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SCA PIC Meeting

Item 11:
Future Training Opportunities for SCA Members

Discussion Item

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SCA staff would welcome feedback on what training and educational opportunities would be of value to the SCA membership.

Background

SCA was founded in the 1970s to help cities act locally and partner regionally to create vital, livable communities through advocacy, education, leadership, mutual support and networking.

Prior to the PIC meeting each month, SCA hosts a workshop or training. Sometimes these sessions are devoted to taking an in-depth look at a policy issues facing member cities. Other sessions are devoted to education and/or training for SCA member cities.

In 2013 SCA hosted trainings on topics including: managing conflict through parliamentary procedure (featuring Ann MacFarlane of Jurassic Parliament); handling social media under the Public Records Act and Open Public Meetings Act (featuring Attorney Kristin Eick of Ogden, Murphy, Wallace, PLLC); and a new approach to managing public records requests in a member city (featuring Kirkland City Attorney Robin Jenkinson and Toby Nixon, Kirkland Councilmember and Coalition for Open Government Board Member).

One of the benefits of SCA membership is the opportunity to attend these workshops, trainings, and educational sessions free of charge.

In 2014, SCA will be conducting a workshop for newly officials on January 15, 2014, followed by an orientation for 2014 board and committee members. We have scheduled a training on parliamentary procedure with Ann Macfarlane of Jurassic Parliament for the February 12, 2014 pre-PIC meeting, and also have tentatively scheduled a training with Ogden, Murphy, Wallace, PLLC for March. The law firm of Foster Pepper, PLLC has also expressed interest in conducting a free of charge training for SCA members.

This agenda item is an opportunity for PIC members to let staff know what types of education and training opportunities would be of most value to the membership in 2014. This is also a topic that will be taken up by the SCA Events Committee.