



Water Quality Committee (WQC) Report January 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 (see below).

Membership: Three new members since fall update.

2017 Annual Conference Planning. The WQC is planning several events for the PNWS-AWWA Annual Conference May 2017 in Kennewick, WA. The following are updates on our conference planning activities:

- **Best Tasting Water:** The WQC's Best Tasting Water Contest sub-committee typically works with the conference local arrangements committee to secure a suitable venue for the contest. The WQC arranges to have bottles available for water samples to be entered into the contest and glasses for the judges to taste the various samples. This conference, the WQC is considering having glasses that will be given to the judges as a token for their volunteer role in the contest. Over the next couple months, the BTW subcommittee will be finalizing judges and the contest MC and will receive registrations from contest participants. 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. The Program Committee is in the process of notifying the WQC of the speaker selection, but the basic plan was to host 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 tentatively volunteered to moderate these sessions: Michael Grimm, Kim Irvin, and Kyle Thompson.

Upcoming Workshops:

For 2017, the WQC is interested in hosting a Water Quality Basics workshop at various locations throughout the section. The WQC hopes to utilize pre-prepared training materials available through AWWA and 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,

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Michael Grimm, Committee Vice Chair

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Kyle Thompson, Past-Chair