



PNWS AWWA Young Professionals

Spring 2017

Thank you Trustees for your support! Below summarizes key efforts for next year and where we've been since fall.

Activities for 2017 Annual Conference

We are excited to bring our traditional activities to the 2017 PNWS AWWA Conference in Kennewick, WA, some with a new twist. We expect a strong YP representation in various volunteer roles, and in the technical program, as well as in the conference-wide Scavenger Hunt and expanded Fresh Ideas Poster Competition. To help students and YPs attend, we expect to give out all of the available conference scholarships.

In addition to all of the abovementioned activities, we will be actively recruiting new YP's to take leadership roles at the Annual Conference. This is a key part of our succession planning that is described in more detail at the end of the report.

First Time Meet and Greet

We have organized ice breaker activities for the First Time Meet and Greet, such as putting on a mini "old school" Scavenger Hunt; and adding fun ribbons to add some "flare" to nametags and to spark conversations. We hope these activities are a great start to a fun Thursday night.

New Fresh Ideas Poster Competition

We have expand the Fresh Ideas Poster Competition to include two tracks:

- Research Poster Competition, with the winner representing PNWS at ACE (the traditional competition).
- Project Poster Competition of non-research based topics (i.e., student design project, O&M techniques, project summary and update, etc.).

This year we have 3 posters in the Research Competition and 3 in the Project Poster Competition. All competitors received a scholarship to attend the conference.

Student and YP Engagement

Student Outreach

Our contact with Student Chapters and local universities is improving, thanks to the efforts of our Fresh Ideas Coordinator Josh Miner, Career Fairs Coordinator Kevin Wyckoff, Communications



Coordinator Kristen Bradstad, and 20/20 Chair Julie Smitherman. We have been able to advertise the benefit of being involved in the PNWS-AWWA and were able to use all available free student memberships.

We plan to make a substantial effort to attract students to the NW YP Summit, which will include a webinar option this year. We have historically had limited availability for students to attend the annual conference due to the academic calendar, where schools on the quarter system have finals or graduation during the conference. At these schools, we will make a special effort this year to encourage attendance (in-person or electronically) of the NW YP Summit.

Additionally, we will continue our efforts to attend career fairs and encourage student chapters through the spring and summer.

YP Engagement

The YP Committee is hoping to host a webinar this summer to engage YPs and provide educational opportunities. The currently planned hour-long live webinar on valves will allow for audience participation. Additional details on the webinar will be developed during the Annual Conference.

2016 NW YP Summit

The YP Committee will lead the 3rd Annual Pacific Northwest Young Professionals Summit (Summit) this fall. We are searching for someone to lead the event at this year's conference, who will be supported by Past Chairs' Dan Reisinger and Julie Smitherman. The event location is unknown, but likely on the I-5 corridor.

This year, our goal is to have two satellite campuses for YP's who cannot travel to the Summit location. Our vision of the satellite campuses are:

- Large enough to host up to 30 local YP's.
- Equipped with A/V equipment adequate to broadcast the Summit live.
- One Summit planning committee member at each location to lead local YP's through exercises happening at the main event.

Continued Engagement through Tours and Site Visits

The YP Committee and subsections continue to arrange educational and fun tours and site visits. We continue to have the goal for subsection YP Chapters to host at least 2 events and/or educational tours throughout the year. Below is a list of YP events and tours that have taken place since Fall:

- Student Seminar - February 6, 2017 in Boise, ID.
- Networking Happy Hour - February 9, 2017 in Portland, OR.
- Tour of PumpTech Facilities - February 22, 2017 in Canby, OR.
- Tour of NW Pipe Company Facilities - March 9, 2017 in Portland, OR.
- NW Pipe Company Manufacturing Plant Tour - March 29 from 9 - 12 PM, Burgard, OR.



- Green River Filtration Facility Tour and Social - April 14th from 1 - 5 PM, Ravensdale, WA.
- Lynden Water Treatment Plant YP Tour - Friday April 28th from 2 - 6 PM, Lynden, WA.

YP Committee Succession

The YP committee has a formal co-chair, chair, and past-chair leadership structure to ensure the committee stays active and strong. This structure allows the committee to retain its knowledge and traditions; however, a new co-chair does need to be recruited at each annual conference. In addition, the YP liaison on the Board is key to providing support and knowledge to the committee. Other committee positions, such as Scavenger Hunt or Student Coordinator, often retain their position for multiple years; adding stability to the committee. A table of our core leadership team is below.

Past Chair	<i>Daniel Reisinger</i>
Chair	<i>Kysa Cronrath</i>
Co-Chair	?
Communications Coordinator	<i>Kristen Brastad</i>
Career Fair Coordinator	?
Student Chapter Coordinator	<i>Brian Smith</i>
Fresh Ideas Coordinator	<i>Josh Miner</i>
Scavenger Hunt Coordinator	?

We are searching to fill empty positions at this year's conference.

We are working hard to make PNWS YP events, like NW YP Summit and the Scavenger Hunt, both fun and beneficial. We believe that maintaining energy and engagement of YPs is the only real way to ensure our committee stays strong. We want to thank the Board and all the seasoned professionals for their continued support of the YP Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel L. Reisinger, Chair YP Committee