

APA WASHINGTON NORTHWEST SECTION BOARD OF DIRECTORS - 2019

Executive Board - Elected Positions	Name	Service Term(s)	Current Employer
President	Chris Comeau	2016-2017; 2018-2019	Bellingham Public Works
President-Elect*	Meredith Penny	2019-2022*	Island County Planning
Vice President	Nora Pederson	2019-2020	Samish Indian Nation
Secretary	Samya Lutz	2016-2017; 2018-2019	Bellingham Community Development
Treasurer	Brandon Black	2017-2018; 2019-2020	Skagit County Planning

**President-Elect 1-year; then President for 2-years; then Past-President for 1-year*

Appointed (Non-Voting) Positions	Name	Service Term(s)	Current Employer
Professional Development Coordinator	Jackie Lynch	2016-2017; 2018-2019	Bellingham Planning
Membership Coordinator	Mary Andersen	2019-2020	Whatcom Transportation Authority
WWU Faculty Representative	Tammi Laninga	2018-2019	Western Washington University
WWU Student Representative	Andrew Graminski	2018-2019	Student at WWU

Individual Board Member profiles are included on the next two pages

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President: Chris Comeau, AICP-CTP

Chris is the City Transportation Planner with Bellingham Public Works Engineering and has over 25 years of professional experience as a land use and transportation planner in Alaska, Arizona, and several jurisdictions in northwest Washington, including San Juan County, Whatcom County, and Skagit County, and the City of Bellingham. A more detailed profile of Chris's work experience can be viewed by searching for *Chris Comeau, AICP CTP* at www.linkedin.com

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President-Elect: Meredith Penny

Meredith is a Long-Range Planner with Island County Planning and Community Development Department. She has been with Island County for 3 years, focusing on the Periodic Review of Comprehensive Plan, and updates to the Critical Areas Ordinance, the Shoreline Master Program, and the Housing Element of the Comprehensive Plan. Meredith received her Bachelor of Arts in Urban Planning and Sustainable Development from Western Washington University and has experience working as an intern with the City of Mountlake Terrace Planning Department and the City of Bellingham Parks Department.

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Vice President: Nora Pederson

Nora is a Planner with the Samish Indian Nation where she manages the tribe's transportation and emergency preparedness programs, and provides planning support across all tribal departments. Although relatively new to the planning profession, she has over 10 years of experience working with tribal nations on issues related to treaty rights, tribal sovereignty, and federal Indian policy.

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Secretary: Samya Lutz, AICP

Samya is the Housing & Services Program Manager for the City of Bellingham, administering the Housing Levy and HUD funding for community development and affordable housing. She is a 2007 Masters graduate of the School of Community and Regional Planning at UBC in Vancouver, Canada. Samya has 20 years of experience in planning, community development and project management focused on agriculture, oil & gas pipelines, affordable housing, and other long-range growth management issues.

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Treasurer: Brandon Black

Brandon is a Senior Planner-Team Supervisor for the Current Planning Section of Skagit County Planning and Development Services. A 1995 graduate of Western Washington University with a B.A. in Urban and Regional Planning. Brandon has 19 ½ years of full time employment with Skagit County and has been the acting Treasurer of the APA Northwest Chapter since 2002.

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Professional Development Coordinator: Jackie Lynch, AICP-CEP

Jackie has been a planner for the city of Bellingham since 1989. Between 1984 and 1989 she was a utilities and environmental planner for King County. She's also held internships in Lynn County Oregon, Pierce County, and for Nuclear Regulatory Commission in Washington D.C. She holds a Master's in Urban and Regional Planning from the University of Pittsburgh and an Environmental Planning BA from Huxley College. Her specialties include design review, historic preservation, and environmental impact analysis. She also delights in calling herself the 'weird things' planner for Bellingham, in that she also works with Forest Practice Permits, billboards, and cellular facilities. In her spare time, she studies Anglo Saxon History, gardens, walks a lot, and is spoiled by her cats.

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Membership Coordinator: Mary Anderson, AICP

Mary is a transit planner with Whatcom Transportation Authority (WTA), where she has worked since October 2017. Prior to joining WTA, Mary worked for the Whatcom Council of Governments (WCOG) for almost 11 years. Mary has a Master's Degree in Sustainable Transportation from the University of Washington and a Bachelor's Degree in Environmental Science from Western Washington University. A firm believer in practicing what you preach, Mary rides her bike or takes the bus to work daily.

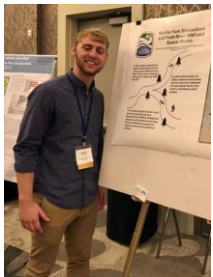
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WWU Faculty Representative: Dr. Tammi Laninga, AICP

Tammi is an assistant professor in the Environmental Studies Department at Western Washington University (WWU). She teaches land use regulations, environmental impact assessment, community development, and planning studio. She has a decade of experience facilitating student/community partnerships. Completed projects include: comprehensive plan updates; land use ordinance revisions; housing, commercial, and industrial site conceptual designs; and public input for public lands recreation planning.

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WWU Student Representative: Andrew Graminski

Andrew is a senior in WWU's Urban Planning and Sustainable Development Program and is currently serving as the Vice President of the WWU Student Planning Organization. His planning experience includes interning with the Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest where he worked with Forest recreation planners on a comprehensive plan (he focused on public outreach) for the Middle Fork Snoqualmie and Pratt Wild and Scenic Rivers located outside of North Bend, WA. In 2019, Andrew is interning with Skagit County Planning and Development Services where his duties revolve around long range planning. Current projects include stormwater management, housing strategies, rural economic development, and agritourism research.

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