
NEWS FROM THE PRESIDENT

Wow, we are leaving the beginning of 2007 in the dust. We have been diligently working on many projects this year. We are ready now for the fall conference, except for a final last minute trip to the hotel to make sure things are ready.

I have written previously this year that the first action I took was to set up a legislative committee. This committee has worked out extremely well. Craig Salzman and Chris Grabowski have made good contacts, and continue to work.

Last week we met with Representative Al O'Brien to discuss our bill. He was very forthcoming in his talking to us. I received an encouraging email from him, but I am counting on our members to really lobby this bill to your personal representative. It came even more to the forefront when Robin was threatened for fighting graffiti, and huge words were painted KILL ROBIN. We have had our fair share of officers assaulted in Washington State, and nothing of significance really happens to the offenders. We need to hear from you! If you have any past experiences we can use, please send them to me.

This is my last term as President of WACE. In September you will elect a new President. Since all of the board is up for election, I urge all of you to read the qualifications needed to serve. A non productive member throws all of the work on the other members. A member who is not qualified, or who cannot make the board meetings and conferences is not able to be as productive as needed. Many of us must take personal time to honor the commitment. The sitting board has been the hardest working board we have had for a while. I have been very pleased with the things we have accomplished. Robin and Orlando have completely organized the financial reporting and members listing. This was a very big challenge. We have some amendments to the bylaws coming your way, and other housekeeping that has been done at the vote of the board, that we needed in the permanent bylaws. I appreciate each of you reading the duties of officers, submitting your nominations and, finally, casting your vote.

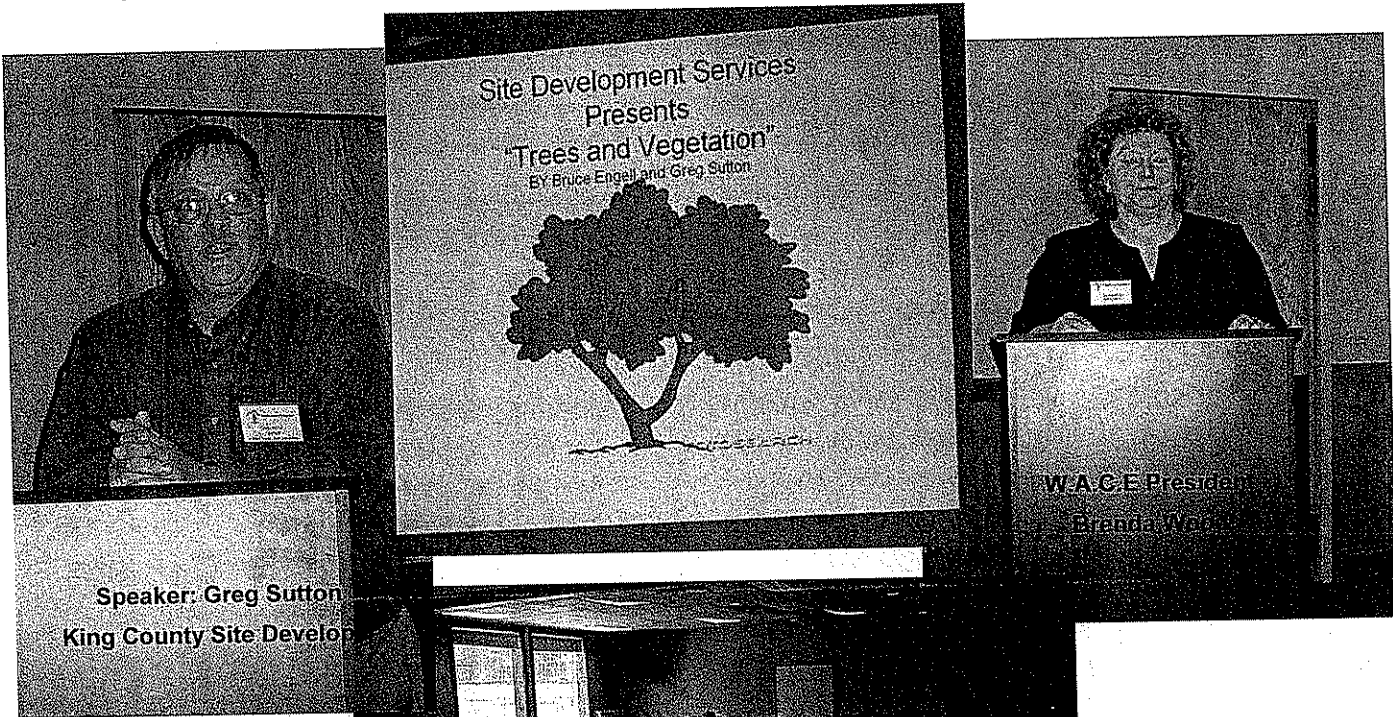
Joyce Devries has stepped in and put out a great news letter. All we need is articles. Is something needing to be reported about your city, did you win an award, a great case story....we need it to share with our members.

Please be safe and I hope to see all of you at the conference.

Brenda Wood
President

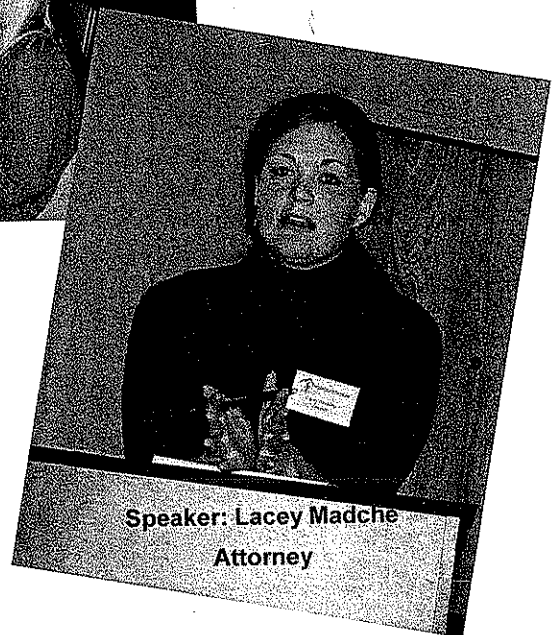
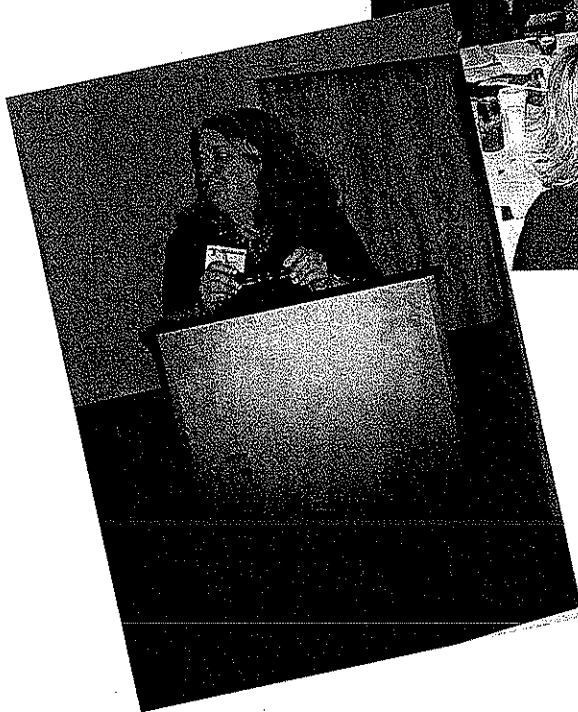
2007 Spring Conference

Was held on April 27, 2007 at Snoqualmie Pass, WA. Attendance was great. The speakers and subject matter were both very informative.



Speaker: Greg Sutton
King County Site Develop

W.A.C.E. President
Brenda W...



Speaker: Lacey Madche
Attorney

A MESSAGE FROM BETTY CRUZ, SGT-AT-ARMS

I have served two 2-year terms as the Sergeant-at-Arms and my term is up this year. My primary duties have been to maintain order during our board meetings and conferences. I also have been the lead on organizing our voting for board and officer members. I spent quite a bit of time with board and officers to manage our membership and assisted with treasurer duties. I work closely with the other Executive members to make sure we try and stay on task

and have also began working with other officers to organize our next WACE Scavenger hunt! Look out CEO's, we aim to stump you this year!

On another note, after 12 years of working as a Code Compliance Officer with the City of Federal Way, I decided to join the great team of Code Compliance Officers at the City of Bellevue. It has been fantastic experience so far. I have been an active

for the past 13 years. If there is anything I can ever be of assistance with, please contact me anytime.

Thanks,

Betty Cruz,

Code Enforcement Officer

City of Bellevue

(425) 452-7818

(425) 452-7930

bcruz@bellevuewa.gov

NEW BILLING SYSTEM

Greetings everyone!!

As most of you know, I have been auditing files to determine the membership status of all WACE members. What a huge association!! I have finally finished auditing the files, and have contacted many of you via phone or e-mails. Thanks so much for your quick responses to my questions, it was a huge help.

The board recently voted to change the way we do our billing. In the past, we attempted to bill members on their anniversary dates. However, with such a large organization this is almost impossible to do. With that being said, this is how we are going to bill in the future.

Half of the group will be billed in

January, and their membership expiration will be in March of every year. The other half of the organization will be billed in June and their membership will expire in September of every year. Please make sure to fill out a membership application and send it in with your dues. This information is used to update our roster (which we hope to have on line in the future).

I am working on getting out membership cards to each of you. This will have your membership expiration date on them. It will also have our web page address and the password on the back. If, for some reason you don't get a membership card by fall conference please let me know. I plan on taking the equipment to confer-

ence and will make one for you before leaving conference.

Thanks so much for your patience during this process. I hope the new system will be easier for all of us.

See you soon.

Robin Blair

3rd VP WACE Board

Code Enforcement Officer

Burlington Police Dept

311 Cedar, Suite B

Burlington, WA 98233

(360)755-2307

robinb@ci.burlington.wa.us

WACE Legislative Action Committee Update

Chris Grabowski, Committee Member

The WACE Legislative Action Committee (LAC) and WACE President Brenda Wood met with Representative Al O'Brien, Chair of the Public Safety Committee, on July 18 to discuss House Bill (HB) 1495. HB 1495 is the proposed legislation that will elevate assault against Code Enforcement Officers from a gross misdemeanor to a Class C felony. Rep. O'Brien indicated that the committee had some concerns over the fiscal impacts of the proposed legislation, which prompted the bill not being passed on to the full Legislature. A Fiscal Note was ordered to examine any potential impacts, and the note came back with "No fiscal impact" listed by every agency polled. In some cases, the narrative pointed out that if there were to be any impact, it would likely be small and able to be absorbed with current resources. Armed with this information the LAC and Brenda held discussions with Rep. O'Brien about moving our bill out of committee next session, and Rep. O'Brien agreed, however one large stumbling block remains. Some Representatives on the committee expressed concerns that this legislation may be WACE membership's attempt to become part of the Law Enforcement Officers' and Fire Fighters' (LEOFF) retirement sys-

tem. We assured Rep. O'Brien that this is most definitely not our intent, but the concern is out there and we need to combat that. It's now time to do your part as a WACE member. If you haven't done so already, please sign the attached letter and send it to your legislator as soon as possible. Better yet, take it to their office personally and introduce yourself to them. If you don't know who your Representative is, contact Craig Salzman or Chris Grabowski and we can help you. We need to ramp up our efforts and get the legislation out of committee and onto the floor this session. Please do your part to help us in our efforts. We will all benefit from the protection that this legislation will offer.

Following is the model of the letter that we urge you to send to your district legislators requesting their support of our bill. Please personalize the letter and forward it as soon as possible to your legislators. (To find names and addresses of your legislators, go to:

<http://apps.leg.wa.gov/DistrictFinder/Default.aspx>

Please forward any response received to csalzman@ci.kirkland.wa.us for tracking purposes.

MODEL LETTER

(Your Legislators Name)

Address

City, State and Zip

Re: House Bill 1495.

Code Enforcement Officer Enhanced Penalties Bill

To the Honorable _____:

As a Code Enforcement Officer and a member of WACE, Washington Association of Code Enforcement, I would like to voice my support for HB 1495 that adds Code Enforcement Officers to the list of professionals that are protected from violence while performing their official duties.

I would like to make you aware that as Code Enforcement Officers we face threats daily. Code Enforcement Officers have been assaulted in Washington State and killed in the line of duty in other states. We are asking to be included in the same legislation that mandates enhanced criminal penalties for specific civil servants assaulted, injured or killed while performing their official duties.

WACE members work to enhance and protect the livability and environment within our jurisdictions. We routinely assist Law Enforcement in dealing with threats to the communities in addressing illegal junk yards, hazardous materials and sites, and substandard properties. We also are frequently involved with the detection and clean up of clandestine drug labs. In performing these duties, we often encounter citizens hostile to us in our professional capacity. It is not uncommon for the people we encounter in the performance of our duties to be the same people as those dealt with by police officers.

The enhanced criminal penalties for assaulting Code Enforcement Officers may not prevent violence by the most hardened and severe criminals, however, we hope that with additional enhanced penalties the risk in fulfilling our official duties will be reduced.

Your help in passing this bill is appreciated.

Sincerely;

(Your Name)

(Your Position)

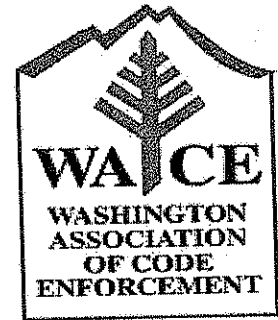
(Your Address)

(Your City, State & Zip)

2007 FALL CONFERENCE

SEPTEMBER 19, 20, 21
LEAVENWORTH, WASHINGTON

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CLASS TOPICS INCLUDE:

- ◆ The Power of a Mighty Memory (Improving your memory recall) by Margarite Ham, professional speaker
- ◆ Complete Mock Hearing presented by King County Prosecutor
- ◆ Hear the latest news on Retirement
- ◆ Inspecting a Substandard Dwelling
- ◆ Clean Air Energy Program on Dealing with Mold – When is a House Uninhabitable, The New Bill to Help Take Action Against Mold
- ◆ The above class will be followed by the Nuts and Bolts of putting together a case that will pass the Hearing Examiner and/or Superior Court re: Posting a House Not to be Occupied

Conference begins Wednesday, September 19th at 8:30 a.m. and ends Friday afternoon, September 21st.

Conference Fee:

\$225.00 Paid Up Member

\$265.00 Non-Member (*This includes the cost of WACE membership if a membership application accompanies the registration form.*)

Fee includes breakfast and lunch each day and dinner Thursday night only.



For a room reservation, call the Best Western Icicle Inn directly at (509) 548-7000 . Be sure to request the WACE Conference rate (1 bed, 1 person-\$85, 2 persons-\$95 or 2 beds, 2-4 persons-\$95.)

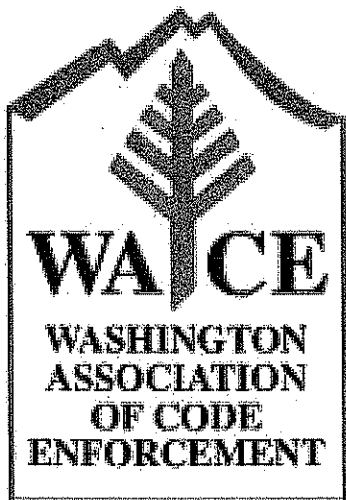
NOW LET'S TALK ABOUT THE FUN AFTER CLASS!

Wednesday night will be the Bigger than ever Scavenger Hunt! You will not want to miss out on this great competitive event.

Thursday night – Get your dancing shoes on for a real live band of the brotherhood. Prizes will be awarded, drawings held. Dinner is provided for this event!

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Don't forget to bring a gift item or basket from your jurisdiction!
We have had some really great ones and some really funny ones.
These are given out during the conference.



FALL CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM

SEPTEMBER 19, 20 & 21, 2007
8:30 am—4:00 pm

ICICLE INN BEST WESTERN

505 HIGHWAY 2
Leavenworth, WA
1-509-548-7000

Member Name: _____

Title: _____

Department: _____

Mailing address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Fax No: _____

E Mail: _____

Conference Cost: \$225 Members with current membership
\$265 Non-Members (This will include your WACE membership
if a membership form is submitted.)

Method of Payment: Check, Money Order, Cashier Check, Purchase Order
(sorry, not set up for credit card payments at this time)

Return Completed Form & Payment Information by **September 15, 2007**
(If later, please fax information)

MAIL TO:



WACE
Attention: Orlando Howell, Treasurer
P.O. Box 2797
Redmond, WA 98073
Fax Number: (425) 861-4249

DUTIES OF OFFICERS

PRESIDENT: The President shall be directly responsible for the supervision and guidance of the affairs of this association and shall preside over all meetings. The President shall enforce the By-laws of this Association and perform other duties that would be recognized as being part of the office. The headquarters of the Association shall be the Office of the President so long as it is located in the State of Washington.

1st VICE-PRESIDENT: The 1st Vice-President will preside over all meetings in the absence of the President. The primary duties of the 1st Vice-President shall be to chair the Steering Committee and to assist the Treasurer in carrying out the duties of his/her office.

2nd VICE-PRESIDENT: The 2nd Vice-President shall preside in the absence of the President and 1st Vice-President. The primary duty of the 2nd Vice-President shall be to chair the Certification Committee and to keep the President informed of the current progress and future plans of the committee.

3rd VICE-PRESIDENT: The 3rd Vice-President shall preside during the combined absences of the President and the 1st and 2nd Vice-Presidents. The primary responsibility of the 3rd Vice-President is to serve as the Membership Committee Chairperson "and to maintain a roster of current members." The position shall be involved in a continuous effort and drive throughout the year to promote W.A.C.E. and increase membership.

SECRETARY: The Secretary shall keep a complete record of all proceedings of the organization and shall be the recording officer and custodian of the records. The Secretary shall be responsible for the Association's correspondence. He/she shall keep readily available at all meetings such records as the book of minutes, a certified copy of the By-laws, roster of membership, complete list of any standings of special committees, current correspondence and other records as necessary.

TREASURER: The Treasurer shall be the custodian of all monies of this Association and shall chair the Finance/Budget Committee. He/she will be responsible to see that the dues of all members are paid in full prior to the opening of the annual business session, and shall report same to the President. All collections and expenditures for the W.A.C.E. funds shall be checked and signed by the Treasurer. The Treasurers' books and records shall be audited each year by the Executive Committee prior to the annual conference. A report of all expenditures shall be made available to all members of the Association. "At the Business and Elections Meeting, the Treasurer shall present a financial statement for all members to view."

SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: The Sergeant-at-Arms shall maintain order during all meetings and functions of this Association. The Sergeant-at-Arms shall be responsible for ensuring that all votes are in accordance with the provisions of Article III and shall notify all members of the election results.

WASHINGTON ASSOCIATION OF CODE ENFORCEMENT

Attention: WACE Members!

There are 7 positions available to serve as Officers of the Washington Association of Code Enforcement (WACE). This is a 2-year term. Any active member, in good standing with W.A.C.E. is eligible for any office. This is your chance to nominate yourself or a member you know to become part of our team in service! Serving as an Executive Officer is a great way to participate in meeting our Mission, which is to advance the profession of Code Enforcement through Education and Certification, Public Awareness, Standards of Conduct, and Personal and Professional Integrity.

.**BE ADVISED** To be an officer in WACE, there is a time requirement to attend 5-7 board meetings annually, generally located in Western Washington and both the Spring and Fall Conferences. All officer duties must be fulfilled and are shown on the previous page. Please notify your Supervisor regarding your candidacy and the time requirements for approval. You must also have your WACE membership in good standing.

DEADLINE TO TURN IN YOUR NOMINATION IS AUGUST 10, 2007. PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR NOMINATIONS TO:

WACE (Ballot)
PO BOX 2797
REDMOND, WA 98073

Nomination Instructions

Please nominate yourself or another WACE member by filling in the blank space below. The existing Board members are running for another term and are already entered to run.

Validate your ballot by making sure your membership is in good standing.

Sign and print your name below.

Please write "ballot" on the mailing envelope.

Completed nominations must arrive by August 10, 2007.

The nominations will be reviewed by the Nomination Committee. Finished ballots will be mailed during the first week in September. Instructions for either mailing your ballot or for voting at the Conference will be included with the finished ballot.

PRESIDENT

Betty Cruz

Craig Salzman

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3RD VICE PRESIDENT

Robin Blair*

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SERGEANT-AT-ARMS

Brenda Wood

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* Incumbent

1ST VICE PRESIDENT

Brenda Wood

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SECRETARY

Nancy Uhrich*

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The Finished Ballots will be mailed during the first week in September.

2ND VICE PRESIDENT

Cindy Keirsej*

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TREASURER

Orlando Howell*

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Member Signature

Print Name



NEWS FROM THE TREASURER

My name is Orlando Howell. I have been serving as your detail oriented WACE Treasurer since March, 2007. Prior to my career in Code Enforcement, I served as a Police Officer for twenty years. During my Police career, I served a term as Police Association President and as Treasurer for several years.

Since March, the WACE financial records have been reviewed, reorganized and balanced. Payments received are recorded by Officer's name, jurisdiction, amount paid, date received and the type of payment (WACE dues, AACE pass through, Conferences). WACE expense records are kept much the same way. Another set of records are kept in a different format for verification and backup. Payment information is forwarded to Robin Blair, WACE Membership Chairperson. Robin records your membership start date, computes renewal dates, and mails renewal notices. I am pleased to announce that your organization is in good financial standing.

WACE is applying to the Internal Revenue Service to renew our tax exempt status. I will complete a W4 form if your jurisdiction mails one to me.

Conferences are a great opportunity for us to learn new laws and techniques to perform our duties as Code Enforcement Officers. It is also an excellent opportunity to network with Officers from Washington State who enforce the same type of cases you do. When you attend WACE conferences, a sign-in sheet will be provided at the registration desk. A "sign-in" verifies your attendance, confirms registration fee payment information and provides an opportunity for me to meet each Officer attending the conference. Please stop by the registration desk well before conference classes begin for your hand out material and to say "hi." Please advise how I may be of assistance to you or your jurisdiction. My contact information is available on the WACE website.

Orlando Howell

Building Official

City of Hoquiam

FALL SCAVENGER HUNT



Well, here we are at the end of another busy year. I am pleased to be part of such a hard working team. These past few months have been especially busy working with other members of the board in updating membership information and working diligently to identify those areas that we need to improve on, particularly in membership and the renewal process.

The board is currently gearing up for another exciting Fall Conference in Leavenworth. Betty Cruz and I are getting ready to step up to the challenge of organizing another WACE scavenger hunt. We underestimated our extremely sharp and highly competitive WACE Members last year and will be working to make the clues much more difficult this year...so watch out!

It's time again for the election of WACE Officers and there is much that needs to be done. I have been appointed to serve on the nomination committee again this year and will soon be soliciting your nominations of persons to run for office. Only members in good standing of WACE will be eligible to run for office or to vote, so make sure your membership is current. This is your chance to nominate yourself or a member you know to become part of our team in service! Serving on the board is a great way to begin networking and to get closely involved with WACE functions.

All in all it has been a great year...hope to see you all at the Fall Conference!

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WACE Board Member