

2025 WFCA NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Nominating Committee (Chair Brad Lothspeich, Clark 6; Kim Fischer, Shoreline Fire Department; Gary Skok, Stevens 4; Gerald Preuss, South Kitsap Fire & Rescue; Paul Messner, Central Whidbey Island F&R; Dan Bivens, Thurston 8) has nominated the following individuals for the 2026 WFCA Board of Directors:

OFFICERS

PRESIDENT:

Les Riel, Yakima 4 (*currently serving as Vice President*)

VICE PRESIDENT:

Gerald Bickett, Thurston 17 (*currently serving as Secretary-Treasurer*)

SECRETARY-TREASURER:

John Linboe, South Pierce Fire & Rescue (*currently serving as Region 7 Director*)

Patrick Burch, Spokane Valley Fire Department

REGIONAL DIRECTORS

REGION 1 DIRECTOR: **Lee C. Boling**, Spokane 8 (*currently serving as President*)

REGION 3 DIRECTOR: ***Dwight Vander Vorste**, Grant 10

REGION 5 DIRECTOR: ***Jerry Evans**, Camano Island Fire & Rescue

REGION 7 DIRECTOR: **Steven Slater**, Southeast Thurston Fire Authority

REGION 9 DIRECTOR: ***David Ellingson**, Poulsbo Fire Department

It is suggested that each nominee be allowed a maximum of three supportive speeches with a maximum total time of six minutes. During the election proceedings the membership does have the authority to allow whatever time it deems appropriate. This six-minute limitation is a suggested format only.

Nominations will be accepted on the floor at conference.

*Incumbent