



McNamara's leadership earns her an Award for Excellence

The Association of Governmental Risk Pools Board of Directors has selected Lynn McNamara, executive director of [CIS \(Citycounty Insurance Services\)](#) in Oregon as the recipient of the 2017 AGRiP Award for Excellence in Leadership. AGRiP will recognize McNamara for her achievements at the 2017 Governance & Leadership Conference.



Lynn McNamara

It was her commitment to ongoing education and skills development of CIS' 67 employees that caught the attention of AGRiP's Board of Directors. McNamara focuses on inclusivity and professional development, offering CIS employees the opportunity for challenge and growth and providing mentorship along the way. Examples of this environment are readily apparent within CIS' executive management team.

"Each one of us has the opportunity to prepare Board agenda materials and prepare the Board packet of materials," says Scott Moss, P/C Pool Director. "She gives us an opportunity to have direct contact with the Board and learn how to build those relationships."

McNamara is heralded as being strategic and forward thinking, with an entrepreneurial spirit and a keen eye for innovations that will ultimately benefit CIS' public entity members. She guides her staff teams and supports her Board of Directors in regular strategic exercises, welcoming novel processes and new ideas.

"The CIS Board of Trustees was excited, and not all that surprised, to hear about this award," said CIS Board Chair Scott McClure. "Lynn is an outstanding executive director who has earned the praise of the Board, CIS members and the greater pooling community. CIS is a great organization, led by a great leader."

McNamara has implemented a number of new initiatives during her CIS tenure, including the Oregon Public

Entity Excess Pool, which saved CIS and its members approximately \$100,000 in its first year, and the Hire-to-Retire employment risk program to provide human resources consultation to members. McNamara has spearheaded CIS in capitalizing on technology innovation through creating unique underwriting and claims systems.

Founded in 1981, CIS is a service program of the League of Oregon Cities and Association of Oregon Counties. It provides risk management and risk financing services to 343 Oregon cities, counties and public entities.

McNamara joined CIS in 2002. She became the deputy director in 2005, and was named executive director in 2010. She has more than four decades of experience in municipal government through her years at the League of Oregon Cities, the Connecticut Conference of Municipalities, and the Town of Trumbull, Conn. Prior to her governmental career, McNamara covered municipal government as a journalist for what is now the Connecticut Post.

McNamara earned her Master's degree in public administration from the University of Hartford, and her Bachelor's degree from Sacred Heart University. She currently serves as first vice chair of the NLC Mutual Insurance Company, and as a member of Oregon's Management-Labor Advisory Committee for workers' compensation.

An avid gym rat, McNamara is married to Phillip Fell, and has two stepdaughters and two granddaughters. McNamara is known in the pooling community for her thoughtful commentary, her commitment to do right by the public entities she serves, her support of the pooling industry, and her willpower to not eat dessert.

AGRiP's Award for Excellence in Leadership recognizes individual contributions to the intergovernmental pooling field by someone directly affiliated with a pool. It honors the contributions of these individuals through their transformative leadership, exceptional professional development, and mentorship to others that has resulted in enhanced service within the pooling field.