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## **Snohomish County Auditor Honored with Executive Director's Award**

Everett, WA - On Tuesday, November 14, Snohomish County Auditor Carolyn Weikel was presented with the Executive Director's Award by the Washington Association of County Officials (WACO) at their board meeting in Seattle. The award was presented to Weikel for actively seeking input from WACO members in an effort to bring cohesion to the organization. Her efforts resulted in securing resources for WACO's legislative advocacy efforts and improving WACO's membership communication strategy which included a restructuring of the WACO webpage and a resurrection of the Courthouse journal. She also worked to elevate and improve the WACO organization by supporting funding for new education opportunities for WACO members.

WACO honored Weikel's efforts by renaming the Executive Director's Award the Carolyn Weikel Award. The Carolyn Weikel Award will be presented in the future to a WACO member who more than any other works tirelessly to improve WACO, elevate its prominence and stature, contributes to its success and supports the WACO strategic plan, according to Scott Blonien, Executive Director of WACO.

Weikel, the Snohomish County Auditor since January 3, 2007 has been a member of WACO since 2007. She has been elected to serve as a WACO Board member, Representative for Large Counties, Secretary/Treasurer, Second and First Vice President, and President. She is currently serving as Chair of the Budget Committee. "Being a part of WACO for the past 10 years has been hard and rewarding work. When all WACO members come together, the results are impactful and important" said Weikel.

WACO provides year-round legislative advocacy, advice and counsel for affiliates that includes elected county assessors, auditors, clerks, coroners, medical examiners, prosecuting attorneys, sheriffs, treasurers and comparable appointed officials in charter counties and is a non-profit, nonpartisan organization.

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