



### **Executive Director's Report – January 2025**

**Internship Opportunity** – The Bond/WAPMM Local Government Internship Program is a partnership between the Western Association of Pennsylvania Municipal Management (WAPMM) and the Graduate School of Public and International Affairs (GSPIA), University of Pittsburgh. It is funded by an endowment through the University of Pittsburgh established by former Municipal Manager and GSPIA Alumnus, Marshall W. Bond. Although it is available at no financial cost to the successful municipal applicant, municipalities are encouraged to supplement the endowment stipend. This opportunity has been developed to help identify, encourage, and train up future municipal managers. If you have a challenging summer project(s) with which you may need assistance, that exposes a public administration graduate student to the ins and outs of a full-service municipality, please consider making an application. Additional details about this opportunity, including Program Guidelines can be found by visiting [qvcog.org](http://qvcog.org).

**ACCD Environmental and Social Mapping Resource** – Through a grant from the Arconic Foundation, Allegheny County Conservation District is developing a new environmental and social mapping resource. The resource is meant to be a one-stop-shop for grant applicants to view spatial data and identify areas that meet various grant eligibility criteria. Municipal officials and staff are the primary audience for the resource. QVCOG member communities are encouraged to participate in a brief survey to help ACCD better understand the specific data and mapping needs of municipalities in the region. The survey has 5-6 questions which should take about 5-10 minutes to complete. Survey responses by Friday, January 24th. You may access the survey by visiting [qvcog.org](http://qvcog.org).

**Elected Officials Rosters** – Annually, QVCOG members are asked to relay rosters of their community's elected officials to ensure that records and contact information remains accurate. The rosters should include the first and last name of the elected official, email address, term expiration, and position (i.e. president, vice-president, QVCOG delegate, etc.). Keeping an accurate roster is essential for QVCOG operations. All efforts related to this initiative are greatly appreciated.

**2025 QVCOG Meeting Information** – The QVCOG Board of Delegates will convene on the third Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. Board meetings will be hybrid, so attendees can participate either in person at the Sewickley Public Library (500 Thorn Street, Sewickley, PA 15143) or via Zoom. The Managers and Secretaries Committee will convene on the fourth Wednesday of each month (unless otherwise noted) at 10:00 a.m. Committee meetings will be hybrid, so attendees can participate either in person at the Aleppo Township Municipal Building (100 North Drive, Sewickley, PA 15143) or via Zoom. The QVCOG Police Chiefs Committee typically meets every other month with host locations rotating amongst member police departments. The 2025 schedule has not been finalized.

**Updated PA 2025 Bid Thresholds** – The PA Department of Labor and Industry has released the 2025 bid thresholds for public contracts and purchases. Beginning January 1, 2025, the updated bidding thresholds for contracts and purchases for most public agencies are as follows:

- Contracts or purchases under \$12,900 require no formal bidding or price quotations.
- Contracts or purchases between \$12,900 and \$23,800 require three written/telephonic price quotes.
- Contracts or purchases **greater than \$23,800** require formal bidding and public notice.