

Cross Connection Control Committee Report - Winter 2012 PNWS/AWWA Trustees Mtg.

This is a summary of current activities of the PNWS/AWWA Cross Connection Control Committee as of January 20, 2012.

Current Committee Officers are; Chair - Scott Hallenberg, Vice Chair – Larry Griffiths, Secretary - Colvin Jergins, Immediate Past Chair - Chuck Fletcher.

Yellow Manual

The Committee continues to work with Backflow Management Inc. (BMI) to complete the revision of the Yellow Manual. We have endured significant delays throughout the project for a variety of reasons some within but most outside of our control. The difficulties we have been dealing with include trying to coordinate a major manual revision where the reviewers are scattered throughout the Pacific Northwest and realizing that what was intended to be a simple update and revision actually turned into a significant rewrite of the manual. While I do wish to again acknowledge the time and effort put forth by our manual review sub-committee as well as the support they have received from their employers, it continues to be a struggle for many on our Committee to devote the time necessary to complete the reviews. The demands of their day jobs definitely impact the time they can dedicate to the manual review process. BMI has given February 21st as the date that they will have the final product to us. The Committee will then do one final review and send it off to print.

I have received reservation forms for 180 manuals representing over \$11,000 in sales. We are offering the manual at a cost of \$65.00 each with a training agency discount of \$55.00 each when ordered in bulk quantity. I have also completed several presentations to local and regional organizations regarding the Yellow Manual revisions and have received very positive feedback from the participants. Additional presentations are in the works.

If anyone has questions regarding the project I encourage them to contact me at anytime. I do believe everyone including our customers will be pleased with the final results. We all appreciate the patience that the Board has had with this process and ask that you continue to be patient for a little while longer.

Training

The Committee continues working to establish a training program in which we will offer low cost training opportunities to water system operators throughout the Section. The intent is to offer the training to small groups for both half day and full day sessions. We will coordinate/work with other Committees in the Section as we progress. We continue to work on topics and locations and will keep the Trustees informed.

Scholarships

The City of Ilwaco has been approved to receive a scholarship from the Committee. We will process the request upon receipt of documentation that they have completed an approved course and obtained certification as a CCS.

Membership

A copy of the current roster is attached. The use of conference calls has enabled many of our members to participate when they are unable to travel. We continue to reach out to new AWWA members that indicate an interest in cross connection control.

I will try to be in attendance at the meeting to answer any questions; however I may not be able to attend due to events rescheduled as a result of the recent storms. I am always available by phone or email for any questions, comments or concerns.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott D Hallenberg
Chair – PNWS/AWWA Cross Connection Control Committee

Purveyors (9)

WA- Scott Hallenberg
WA- Chuck Fletcher
WA- Jessica Shaw
OR- Larry Griffiths
OR- Jim Baker

OR- Tina Alexander
ID- Bill Thompson
ID- Colvin Jergins
ID- Bradley Anderson

**Instructors/Trainers
Coordinators (4)**

Kate Mattimore - BMI
Christine Hollenbeck

Mike Patten - WETRC

Manufacturer Reps (3)

Dave Luckenbach
(Mechanical Agents)

Testers (2)

Tim Tayne

David Morrow

Regional Committees(3)

WA-
OR- Arlo Langford

ID- Simon Tung

**State Regulatory
Agencies (3)**

WA- Teri Notestine
OR- Mike Perry

ID- Mike Piechowski

BC Section (1)

David Icharia