

The Washington Association of County Officials provides legislative advocacy, education and training opportunities, and day-to-day support on a wide variety of issues of importance to counties and to each of our over 270 members.

WHAT IS WACO?

The membership of the Washington Association of County Officials (WACO) are the elected county assessors, auditors, clerks, coroners and medical examiners, prosecuting attorneys, sheriffs, treasurers and comparable appointed officials in charter counties. WACO is a non-profit, nonpartisan organization. WACO is comprised of affiliate organizations for every executive level county official in Washington's 39 counties.

WACO is governed by a Board of Trustees consisting of 19 positions: the President, Vice-President, 2nd Vice-President, Secretary/Treasurer, the 2 most recent Past-Presidents, 1 member chosen by their respective affiliate (known as a trustee), and 6 positions as trustees-at-large based on their county category.



WACO assists elected county officials, their offices, and their affiliate groups in three primary areas: legislation, education, and communication. WACO has presented and passed legislation on behalf elected county officials, created educational opportunities online and in person, and fostered a greater understanding of the unique roles and duties of each separately elected executive level county government office.

WHO WE REPRESENT

The Washington Association of County Assessors (WSACA)	<p>Appraises taxable real and personal property to determine assessed property values</p> <p>Calculates levy rates and certifies the tax roll to the county treasurer</p>
The Washington Association of County Auditors (WSACA)	<p>Conducts elections and maintains voter registration</p> <p>Keeps property records by recording documents</p> <p>Issues vehicle and vessel licenses</p>
The Washington State Association of County Clerks (WSACC)	<p>Is the record keeping officer of the Superior Court</p> <p>Financial office of the courts</p> <p>Quasi-judicial officer</p>
The Washington Association of Coroners and Medical Examiners (WACME)	<p>Conducts death investigations</p> <p>Notifies next of kin of family member's death</p> <p>Arranges the disposition of the deceased</p>
The Washington Association of Prosecuting Attorneys (WAPA)	<p>Advises county departments and officials on legal matters</p> <p>Represents and defends the county</p> <p>Prosecutes all criminal and civil actions on behalf of the state and <u>county</u></p>
The Washington State Sheriffs' Association (WSSA)	<p>Provides countywide law enforcement services, with a primary focus in the unincorporated areas</p> <p>Operates jail and jail alternative programs</p> <p>Director of emergency management, coordinates search and rescue</p>
The Washington State Association of County Treasurers (WSACT)	<p>Provides banking debt management services to the county, school, fire, port, cemetery and library districts, as well as various other taxing districts</p> <p>Processes property sales and transfers</p> <p>Collects taxes and assessments</p>