



2024 WMCA 52nd CALL TO CONFERENCE PRE-CONFERENCE INFORMATION

Red Lion Yakima Convention Center | Yakima, WA

Spring Academy or Athenian Dialogue: Tuesday, March 19, 2024

Conference: Wednesday, March 20 through Friday, March 22, 2024

REGISTER EARLY AND SAVE!

Registration for Conference opens December 1st. Register by February 13, 2024 and **save \$25 on the Spring Academy or Athenian Dialogue and \$50 on the annual conference**. Conference attendance earns 3 CMC "Experience" or 3 MMC "Professional Contributions" points. Pre-registration ensures that meals are ordered for you and conference materials are ready. Go to www.wmcaclerks.org to register online. **Refunds must be requested no later than February 13th and registration closes February 27, 2024.**

LODGING RESERVATIONS

Don't delay, make your reservations now! **Rooms are blocked until Friday, March 1, 2024** at \$98/night plus taxes and fees for single or double. Reserve [online](#) or call Red Lion Yakima Convention Center at 509-248-5900 - mention you're in the "WMCA Annual Conference" block (block code 1YL3IJ). **Room cancellations must be made by 4:00 p.m. 24 hours in advance of arrival date.**

SPRING ACADEMY AND ATHENIAN DIALOGUE

Register for Spring Academy or Athenian Dialogue on Tuesday, March 19th for a chance to earn 3 CMC or MMC "Education" points. The Academy class "Digital Government: Bringing Your Municipality into the 21st Century" will be led by Chris Astrella. Mary Lynne will facilitate Athenian Dialogue on the book *The Zookeepers Wife: A War Story* by Diane Ackerman. **Please note:** Academy and Athenian Dialogue occur at the same time so you will only be able to register for one or the other.

Breakfast and lunch are included in the registration fee of **\$150 for the Academy or Athenian**. Please note if you have **medically necessary** dietary needs during registration.

CONFERENCE SESSIONS

Our conference General Session will feature keynote speaker Brenda Viola on Settling Your Worth: The Key to a Fulfilling Life. The closing session features Annie Meehan on Be the Exception. Breakout sessions will include classes on records, parliamentary procedure, and much more. The draft conference schedule will be [online](#) soon.

CONFERENCE CHARITY

President Neissl has chosen the Fred Hutch Cancer Center – Stem Cell Transplant Program as her conference charity. Stay tuned for more details and a link to the online donation page.

PRESIDENT'S RECEPTION AND NEW ATTENDEE MEET & GREET

Tuesday night features a welcome reception with appetizers hosted by WMCA President, Lisa Neissl. New attendees are invited to a Meet & Greet prior to the reception to meet fellow clerks and be partnered with a "conference buddy".

CONFERENCE MEALS

Meals are included in the full conference registration fee. This year we will provide the following meals:

Wednesday: breakfast, lunch, and dinner; **Thursday:** breakfast, lunch, and dinner; **Friday:** breakfast

Please indicate any **medically necessary** dietary needs during registration.

Guest(s) may join you for conference meals, and they must be ordered in advance. Please select those meals under "Guest Registration" on the registration form & be sure to include payment for their meals with your registration.

There is absolutely no outside food or drink allowed in the conference center.

CONFERENCE ATTIRE & BANQUET INFO

Conference & event attire is business casual. The majority of conference activities are held in the conference center adjacent to the hotel. We recommend dressing in layers as you will be walking outside between buildings. The annual banquet will be a classy event - cocktail party attire is appropriate.

AUCTION NIGHT

Wednesday night's dinner festivities will include several fundraising activities, a live auction, and raffle drawings. Please consider picking up an auction item to donate and help replenish WMCA's scholarship fund!

RAFFLES, SILENT AUCTION & WMCA STORE

All proceeds from the raffles, silent and live auctions, and items purchased in the WMCA Store fund scholarships to attend the WMCA and IIMC annual conferences, the Northwest Clerks Institute, Fall Education Days, Spring Academy, and Athenian Dialogues.

Credit cards are welcome, and you can open a tab! Bring your spirit of giving and buy raffle tickets, bid on silent and live auction items, and support our clerks' professional development!