



American Water Works Association **Pacific Northwest** Section

Pacific Northwest Section Cross Connection Committee January 2017

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Committee Meetings 2016-2017

November 4th, 2016 City of Portland, BMI Office
February 10th 2017, City of Florence
May 4th, 2017, PNWS AWWA Conference
August 11th, 2017, Location TBA
November 10th, 2017, Location TBA

Future Committee Goals

The new PNWS AWWA Cross Connection Committee (CCC) will strive to accommodate members by having one quarterly meeting in each state. The meeting will happen on a rotation to be determined. The committee hopes members will be able to physically attend at least one meeting per year. Members who are unable to travel and attend meetings will have the ability to call in by phone. The CCC will have a focus on cross connection control and backflow training and education. We will provide

networking opportunities and a place for Cross Connection Specialist and Testers to turn when needing help and support with their cross connection programs and testing issues.

Through member connections we will continue to build our membership. We are committed to continued support of other Agencies, Committees and Associations related to Cross Connection Control and Backflow Testing.

OCCSRS Web Page

The OCCSRS has a web page on the PNWS AWWA web site at

<https://sites.google.com/a/pnws-awwa.org/occsrs/>

On our site you will find current board member contact information, meeting announcements, meeting minutes and agendas. In the future the CCC would like to add Public education videos, and contact information for cross connection and backflow training facilities.

Winter Report 2017

Currently, the CCC meetings are held primarily throughout the state of Oregon. As the new CCC grows we will branch out into the states of Washington and Idaho. Conference call capabilities are available for all of the quarterly meetings to accommodate members and interested parties that are unable to travel. Meetings will be held in various locations throughout each State to make it convenient for our members to attend at least one meeting a year.

Regular meeting agenda items are:

Cross Connection Instructors Report

Training Committee Report

Oregon ABPA Report

Washington SRC4

Washington The Group

PNWS AWWA Section Report

Oregon Health Authority report

Washington Department of Health Report

Idaho DEQ

Round Table Discussion

We make it a goal to provide at least one CEU approved training per year. Trainings are focused on current issues and hot topics with in the cross connection industry and are held following our regular board meetings. Often training ideas come from our members and are related to issues they are currently having or a subject they have an interest in. This past November after our board meeting Garrett Yates gave an hour training on the "Reduce Pressure Backflow Assembly, How Does It Work, and Common Mistakes Made in the Field"

Members are encouraged to use our group as a sounding board as a means to gather information used to assist in developing and managing cross connection programs.

Often members will send out a request for information, thoughts and ideas are shared with the entire group through email. Examples of information sharing this last year are;

- Old assemblies that don't meet the new lead requirements

- Backflow testers refusing to test assemblies that don't meet new lead requirements
- Plan review processes or lack of plan review processes
- Home dialysis systems
- Facilities that grow/process marijuana and marijuana products
- Backflow assembly tester ethics
- Onsite evaluation procedures

The CCC board consists of Brian Jansen with the City of Hillsboro as the committee Chair, Scott Ruyle from the City of Salem, Vice Chair and Brian Buchanan from the Portland Water Bureau is Vice Chair II. Christine Hollenbeck remains the Secretary/Treasurer and Jesse Di Stefano is the Past chair. The board has agreed to remain in position for as long as it is needed to ensure the success of the new Cross Connection Committee and until other members become active and engaged enough to hold future board positions.