

Public Officials Committee Annual Report

Via a conference call in October 2009, Maury Hood was appointed Chairman of the Public Officials Committee by members of the Committee together with PNWS-AWWA leadership. The Committee has not met during the past 7 months.

Although Hood was unable to attend the Fall Trustee's meeting in Boise, he did attend the February meeting in Portland and gained insight as to the expectations of the leadership and received offers of assistance to strengthen and promote the Public Officials Committee.

That being said, on Friday May 14, 2010, a program to encourage participation by both managers and public officials will be on the agenda at the Annual Conference with the following schedule:

7:30- 8:30 a.m. A joint breakfast including a 30-minute presentation on *Requests for Information - Public Records* by John Milne of Inslee, Best, Doezie & Ryder, PS.

8:30 to 9:30 a.m. A joint meeting presentation by John Milne on *Compliance with the Open Meetings Act in Washington* and a brief review of Oregon and Idaho requirements.

9:45 to 10:45 a.m. Nicki Nozos, Ph.D.,P.E. with Carollo Engineers will present a joint program on *Communicating Across the Generalization Divide*.

11:00 to 12:00 a.m. Nicki Pozos will present another joint session on *Mentoring a Sustainable Work force*.

The Public Officials Committee will be meeting at 12:15 to 1:15 in room 318 on Friday May 14th. Additional members for the committee will be recruited at that time. Public Officials as well as Utility employees from the 3 states, Washington Oregon and Idaho are strongly urged to get involved in the Committee. It is hoped that an outline of the programs to be offered in Boise at the 2011 Annual Conference can be developed at that time.

It is expected that most committee meetings will be held via a conference call, and I would support a request for "Go to Meetings" software to be made available through the Association office to allow all to participate fully in any material being discussed.

Respectfully submitted

Maury Hood

Chairman, Public Officials committee