

**APA WASHINGTON NORTHWEST SECTION BOARD OF DIRECTORS - 2020**

<b>Executive Board - Elected Positions</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Service Term(s)</b>	<b>Term End</b>	<b>Current Employer</b>
<b>President</b>	Meredith Penny	2019-2022*	11/1/22	Island County Planning
<b>Vice President</b>	Nora Pederson	2019-2020	11/1/20	Swinomish Indian Nation
<b>Secretary</b>	Melissa Fanucci	2020-2021	11/1/21	Whatcom Council of Governments
<b>Treasurer</b>	Brandon Black	2017-2018; 2019-2020	11/1/20	Skagit County Planning
<b>Past President</b>	Chris Comeau	2020	11/1/20	Bellingham Public Works

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

<b>Appointed (Non-Voting) Positions</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Service Term(s)</b>		<b>Current Employer</b>
<b>Professional Development Coordinator</b>	Jackie Lynch	2016-2017; 2018-2019		Bellingham Planning
<b>Membership Coordinator</b>	Mary Andersen	2019-2020	11/1/20	Whatcom Transportation Authority
<b>WWU Faculty Representative</b>	Tammi Laninga	2018-2019		Western Washington University
<b>WWU Student Representative</b>	Nick Schmeck	Interim - 2019/2020	11/1/20	WWU Planning Student

*Individual Board Member profiles are included on the next two pages*

# Northwest Section Board of Directors - Elected Officers 2019



**President: 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 the Grants Manager for the Swinomish Indian Tribal Community where she provides planning and implementation support to help the tribe achieve its economic, social, cultural, health, educational and community development goals. As an allied professional, she has three years of experience working in tribal planning and 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: Melissa Fanucci, AICP**

Melissa is the Principal Planner for the Whatcom Council of Governments, where she has worked on transportation, data collection and analysis, and the development of collaborative multi-jurisdictional planning efforts for twenty years. She is a graduate of Western Washington University and a Returned Peace Corps Volunteer.

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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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**Past 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](http://www.linkedin.com)

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# Northwest Section Board of Directors – Appointed Members 2019



## **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: Nick Schmeck (Interim)**

Nick is soon to be a graduate of Western Washington University's accredited Urban Planning and Sustainable Development Program. Along with a degree in Urban Planning he is also receiving a minor in environmental policy. He is interested in several areas of the planning field including; affordable housing, economic development, sustainable development, and being a voice for the public. After over a year of interning for public sector agencies, he understands the barriers and problems communities throughout Washington are tackling. Nick's goal is to work as a practicing planner in Washington State for either a private or public entity and more specifically take head on the diverse challenges cities, towns, and counties are battling.

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