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**Prosser City Administrator to Serve as State Association President**



The Washington City/County Management Association (WCCMA) Board of Directors elected Charlie Bush, Prosser's City Administrator, as Vice President at its meeting on Friday, August 20<sup>th</sup>. Bush will serve as Vice President from August 2010 through August 2011, as President from August 2011 to August 2012, and as Past President from August 2012 through August 2013. He will also serve on the Association of Washington Cities Board of Directors while serving as President of WCCMA. Bush is the first City Administrator from Prosser to serve as an

officer in WCCMA.

"I am looking forward to more prominently representing Prosser within WCCMA and to further serving the members of our profession statewide and across the Northwest," said Bush. "I am honored and humbled to have this opportunity," he continued.

At 36 years of age when he takes office, Bush will be one of the youngest presidents in the history of WCCMA. When elected, he was serving his second two-year term on WCCMA's Board of Directors. Bush is currently Co-Chairing its joint Next Generation Initiative with the Oregon City/County Managers' Association. The initiative is aimed at attracting new talent into the city and county management profession as a result of a looming demographic crisis expected to result in a labor shortage for senior government management positions worldwide. In years past, Bush founded WCCMA's graduate school scholarship and mentoring programs.

"I believe this shows how well Charlie is regarded by his peers at the state and regional level. I fully support Charlie's involvement in his professional associations and am pleased that he will be serving in these roles with WCCMA during his time in Prosser," said Mayor Paul Warden. "His involvement in WCCMA allows him to bring the latest trends and innovative techniques

back to Prosser and to call on a deep network of professionals from around the Northwest to assist in solving Prosser's challenges. In addition, his serving in these positions raises awareness about our great community within the city and county management profession, which in the future will assist us in attracting better candidates for senior level positions."

WCCMA ([www.wccma.org](http://www.wccma.org)) is the Washington affiliate of the International City/County Management Association (ICMA, [www.icma.org](http://www.icma.org)). WCCMA has approximately 225 members. Bush is an 11-year member of ICMA and an 8-year member of WCCMA. In 2008, Bush graduated from Leadership ICMA, ICMA's two-year intensive leadership development program aimed at preparing the next generation of leaders in the city and county management profession.

Bush became Prosser's City Administrator in June, 2008. He previously worked in the City Manager's Office at the City of Bellevue, WA, in the Community and Economic Development Department at the City of Phoenix, AZ, and in the City Manager's Office at the City of Glendale, AZ. Bush holds a Master's Degree in Public Administration from Syracuse University's Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs (Syracuse, NY) and a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Political Science from Wittenberg University (Springfield, OH).

Given Prosser's tight budget, Bush will be paying most of his own travel expenses while serving as an officer of WCCMA.