

President's Message

By *Mary Hollis*, City Finance Manager, City of Davenport

How many of us would have ever imagined we'd meet President Thomas Jefferson or Mr. Daniel Boone? The history that they shared at our 23rd Annual WMTA Conference was amazing and unforgettable. **Patrick Lee** portrayed each so convincingly that you felt as if you were living back in time with them. **Allan Martin** not only brought influential people from the past to our convention, but also from the present. The **Honorable Brad Owen**, Washington State Lieutenant Governor, gave us a memorable welcome speech which addressed Washington's present and future.

This year's conference theme, Financial Roundup, reflected the hard work of the board and officers in bringing a conference that provided education and encouraged the sharing of information in the midst of "good ol' down home" friendly faces. **Vickie Strong**, from the City of Colville, told me that, "this conference is the one conference that provides me with so much information that is usable at work. The workshops are just great." This year the educational tracks prepared us for potential disasters, informed us about new developments affecting tax levies and impact fees, presented us with resources and provided us with technical knowledge to perform our duties. A big 'thank-you' goes to **Stacey Sitko** and **Kris Tompkins** who arranged for the roundtable tracks and the pre-conference session.

I was extremely honored to present the Past President's Award to **Allan Martin** whose leadership set out the trail for WMTA's success in the future. Speaking of awards, when the President's Award was being presented, it was delightful to see **Kelly Devlin's** expression when his name was announced as the recipient.

After all the years that he, as Senior Vice President, Vinning Sparks, has generously donated televisions and VCR/DVDs to the Scholarship Fund for members of WMTA, it was fun to finally see him on the receiving end. By the way, the winner of this year's television was **Judy Scott**, Clallam County Treasurer and what a wonderful surprise it was for her.

Of course meeting President Thomas Jefferson and Mr. Daniel Boone was exciting, but I find more important the professional contacts and relationships we build with each other. The annual conference provides the environment to not only initiate these relationships but sustain them. I would like all of us to encourage a new member and to become a mentor by sharing our knowledge. Make plans to attend next year's conference and be sure to share your ideas for roundtable topics with our board members.

I want to thank you for the great opportunity that you have given me to serve such a wonderful organization and work with an exceptional board. It is truly an honor and I look forward to the year ahead.

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Kelly Devlin 2006 President Award Recipient

Associate Member, **Kelly Devlin**, Senior Vice President, Vining Sparks was presented the 2006 WMTA President's Award. In making the award, **Allan Martin**, Deputy State Treasurer, noted Kelly's ability to make everyone seem welcome as well as his many contributions to WMTA.

Kelly has regularly supported the scholarship committee with his yearly donations of a television set for the scholarship raffle. He has authored a number of articles for the Money Clip, and has served on the Investment Certification Committee. He is also active on the national level in the Association of Public Treasurers of the US & Canada.

"WMTA values our associate members and Kelly has worked hard on behalf of our organization," Allan said. "Kelly makes no distinction

between members and his genuine caring for all of us is widely acknowledged and well appreciated."

In receiving the award Kelly said he was honored and genuinely surprised. "I truly feel that WMTA values all its members. When I heard Allan's comments leading up to the announcement I thought, 'Hey who is this person – sounds like someone I would like to get to know!' On the serious side, I am greatly honored."



Allan Martin, Kelly Devlin

Testimony

"I value the time I spent on the WMTA board and serving as President in 1995. The educational and networking opportunities are excellent! I made many valuable friends during those years and still remain in contact. I encourage you to get involved. It makes our organization strong while at the same time giving you life long contacts in our profession and providing a great knowledgebase."

Past President **Rob Hendrickson**, Finance Director, City of Covington

WMTA Website Migrates

By *Mary Hollis*, City Finance Manager, City of Davenport

WMTA has entered into an agreement with Municipal Research and Services Center (MRSC) to operate the association's website. Since 1997 our website has been operated by member volunteers with **Steve Kimble** doing the heavy lifting. "Websites have become the source where people turn for information. The association appreciates the dedication and work that Steve

has put into designing and maintaining the website over the years," said Mary Hollis.

Besides information about WMTA and upcoming educational opportunities, the new website will provide on-line registration and an on-line membership directory. The board's goal is to have this up and running prior to the spring conference in

April. We will keep you posted on our progress. Watch your email!

"I would like to thank all of our members that jumped in and helped with the WMTA website over the past years. MRSC will expand the website for the association to accommodate the growth that we are experiencing."

Testimony

"I have been a member of WMTA since 1997. I have met many of our members and learned a lot about the various tasks that municipal finance professionals are called upon to carry out.

As someone on the private side of the profession who specializes in government investment instruments it is amazing to me the different topics my colleagues on the government side need to be knowledgeable with. The roundtable topics cover the full range of tasks and get so many members together at one place to share and exchange ideas. That is why WMTA is so valuable. From collecting the revenue to investing reserves, WMTA covers it all."

Mark Rodgers, Vice President-Government Sales, Seattle Northwest Securities.

New Associate Executive Editor!

Paula Florence Joins *Money Clip* Writing Guild

Paula Florence has volunteered to help in the twice-yearly publication of *The Money Clip*. Paula joins **Allan Martin**, Office of the State Treasurer, as newsletter correspondents. "Generally we look for articles that let members know what the Association is planning, how they can become involved and timely informational pieces," Allan said.

publishing *The Money Clip* is no exception. Allan's past journalistic experience includes only his time spent as staff photographer for his high school year book. Paula's newsletter experience comes from reading a lot of them, and struggling to pass high school English. They're looking for articles and ideas for articles from anyone with similar experience.

it to Paula or Allan. They will edit it for the *Money Clip* format. Final production is handled by **Holly Stewart** of MRSC who formats, prints and mails *The Money Clip*.

Both Paula and Allan are grateful for Holly's help! And, they'll be grateful for your help, too!

WMTA is a volunteer group, so every one needs to pitch in and help... and

If you have an idea for an article just "rough it out" in draft form and e-mail

WMTA Welcomes New Board Members 2006-2007

WMTA is pleased to welcome six new board members: City of Spokane Treasurer **Ellen Dolan**; Kitsap County Consolidated Housing Authority Director of Finance and Information Services **Paula Florence**; City of Port Townsend Finance Director **Michael Legarsky**; City of Brewster Finance Director **Pam Olsen**; City of Clarkston City Clerk **Vickie Storey**; and Office of the State Treasurer LGIP Administrator **Robbi Stedman** have joined the WMTA Board of Directors.

Ellen joins the board following many years of participation at our annual Chelan conferences and with the Association of Public Treasurers of the United States and Canada (APT US & C). Ellen most recently put in a bid to bring the national APT US&C conference to our state. Ellen's job as City of Spokane Treasurer puts her in touch with many of our associate members. "WMTA provides a great opportunity to meet one-on-one with many of the associates I deal with over the telephone during the year. The annual conference puts bankers, attorneys and various vendors in the same room where they are accessible. It is a great place to network." On her job Ellen brings a major focus to the efficient and effective utilization of public resources to successfully achieve the public purposes demanded by the city's dynamic environment. Ellen has a Bachelor of Science degree in Finance and an MBA from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. She is also a Chartered Financial Analyst. Ellen lives in north Spokane with her **husband and 2 sons (ages 4 and 6)**. She enjoys playing with her boys, cooking, quilting, crocheting, and scrapbooking.

Paula has been with the Kitsap County Consolidated Housing Authority (KCCHA) since 1996. She enjoys her job in finance, particularly the opportunity to help people in her community find affordable housing. "What I like most are the people I work with and the amazing work

that they do. I am lucky to have a job with an organization like KCCHA. KCCHA has a very compelling mission: to build strong communities and create housing and economic opportunities, that helps families become economically self-sufficient. I feel the same way about WMTA. My work on the scholarship auction is one other way where I feel I can help people in our local communities succeed. I am excited about working on the Board!

Paula is also a CPA, beginning her career in government after working for 18 years in Public Accounting. Paula lives in Gig Harbor, with her husband and two dogs. She also serves on the Board of Directors of Peninsula Light Company, a mutual electric and water utility that serves the community she lives in, and the Minerva Scholarship Fund, a non-for-profit organization that provides scholarships to women returning to college after taking a break in their education program. She enjoys traveling, reading, hiking, and cross-country skiing. Paula is a graduate of Portland State University where she earned a degree in Business Administration, and Golden Gate University where she earned a Master's degree in Taxation.

Michael has been with the City of Port Townsend since 1997, joining the city after 16 years as a state auditor. Michael was born in Kentucky and raised in Tacoma. He enlisted in the U.S. Navy in 1969. Having been raised as an army brat, he came to know diversity as a way of life. He attended Central Washington University and graduated in 1978 with a degree in Accounting. In 1985, he received his CPA license. Later he received his CFE credentials and became the audit manager for the State Auditor's Tacoma office. "When I was with the auditor's office I really enjoyed working with the various finance professionals I came in contact with. Now WMTA affords me the same opportunity to meet new people. I am

honored to have been approached to serve on the board."

Michael also serves as treasurer for the Port Townsend Rotary Club, and a board member of the Port Townsend Marine Science Center. Michael and his wife **Kathleen** are both dedicated to public service as she is employed by the Jefferson County Treasurer. The Legarskys enjoy boating, crabbing and scuba diving.

Pam started with the City of Brewster in 1982 as City Clerk/Finance Director.

She received her Certified Municipal Clerks designation in 1986. In 2000 she was the second City Clerk in Washington State to receive her Master Municipal Clerk designation. In 2000 she was awarded the "Clerk-of-the Year" for WMCA and is also a past president.

Pam was elected Okanogan/Douglas County District Hospital Commissioner in 1992 and was re-elected for a second term. She is a board member on the Okanogan County LEOFF Disability Board representing the cities in Okanogan County. She also serves as Executive Director of the Brewster Housing Authority.

She is married and has two children **Tammie** and **Troy** and two grandchildren **Brittani**, 15, and **Justin**, 12. Pam and her husband **Walt** love to travel. Their hobbies are snowmobiling, camping, boating and gardening.

As a Clerk-Treasurer **Vickie** brings a diverse and multi-disciplinary point of view to WMTA. Finance professionals in the Clerk-Treasurer position are called upon to do many different tasks in municipal finance. From collecting fees, investing, paying the bills and getting out the payroll. "In my position I work with everyone from the fire chief to the waste management director. It makes the day fly by. I like people and in a small city

you get to meet and work with them all!" Vickie's perspective will enhance WMTA's focus on the smaller entities. With Vickie's help the round table format will continue to bring forth information on a wide variety of tasks important to the smaller cities. Vickie makes her home in Clarkston which has a Mayor-Council form of Government. She has **two children, four grandchildren and a pond full of fish**. She enjoys walking, quilting, gardening and is currently busy remodeling the house she bought in January. Vickie attended Lewis Clark State College.

A native of Western Washington **Robbi** graduated from Eastern Washington University where she attended on a track scholarship (Go Eagles!). She graduated Summa Cum Laude in 2003 with a degree in communications. She also earned her Master's degree in Public Administration from EWU. Robbi is the LGIP Administrator with the Office of the State Treasurer where she helps 485 LGIP participants throughout the state. "My job is really interesting because I get to know so many people from around the state. I like feeling that I have the chance to serve the public." Robbi and her husband **Luke** make their home in Olympia with their goldendoodle Ruby. Luke is a flavor chemist for a mint company outside of Olympia that provides flavoring world wide. The Stedmans enjoy sports, camping, boating, and their dog. "I am really excited to serve on the board of such a great organization!"

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Allan Martin



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More fun run/walk



Jennifer Smith, Ron Hupp, Ellen Dolan



And more fun run/walk

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