



Water Quality Committee (WQC) Report May 2017

Past Meetings

In September, the Committee met in Anacortes to discuss upcoming events and workshops, present new committee leadership and discuss upcoming conference and workshop planning.

Membership: No new members since Winter update.

2017 Annual Conference Planning

The WQC is planning several events for the PNWS-AWWA Annual Conference May 2017 in Kennewick, WA:

- **Best Tasting Water:** We have 12 utilities participating in the Best of the West competition this year. The contest will take place Friday evening before the banquet, during the conference in Kennewick. The winner of the section's contest will move on to compete at the best tasting water competition held at the AWWA ACE in Philadelphia, PA in June 2017.
- **Technical Sessions:** The WQC is sponsoring two technical sessions and an early bird session. This year we have a session covering case studies from the Flint, MI lead crisis, another session covering water distribution water quality issues, and an early bird session covering unregulated contaminant monitoring. Three members of our committee have volunteered to moderate these sessions: Michael Grimm, Kim Ervin, and Kyle Thompson.

Upcoming Workshops

A sub-committee has formed and is reviewing material to develop a Water Quality Basics workshop for the section. The WQC hopes to utilize prepared training materials available throughout and section and possibly through AWWA. Classes will use a mix of local WQ experts and WQC members to lead the training. The class format is a full day training session which would carry CEU credits for attendees.

2017 AWWA Water Quality Technology Conference (WQTC)

Portland is the location of the WQTC in November 2017, and the WQC along with the WQTC local arrangements committee (Michelle Cheek is the Chair) are working to fulfill room monitor and other volunteer roles at the conference as well as stimulate attendance at a high profile national/international conference that is very close to home in 2017.

Committee Leadership

The committee is currently seeking interested members to fill the Secretary position. Transition of leadership roles will take place in May during the PNWS conference in Kennewick but attendance is not necessary to take the position. Each committee leadership role is a one year commitment. Anyone interested in the Secretary position should contact the current Chair.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessica Dorsey, Committee Chair

Michael Grimm, Committee Vice Chair

Yone Akagi, Committee Secretary/Treasurer

Kyle Thompson, Past-Chair