm**

**President's welcome**

Julie Struck, RMSA Board President

- **Welcome to the RMSA Annual Meeting**
- **Introduction of RMSA Board of Directors**
- **Introduction of RMSA Operating Committee**

**7:05 pm**

**Welcome to the AWC RMSA Annual Meeting & Dinner**

Deanna Dawson, AWC CEO

Carol Wilmes, AWC Director of Member Pooling Programs

- **Welcome to AWC Member Expo**
- **AWC RMSA mission and vision**
- **Acknowledge staff**
- **Recognize vendors, consulting partners and sponsors**

**7:15 pm**

***Cyber resilience: emerging threats and attainable solutions panel***

Henry Dietz, Risk Management Coordinator, RMSA (Panel moderator)

Corey Kaufman, General Manager US West, VC3

Erin Peterson, Senior Program Specialist, NLC RISC

Niles Kostick, Manager, Center for Government Innovation, Office of Washington State Auditor

**8:00 pm**

**State of the Pool presentation**

Andrea Luper, RMSA Program Director

**8:15 pm**

**Operating Committee election**

Julie Struck, RMSA Board President

**8:20 pm**

**Other business**

*Andrea Luper, RMSA Program Director*

- **2024 Award recipients**
- **2025 AWC RMSA Annual Meeting**  
**Tuesday, October 7, 2025, Chelan**

**8:30 pm**

**Thank you and adjournment**

Julie Struck, RMSA Board President





## Position 1

**Brent Kirk**  
**City Manager, Granite Falls**

In 2009 I was hired as the Public Works Supervisor for the City of Granite Falls, which evolved into the position of City Administrator/Public Works Director. In 2015, the voters approved a ballot measure supporting a change to a Manger-Council form of government and I was subsequently hired as the first City Manager. I have also served in roles as a Commissioner for the

Lake Stevens Sewer District for seven years, board member for WCMA for six years, and AWC Small City Advisory Committee board member for nine years.

Our City has had all three major insurance carriers (CIAW, WCIA, & now RMSA) and I have always taken an interest in insurance pools and how they can operate in ways that minimize risk and provide comprehensive coverage at a reasonable cost. As a City that contracts out police services to Snohomish County, effectively covering the liability of law enforcement in the smaller communities is of particular interest to me. My motto of “do more with less” has brought our City from a negative cash balance in its general fund in 2010 to over five million dollars in reserves today.



## Position 3

**Erin (Mitchell) DeBerg**  
**Human Resource Manager, North Bend**

I began my career working with the King County Sheriff's Office when they contracted with the City of North Bend as an administrative assistant. I moved to the finance department in March of 2014 and for the 7 years I worked in finance I focused on Capital Project Accounting, Developer Project Accounting, Asset Management, Payroll and helping

with Emergency Management. In 2021, I was offered my position within the HR Department and Emergency Management, beginning as the HR Assistant, and working my way to HR Manager that began in September of 2023. I now have a certificate from UW for HR Essentials and will begin the next certificate class at UW in HR Management beginning September 30th. I have been a part of our Wellness Committee since March 2012.

Over the last 12 years working for the city, I have worked hard to build relationships not only internally, but externally as well. I am working to expand my capacity within my position and to have a voice in what impacts our City. I have been the “go to” person for our staff when it comes to benefits. I have a trusting relationship with our employees who share with me their ideas and what they would like to see when it comes to our benefit options. I have been a member of our cities Wellness Committee for 12 years and I have been planning our benefit fairs for the last 6. This is an opportunity to build my networking circle, to learn ideas and have a better understanding of how other cities operate and what ideas they also bring to the table. With my role in Emergency Management, I work closely with the Cities Risk Manager to not only support our staff in their daily work life, but also help prepare them for emergencies that may occur that impact the City of North Bend. This is an opportunity to better support our staff and our city in a meaningful way.



## Position 5

**Raena Hallam**  
**Clerk/Treasurer, Kettle Falls**

My name is Raena Hallam, and I am the Clerk/Treasurer for the City of Kettle Falls. I have had the privilege of serving the City of Kettle Falls as Clerk/Treasurer for over 25 years. Since 2022, I have also served on the RMSA Operating Committee, which has been a very educational and rewarding experience.

As Clerk/Treasurer I have learned to adapt, work as a team member and strategize positive solutions. I enjoy working in small community government and appreciate the opportunity to serve on the RMSA Operating Committee. With my experience I feel I can fairly represent small communities by serving on the RMSA Operating Committee and maintain the goals of stronger governance, sustainability and cost efficiency.

Outside of the office, I enjoy gardening, reading and spending time outdoors with Dave and our two mischievous pups, Deuce and Katie.

## Position 7

**VACANT**

## Position 9

**Ariana Cruz**  
**Deputy Clerk, Bridgeport**

I have served as Deputy Clerk for the City of Bridgeport for the past two years, during which I have been actively involved in various administrative and legislative functions. My role has provided me with valuable insights into the operational needs and challenges of our community.

My experience in local government has equipped me with a deep understanding of procedural intricacies and a strong commitment to enhancing our committee's effectiveness. I am dedicated to ensuring that our initiatives are well-supported and aligned with our organizational goals.

