

WAPRO 2026 SPRING VIRTUAL CONFERENCE

Wednesday, May 20th & Thursday May 21st
Online Via Zoom



Wednesday, May 20th

8:15AM – 8:30AM **Welcome from the President**

8:30AM – 9:00AM **What WAPRO Can Do For You | Kandice Besaw**
WAPRO Course Code: B000377 (W)

Whether you've been on the job for two days or twenty years, there is always a faster way to handle public records. Come take a quick tour of the WAPRO website to find ready-to-use forms, the legal "cheat sheet" (Exemption Compendium), and our time-saving toolkit. We'll also show you how our Committees work behind the scenes to make your job easier. Think of this as a "life hacks" session for your daily workload.

9:00AM – 9:15AM **Break**

9:15AM – 10:15AM **Electronic Records Management Best Practices | Megan Shoemaker**
WAPRO Course Code: D000244 (W)

This session will discuss how to manage your organization's electronic records using Washington State Archives' Leading Best Practices of Records Management.

10:15AM – 10:30AM **Break**

10:30AM – 11:30PM **Public Records in the Age of AI | Nate Sanford**
WAPRO Course Code: D000243 (W)

Last summer, Sanford published a two-part series that explored how local governments in Washington have experimented with artificial intelligence chatbots for government work. The series was based on thousands of pages of government ChatGPT logs obtained through public records requests. The adoption of AI chatbots by local governments raises new questions for records retention and management. Washington law classifies chatbot inputs and outputs as public record, but the rapidly evolving nature of the technology can make identification and redaction complicated. In this session, Sanford will talk about what he found when he placed the requests, common barriers he encountered and broader questions raised by AI as a new category of public record.

11:30AM – 1:00PM **Lunch**

1:00PM – 3:00PM **Case Law Update | Morgan Damerow, Ramsey Ramerman and Jennifer Steele**
WAPRO Course Code: C000079 (W)

Update on the latest PRA cases from the courts and new legislation passed in this year's session

Thursday, May 21st

9:00AM - 10:00AM

Flock Camera Records & Public Records Requests | Jennifer Bilow, Candice Bock, Amy Iverson and Rebecca Wood

WAPRO Course Code: F000180 (W)

This panel will unpack Washington's new Driver Privacy Act (ESSB 6002) and its implications for agencies using automated license plate recognition (ALPR) systems. Panelists will explain what the law changes for ALPR data retention, disclosure, and records management, and how these requirements intersect with rapidly expanding adoption of Flock Safety ALPR cameras. The session will explore the real-world impacts on public records workflows, including increases in request volume, system-generated records, and legal considerations. Public records officers and agency partners will share practical lessons learned, challenges they've navigated, and strategies for managing ALPR-related requests. From understanding system data types to applying exemptions, coordinating with legal counsel, and developing sustainable response protocols, this session will help define the conversations public records officers should be included on.

10:00AM - 10:15AM

Break

10:15AM - 11:15AM

How We Get Model Rules | Morgan Damerow

WAPRO Course Code: A000123 (W)

11:15AM - 11:30AM

Break

11:30AM - 12:30PM

Real Questions, Real Answers: Juvenile Records & Career Insights | Jennifer Combs, Brett Jette and Kristie Johnson

WAPRO Course Code: F000179 (W)

Join a group ready to answer your questions on Juvenile Records, dealing with Court and Law Enforcement Records, and then an overview of a couple of different jobs one can do in these different fields. Questions will be submitted beforehand, so panel members can research answers if needed.