



American Water Works Association Pacific Northwest Section

PNWS AWWA Cross Connection Committee September 2017

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Past Committee Meetings 2016 -17

November 4th, 2016 BMI Portland, OR
February 10th, 2018 City of Florence, OR
May 4th, 2017 Annual PNWS AWWA Conference
August 11th, 2017 City of Bend

Committee Goals

The PNWS AWWA Cross Connection Committee (CCC) strives to accommodate members by having one quarterly meeting in each State. Meetings will happen on a rotation every February, May, August, and November. The committee hopes members will physically attend at least one meeting per year. Members who are unable to travel will have the ability to call in by phone. The Committee's focus is on cross connection control and backflow training, education, and technical support. The committee

provides 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 the committee continues to build our membership. We are committed to continued support of other Agencies, Committees and Associations related to Cross Connection Control and Backflow Testing.

CCC Web Page

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

<https://sites.google.com/a/pnws-awwa.org/cross-connection-control/home>

On the Committee site you will find current board member contact information, meeting announcements, meeting minutes and agendas. A link is also provided for committee members to share Pictures, current issues, information, and hot topics.

This past year the Cross Connection Control Committee meetings were held throughout the state of Oregon, members who could not attend in person were provided with call-in capabilities. (Moving forward the quarterly committee meetings will be held in each state on a rotation and when it is suitable for members to host).

Regular meeting agenda items are;
Cross Connection Instructors report
Training Committee report
Oregon ABPA report
Western Washington The Group report
Eastern Washington SRC4 report
PNWS AWWA Section report
Oregon Health Authority report
Washington Department of Health
Idaho DEQ
Round Table Discussion

We make it a goal to provide at least one CEU approved training/workshop per year. Trainings/workshops are focused on current issues and hot topics with in the cross connection industry. Training ideas often come from our members themselves and relate issues they are currently having or a subject they have an interest in. This past year Garrett Yates with BMI gave a 2 hour presentation on the RP backflow assembly, how it works and some of the most common instillation, testing and repair issues found in the field. The presentation was informational and met with a lot of interest and generated questions and good discussion.

Members are encouraged to use our committee as a sounding board for means to gather information used to assist in developing and managing cross connection control 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;

- RV parks and how to manage backflow and cross connection protection
- Proper backflow protection on ice machines
- Backflow protection on hot tubs
- Backflow protection and in-home dialysis machines
- The ongoing conversation regarding the cross connection and backflow protection of marijuana grow and processing facilities

This past year Scott Ruyle with the City of Salem assumed the Chair position, Mike Blake from the City of Central Point has agreed to be Vice Chair and Tonya Reiss from the City of Spokane is the Vice Chair II. Christine Hollenbeck remains the Secretary/Treasurer and Brian Jansen is the Past chair. The CCC board would like to find an individual who could be a Treasurer and move up the ranks to Chair.

Cross Connection Committee Meetings 2017-18

November 3rd, 2017, Clark County PUD

February 9th, 2018, Location Oregon or Washington Coast (TBA)

April 25th-27th, 2018, Annual PNWS AWWA Conference (Date TBA)

August 10th, 2018 Spokane Area (Location TBA)