

Calendar of Events

March 19, 2026

NWAFP March 2026 In-Person Monthly Meeting

Washington Athletic Club

1325 6th Ave

Seattle, WA 98101

12:00 PM - 04:30 PM PST

Join NWAFP on March 19, 2026 at the Washington Athletic Club for our first in-person meeting of the year. At the March meeting, we are hosting two exciting sessions followed by a Happy Hour.

First Session: The Role of the Federal Reserve

In this presentation, attendees will gain an understanding of the role of the Federal Reserve and how its structured, including the role of the Federal Open Market Committee (FOMC), which sets monetary policy. Key policy tools will be discussed as well as the inputs that go into monetary policy. The session will also cover the Fed's broader roles in supervising banks, maintaining financial stability, and providing payment services. The presentation will also provide an overview of the Federal Reserve Financial Services organization within the Federal Reserve and its responsibilities managing critical payment services, including the FedNow Service, its new instant payments infrastructure.

Second Session: Fraud: An FBI Perspective - Special Agent Ethan Via will provide an overview of current fraudulent schemes targeting the United States and the State of Washington. He will discuss the most common schemes impacting businesses and individuals today, how to recognize and avoid them, and the proper steps for reporting incidents to the FBI.

More about our Speakers:

Christina Prkic

Vice President and Regional Executive, Seattle, Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco

Christina Prkic serves as vice president and regional executive of the Seattle Branch of the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco. In this role, she fosters trusted relationships with leaders in the business and banking sectors in Washington and Alaska. Through ongoing engagement and dialogue, Christina gathers real-time information on local economic conditions, adding important context to quantitative data and analyses that the Federal Reserve uses to guide its decision making and policies. She is a senior leader who represents the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco in the region and leads the development and facilitation of the Bank's Seattle Branch Board of Directors. She also has a key role in the development of the Bank's advisory councils.

Christina joined the San Francisco Fed in 2013, starting her career in the Bank's People + Culture Group. Over the course of her decade-long career at the Federal Reserve, Christina has held roles of increasing responsibility. She joined the Seattle branch leadership team in 2018. Most recently, Christina served as Vice President of Identity and Access Management in the Bank's Information and Technology Services Group where she spearheaded strategies to advance digital transformation across various IT teams.

Prior to joining the Fed, she practiced law in Miami, Florida for more than ten years in

the public sector and in the aerospace industry, with significant experience in direct public engagement.

Christina received a juris doctor from the University of Miami School of Law and a bachelor of arts degree in political science with a concentration in international affairs from the University of Florida.

Christina serves her community as a board member of the Washington Council for Economic and Financial Education and as a member of the Board of Trustees of Swedish Health Services. She is also a member of the International Women's Forum.

Ethan Via

Special Agent, Federal Bureau of Investigation

A CPA in a previous life, Ethan Via (rhymes with FBI) has been a Special Agent for over 22 years and is currently assigned to the Complex Financial Crime squad in Seattle. During his FBI career, he has investigated numerous complex financial crime and international terrorism cases while working in the Seattle, New York City and FBI Headquarters Counterterrorism Divisions.

Schedule, Thursday, March 19, 2026

<i>11:45</i>	<i>Doors open for networking</i>
<i>12:15-12:45</i>	<i>Lunch (included in admission)</i>
<i>1:00-2:00</i>	<i>1st Education Session</i>
<i>2:00-2:30</i>	<i>Break</i>
<i>2:30-3:30</i>	<i>2nd Education Session</i>
<i>3:30-5:00</i>	<i>Networking Happy Hour (included in admission)</i>

April 16, 2026

NWAFP April 2026 Virtual Meeting

12:00 PM - 01:00 PM PST

Treasury as a strategic partner to business systems

June 17, 2026

Seattle Mariners Baseball Outing

T-Mobile Park

1250 1st Ave

Seattle, WA 98134

05:30 PM - 09:30 PM PST

Join the NWAFP for a night of Mariners baseball and professional networking