



2018 PNWS – AWWA Tacoma Conference Report

- The LAC team is in place
- Meeting Planner (Stephanie Kennedy) is contracted
- Registration services will be Lori with Action Registration
- **Conference App** – we have a two-year contract with CoreApps, so we have another year with them for the 2018 conference.
- **Golf Tournament** – Allenmoore Golf Course was selected for the tournament. It is about 30 minutes from the convention center.
- **Competitions** – We will be doing all of the competitions in one hall, which will be located next to the exhibits. They will be “in the round” – we will have three circles with seating around each. Attendees will be able to move from one competition to another, in the same room.
- **Fun Night** – the competitions will be the fun night. We will have an MC, light music, entertainment, food and drink as well.
- **Schedule Changes** –
 - Thursday – moving the continental breakfast to 7 – 8 am, opening ceremony 8 – 9:30 am, vendor visit and lunch from 12 – 1:30 pm. Also, looking at making the first-time attendees meet & greet in the morning from 7:15 – 8:00 am – they would get their continental breakfast and then convene in a separate room.
 - Friday – vendor visit and lunch will be from 12 – 1:30 pm
- **Continental Breakfasts** – we will be adding protein to these breakfasts, which is why the price is a bit higher than it has been in the past.
- **Opening Ceremony** – we have contracted to have Elisa Hill speak. She will be talking about generations and how to work with them and engage them in your business.
- **Conference Gifts** -
 - Speaker Gifts – Liquid Powered Clock - <http://www.garrettspecialties.com/liquid-powered-clock-p-11379.html>
 - Attendee Gifts – Compact umbrellas
 - Banquet Gifts – still determining final choice, but will be something glass – paper weight, float, or something along those lines
- **Banquet Centerpieces** – These will be vases and bowls made by Hilltop Artists. We will put these on light boxes and will auction them off at each table.

Hilltop Artists started in the summer of 1994 with just 20 students. Since then, Hilltop Artists has expanded into 9 different programs that serve over 650 students each year. Ages 12 to 20, Hilltop Artists students have the chance to explore the glass medium through fusion, mosaics, flameworking, and glassblowing. Hilltop Artists has hot shops at Jason Lee Middle School and Wilson High School, as well as a flameworking studio at

Ford Middle School. All of Hilltop Artists programs are tuition-free. -
<https://hilltopartists.org/>

- **Budget** – the budget has been put together for your review. It is the recommendation of the LAC to increase registration pricing slightly to go with the inflation increase. Our new meeting planner recommends this as well – it is better to do slight increases each year then to skip years of doing increases and then a large increase in the future.