

AWWA- PNWS  
2010 Spring Trustee Meeting  
Research Committee Report  
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Tacoma, WA

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Research Committee Officers

*Chair: Chris McMeen, Tacoma Water*  
*Vice Chair: Sam Perry, Washington Dept. of Health*  
*Vice Chair: Alex Mofidi, AECOM*  
*Secretary: David Peters, Portland Water Bureau*

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**Membership:** The membership representing a wide range of views, from utilities, academia, consultants, and regulators has remained stable and active.

**Committee Activities:** The Committee has held multiple conference calls since the Winter report.

Key activities under way include:

- Finalizing the technical programs for both the Preconference Seminar on Asset Management (AM) – a timely set of presentations that meet an interest expressed by multiple utilities – and a conference track that covers a range of interesting research related tasks.
- In follow-up to the AM precon, a group of regional utilities will meet to continue the conversation around this topic at the conference.
- Continued effort and progress with University chapter development continues in Oregon and Washington, and will be the subject of a special topic meeting at the Spring Conference (Thursday, May 13<sup>th</sup> - 12:45-1:30 p.m. Tacoma Convention Center – Room 405).
- With the assistance of the SAC, two \$200 Scholarship offers to students from Gonzaga were advertised and awarded. Future efforts to evaluate advertising and roadblocks to interest will be Research Committee tasks.
- A substantial effort to develop and deliver two workshops on the topic of algae impacts to drinking water has been underway, and workshops will be held in Salem, OR (June 4) and Mt. Vernon, WA (June 11).
- Succession planning has been completed, and with the Tacoma conference, David Peters will be taking over as Committee Chair. His position as Secretary will open to other interested Committee Members.

The committee continues to make excellent progress on identified priority topics, and will continue through 2010.