



2025 WPPA Executive Committee

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 Committee & WPPA staff

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Eric ffitich, Executive Director
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Aviation:

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Trustees:

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Edmonds - David Preston

Ephrata - David Lanman

Everett - Glen Bachman

Friday Harbor - Rich Goodhart

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Grandview - Frank A. Lyall

Grapeview - Mike Blaisdell

Grays Harbor - Tom Quigg

Hartline - Chris Edwards

Hoodsport - Cody Morris

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Ilwaco - Tina Hayes

Indianola - Jeff Henderson

Kalama - Troy Stariha

Kennewick - Skip Novakovich

Keyport - Ellen Ross-Cardoso

Kingston - Steve Heacock

Klickitat - Margie Ziegler

Longview - Allan Erickson

Lopez - Steve Adams

Manchester - James Strode

Mattawa - Glenn Leland

Moses Lake - Darrin M. Jackson

Olympia - Jasmine Vasavada

Orcas - Mia Kartiganer

Othello - Deena Vietzke

Pasco - Jean Ryckman

Pend Oreille - Kelly Driver

Peninsula - Jay Personius

Port Angeles - Colleen McAleer

Port Townsend - Carol Hasse

Poulsbo - Jay Lawrence

Quincy - Curt Morris

Ridgefield - Joe Melroy

Royal Slope - Bonnie Valentine

Seattle - Ryan Calkins

Shelton - Wendy Smith

Silverdale - Caleb Reese

Skagit - Kevin Ware

Skamania County - Jenny Taylor

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Sunnyside - Lucia Navarro

Tacoma - Kristin Ang

Tracyton - William Mooney

Vancouver - Jack Burkman

Wahkiakum 1 - Todd Souvenir

Wahkiakum 2 - Terina Davis

Walla Walla - Kip Kelly

Warden - Pat Millard

Waterman - Jeff Reynolds

Whitman County - Karl Webber

Willapa Harbor - Patti Lignoski

Woodland - Rob Rich

Washington Public Ports Association

2025 Annual Meeting, November 19 - 21

Marriott Tacoma Downtown &
 Tacoma Convention Center

Wednesday, November 19

7:00 am - 4:00 pm WPPA registration desk is open
 in the Chambers Bay Pre-Function Area, 3rd Floor
 Lunch & General Session is on the 3rd floor

8:30 - 11:45 am Committee Meetings

8:30 - 11:30 am

Legal, Point Defiance, 3rd floor

8:30 - 10:00 am

Trade & Transportation, Chambers Bay I, 3rd floor

Marina, Proctor, 2nd floor

10:15 - 11:45 am

Economic Dev. & Environment, Chambers Bay I, 3rd floor

Aviation, Proctor, 2nd floor

10:15 - 11:15

Communications, Stadium, 2nd floor

12:00 - 1:30 pm Luncheon, Chambers Bay I & II

Glen Bachman, Commissioner, Port of Everett & WPPA
 President Presiding

Keynote Address: Update on Washington's Agricultural Industry

Derek Sandison, Director, Washington State Department of Agriculture

1:30 pm Break

2:00 - 4:00 pm General Session, Convention Center CD

2:00 - 3:00 Communicating Washington's Maritime History

Jennifer Ott, Editor in Chief, HistoryLink

Alex Gradwohl, Program Director, Maritime Washington National Heritage Area

3:00 - 4:00 WA Budget Revenue and Tax Update

Emily Makings, Sr. Research Analyst, WA Research Council
Grant Forsyth, Chief Economist, Avista

4:00 - 6:00 pm Associate Member Reception, Chambers Bay Pre-Function Area, 3rd floor

Enjoy some appetizers and a tasty refreshment while casually networking with our Associate Members.

Evening: On your own to enjoy the city of Tacoma!

Thursday, November 20

7:30 am - 4:30 pm WPPA registration desk is open in the Chambers Bay Pre-Function Area, 3rd Floor

6:15 am Rise & Shine Walk with Eric ffitich

Meet in the main hotel lobby to join your port peers for an invigorating early morning walk through downtown Tacoma.

WPPA 2025 Annual Meeting

Thursday Continued

8:00 - 9:00 am Ports Only Breakfast, Chambers Bay I & II

This breakfast is for registered Port Commissioners, Executive Directors, Port Staff, and Life Members Only

9:00 - 10:00 am Legislative Report, Convention CD

Diahann Howard, Port of Benton Executive Director & Legislative Committee Chair Presiding

10:00 am Break

10:15 am - 12:00 pm General Session, Convention CD

10:15 - 11:05 am Energy: Gas-Electric Coordination Effort
Dan Kirschner, Chief Executive Officer, NWGA
Steve Taylor, Director of Regulatory & Regional Affairs, Cowlitz PUD

11:10 am - 12:00 pm Rail – Industry Update WSDOT Rail Plan & Other Rail Issues

Jason Beloso, Freight & Rail Planning Program Manager, WSDOT
Ross Lane, Assistant Vice President, Government Relations, Genesee and Wyoming, Inc.
Darkhan Mussanov, Rail Facility Planning Practice Lead, DB E.C.O. North America

12:00 - 1:30 pm Luncheon, Chambers Bay I & II

Glen Bachman, Commissioner, Port of Everett & WPPA President Presiding

Keynote Address: Port Industrial Symbiosis

Panelists:

Moderator: Carly Michiels, WPPA
Kyle Gitchell, Circular Economy Development Director, Washington State Department of Commerce
Stephen McFadden, Deputy Executive Director, Economic Development Division, Port of Pasco
Nick Rohrbach, Construction Project Manager, CDRPA
Eron Berg, Executive Director, Port of Port Townsend

1:30 pm Break

2:00 - 3:30 pm Port Reports, Convention CD

- Port of Skagit, Sara Young, Executive Director
- Port of Brownsville, Robyn Dally, Executive Director
- Port of Kingston, Greg Englin, Executive Director

3:30 - 4:30 Roundtable Discussions

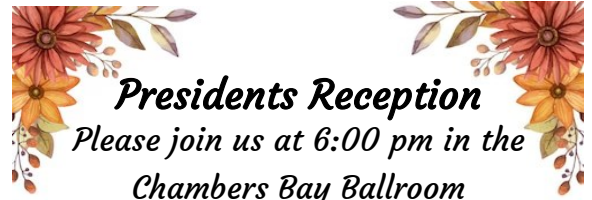
2nd Floor of the Marriott

30-Minutes each, choose two

- 1 - **Stadium:** RCO Boating Program Resources
Nick Norton, Washington State Recreation & Conservation Office
- 2 - **Proctor 1:** Supply Chain Federation
Sarah Wiltfong, Chief Public Policy and Advocacy Officer, Supply Chain Federation
- 3 - **Proctor 2:** MARAD: Federal Partner Update
Xochitl Castaneda & Kristine Gilson
Maritime Administration
- 4 - **Commencement:** Connecting With Your Community Through Port Tours
Leslie Barstow, Port of Tacoma



Thursday Continued



to honor our 2025 WPPA President

Glen Bachman

We are also featuring an auction for our Education Foundation. Please come and enjoy some food & beverages while celebrating with friends and supporting a great cause!



Friday, November 21

Hotel Checkout is 11:00 am, please plan accordingly!

8:00 am Awards Breakfast, Chambers Bay I & II

Please join us for breakfast and our awards ceremony

- WPPA Winter Scholarship
- Lifetime Members
- Outstanding Service to the Industry
- Port of the Year

Board of Trustees Meeting Immediately Following Breakfast

- Committee Reports
- Treasurer's Report
- President's Report
- Executive Director's Report
- New Business
 - * Approve WPPA 2026 Budget
 - * Nomination and Election of 2026 Officers

12:00 pm - Meeting Adjourned

**Thank you for joining us this week.
Have a safe trip home!**

Save the Dates! WPPA 2026 Event Calendar

Port Day on the Hill & Reception: Feb. 5-6, Olympia
Spring Meeting: May 19-21, Skamania Lodge, Stevenson
Finance & Administration: June 24-26, Hotel Indigo, Everett
Directors: July 8-10, Courtyard by Marriott, Pullman
Commissioners: July 20-22, Hilton Garden Inn, Wenatchee
Environmental: TBD
Small Ports: Oct. 22-23, Campbell's Resort, Chelan
Annual Meeting: Dec 9-11, Hilton Vancouver