

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION



Name: _____

Agency: _____

Title: _____

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Please select the type of membership:

Active Member, \$75: Active members are Public Records Officers and those performing or engaged in supporting the function of Public Records Officers and who duties include, but are not limited to the processing, tracking, monitoring and disposition of public records requests, and records management functions. Active Members in good standing have full voting privileges.

Affiliate Member, \$250: Any private individuals, non-government employees and business representatives (such as attorney, corporate representative) that seek to assist in the accomplishments of the objectives of WAPRO. Affiliate Members do not have voting rights.

I am interested in serving on a WAPRO Committee.

Send Membership Application and Check To:

WAPRO
PO Box 4234
South Colby, WA 98384

Questions? Contact Ramsey Ramerman,
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The Washington Association of Public Records Officers (WAPRO) is a registered non-profit corporation in the State of Washington founded to provide education on the Public Records Act to public disclosure practitioners and to provide a forum for public records officers and those involved in responding to public disclosure requests to discuss issues associated with the Act.

MEMBERSHIP BROCHURE

Why WAPRO Exists...

Why the Washington Association of Public Records Officers?

A public records officer association just makes sense. There are approximately 2200 local governments and numerous state agencies in Washington State. The Public Records Act mandates that every government have a public records officer. The goal of the Washington Association of Public Records Officers (WAPRO) is to harness the collective knowledge and talent of these public records officers to increase transparency and Public Records Act compliance through standardized education.

Conventional wisdom says “many hands make light work” and “an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure.” With 2200 pairs of hands working together, WAPRO will help make light work of PRA compliance. And by participating in WAPRO, a small investment from each local and state agency in WAPRO will help buy a lot of prevention.

WAPRO will increase transparency and better PRA compliance by increasing the availability of standardized Public Records Act education. WAPRO will also serve as a forum where Public Records Officers and others who are part of an agency’s PRA compliance program can share ideas, spot trends and share best practices. Finally, WAPRO will help agencies evaluate software solutions such as tracking software and archiving tools that can ultimately make agencies more transparent for less money.

Who Should Join WAPRO?

All public employees who assist with Public Records Act compliance and want more knowledge about the Public Records Act should join. This includes but is not limited to: Public Records Officers, Information Technology staff, Human Resource staff, Legal counsel, risk managers and more.

What do members get?

Education: WAPRO is developing educational opportunities that will be available to members at a low cost. Ultimately, WAPRO hopes to develop a certification program.

Best Practices: WAPRO will harness the collective wisdom from all of its members, who will then have access to this information. We expect to start a list-serve and a “wiki” site to enhance access.

Tool Kit: The WAPRO tool kit is still in the works, but once available it will include a bank of forms and sample documents, research tools such as the Exemption Compendium, and training tools you can use to train your agency including standardized PowerPoint presentations.

Networking: Opportunities throughout the year to meet your counterparts in other local governments and discuss current issues.

What Does the Future Hold for WAPRO?

The ultimate goal of WAPRO is to promote a culture of transparency in Washington governments through education of its public records practitioners. Over the next few years, the association will pursue this goal by

- Hosting seminars and an annual training conference for public records officers;
- Publishing regular newsletters providing updates on new developments in the law;
- Providing a common voice to address legislative issues;
- Monitoring Public Records Act litigation state-wide;
- Providing standardized forms, policies, response letters, tracking systems; and
- Providing on-line resources and standardized training programs.

Join the association and help us grow!

WAPRO STANDING COMMITTEES:

Organization Committee—responsible for amendments to the associations bylaws and developing board job descriptions; responsible for filing the association’s application for IRS 501(c)3 tax-exempt status. Contact Woody Edvalson at edvalsonw@ci.bonney-lake.wa.us

Membership Committee — helps grow and retain an educated and active membership, recruits new members and develops strategies to meet the expectations of the membership. Contact Amy Cleveland at aclevela@ci.olympia.wa.us

Education Committee — leads planning activities to promote and enhance training, education and professionalism of state and local gov. public records officers. Contact Kristal Wiitala at wiitakk@dshs.wa.gov

Practices & Policy Committee — reviews and recommends proposed legislation, reports on current legal cases and develops suggested methods for meeting the requirements of the Public Records Act. Contact Ramsey Ramerman at rramerman@ci.everett.wa.us

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