

# Washington State Elections Weekly

December 18, 2013

## Farewell

### Congratulations to Shane Hamlin

Join me in congratulating Shane Hamlin. He's leaving us after almost 10 years of service to the Office of the Secretary of State. He's accepted a position as a Budget Assistant for the Office of Financial Management (OFM).

He's very excited about this new opportunity. His last day in the office is today, but he'll have access to email through the end of December. Please reach out to [Shane](#) to thank him for his service and to wish him well.

Congratulations Shane!

### Congratulations to Karen Cartmel

Karen's retiring after 36 years of service to the Jefferson County Auditor's Office. How many presidential elections is that? Wow!!! Congratulations Karen. I know you've been counting down the days. Thank you for your service to our Washington State voters. You'll be missed.

## Welcome!

### Congratulations Mary Hall

Welcome and congratulations to elections veteran Mary Hall! She was just elected the Thurston County Auditor. Washington and Thurston County will surely benefit from her 17 years of experience in elections.

Congratulations Mary!

## A new training opportunity

The Microsoft IT Academy is [here](#)! The IT Academy offers free, online, self-paced technology courses on three levels - basic digital literacy skills, Microsoft Office Skills and advanced skills for Microsoft professional certification.

This training can be applied to your annual certification requirements. Email [Certification and Training](#) if you have questions.

## VRDB Upgrade

The VRDB upgrade was deployed to production on December 17th. Please report any discrepancies or issues to [vrsupport](#). Notice that the login URL has been changed -

Old URL - <https://vr.secstate.wa.gov/VRDBWeb>

New URL - <https://vr.secstate.wa.gov/vrdbAdmin>

Your old links to the VRDB will redirect to the new website for about six months.

## Elections Laws and WACs

### Elections Reference Guide

Expect a redesign of our elections reference guide in 2014. In the mean time, here's a link to a print ready pdf of the 2013 [RCWs and WACs](#) for your reference.

### 2013 Draft WACs

New proposed rules, a useful summary, and [public hearing](#) notice are available on our [Elections Rulemaking](#) page.

Please provide your comments to [Katie Blinn](#). We welcome your input and thank the county members of the WAC Committee who provide their time and expertise.

## Oaths of Office

Did you know that we provide an "[Oaths of Office](#)" Clearinghouse?

We recently updated it (and chart) with new citations to reflect legislative changes. The procedures aren't new – only the citations have changed.

- Who is required to take an oath?
- How should an oath be administered?
- When should an oath be taken?

The chart provides information about regular terms and specifics regarding the administration and retention of oaths for various offices.

View previous editions of [Washington State Elections Weekly](#)



Office of the Secretary of State

Elections Division

