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Letter from the Prez:

I hope everyone had a great holiday season and safe New Year celebration. I felt it important to reach out to our members, especially the newer ones and remind everyone of the importance of our WCCA Organization.

According to the Wisconsin County Code Administrators Constitution; *(Yes there's a constitution!)*

"The primary purpose of the Association is to provide a representative organization for the professionals in Wisconsin involved in or having an interest in the administration of State and County codes relating to land use, zoning, shorelands, floodplains, wetlands, nonmetallic mining reclamation and private onsite wastewater treatment systems.

The organization shall strive to provide ongoing education, mutual support and professional development opportunities to the membership. The Association shall further attempt to keep the general public, the media, and public officials accurately informed of contemporary issues relating to these codes, including potential or existing problems with recommended solutions.

The organization shall aid in the ethical and professional administration of county codes and ordinances."

The information and "education" obtained from conferences is extremely valuable in operating a productive and efficient zoning office. I would think most zoning directors have utilized WCCA conferences to get tips on ordinance creation and other zoning policies. One of the added benefits of attending the conferences and having this organization is to help provide county's with knowledgeable staff. This in turn helps reduce workload in the office because directors can focus time on other issues rather than training staff.

However, as WCCA approaches 60 years of service, our organization is struggling to find members to serve on the executive board. WCCA has a nomination committee to sort through candidates but at this point in time, there is no reason to have a nomination committee because it's been tasked to try and find just one person to run for office each year.

We understand all counties are struggling to keep up with the ever increasing workload with limited staff. But understand that the amount of work and time out of the office to serve on the WCCA Executive Board is minimal, and with today's electronic devices staff can easily stay in touch with their emails and daily tasks.

If possible, please consider serving on the executive board. It's very fulfilling and educational, and will help guarantee our organization reaches another 60 years of service.

Thank you for your time and considerations,

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