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MEMORANDUM

TO: County Board Chairs, Executives, Supervisors, Administrators, County Constitutional Officers, Steering Committee Members, and Department Heads

FROM: Mark D. O'Connell, Executive Director

DATE: April 6, 2018

SUBJECT: WCA Steering Committee Nominations

The Wisconsin Counties Association (WCA) Board of Directors has established five steering committees to aid the WCA Board of Directors in establishing association policy on state and federal legislation and administrative matters. The active participation of county officials on these committees is key to their success. Steering committees shall consist of any combination of county elected officials, county appointed officials, and/or county employees.

The steering committees are as follows:

- Agriculture, Environment, and Land Use
- Health and Human Services
- Judicial and Public Safety
- Personnel, Finance, and County Organization
- Transportation and Public Works

Steering committee members are appointed by the chair of the WCA Board of Directors and serve two-year terms (June 1, 2018 – May 31, 2020).

The chair of each steering committee is entitled to per diem compensation and reimbursement of expenses.

To be considered for an appointment, please complete the attached form and submit it to the WCA office by Friday, May 18, 2018. All nominations must be approved by your county board chair or county executive, whichever is applicable. If you are currently serving on a steering committee, you must reapply.

WCA steering committees offer all county officials the opportunity to participate as active members in the Wisconsin Counties Association. Please take this opportunity and join us in setting the county platform.

If you have any questions regarding WCA's steering committees or the nomination process, please contact Sarah Diedrick-Kasdorf, Deputy Director of Government Affairs, at 608.663.7188.

MARK D. O'CONNELL, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

**WISCONSIN COUNTIES ASSOCIATION
STEERING COMMITTEES**

Pursuant to Article VI, Section 6.1 of the Wisconsin Counties Association Bylaws, the following Steering Committees are created:

- (1) Agriculture, Environment, and Land Use: Responsible for issues affecting agriculture and related industries, as well as planning, zoning, environmental protection, solid waste management, and soil and water conservation.
- (2) Health and Human Services: Responsible for issues affecting aging, public health, mental health, alcohol and drug abuse, developmental disabilities, social services, human services, nursing homes and mental health facilities.
- (3) Judicial and Public Safety: Responsible for issues affecting the court system, jails, the prosecutorial system, probate, and the offices of the sheriff, district attorney, and clerk of circuit court.
- (4) Personnel, Finance, and County Organization: Responsible for issues affecting home rule, mandates, elections, reapportionment, open meetings, retirement benefits, employment in general, civil service systems, labor negotiations, public records, property taxes, sales and use taxes, other sources of revenue, shared revenues, investment laws, county budgeting, and the offices of the treasurer, county clerk, and register of deeds.
- (5) Transportation and Public Works: Responsible for issues affecting highways, airports, mass transit, and county building and grounds.

Duties.

Within each program area of concern to county government, the Steering Committee is to aid the WCA Board of Directors in establishing Association policy on state and federal legislation and administrative matters. Each Steering Committee shall also make a recommendation to the Resolutions Committee on any official resolution referred to the Committee by the Executive Director.

Committee Membership.

Each Steering Committee shall have no more than 50 members. All Steering Committee members shall be elected or appointed county officials or county employees.

Term.

The term of appointment shall be for two years, beginning June 1 of the year of the WCA Board's biennial organizational meeting and ending May 31 of the year of the board's next organizational meeting.