



PNWS-AWWA

Committee Report UTILITY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

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TO: PNWS-AWWA Trustees

FROM: Utility Management Committee

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RE: **FALL 2017 COMMITTEE REPORT**

INTRODUCTION

The 2017-2018 Utility Management Committee are pleased to present the following report on its current and intended activities for the 2017-2018 period.

OVERVIEW

The 2017-18 Utility Management Committee started with a flurry of good intent and plans set from the previous year. However, those plans and intentions have fallen by the way and the success of the committee has been very limited.

The Committee has undertaken a survey monkey to identify the interest in the committee which yielded some information, but has not proven to be a road to success.

The UMC is undertaking an effort to define its purpose, rolls, and responsibility. This has been an ongoing effort this session and is planned on being complete mid to late winter 2017.



Support and attendance at the committee meeting has been poor. With two or three regular players and two or three additional spasmodic attendances to monthly committee meetings. Endeavors to hold training have been flawed by the lack of interest in participation.

SUCCESSION PLAN

Utility Management established a two term arrangement for its committee members. The UMC established a five member committee promoted each two years to the next level of commitment and a new person being added to fill the treasurer's position, and the chair remaining a past chair in support of the committee. Unfortunately the Vice Chair resigned and the Treasurer's work and family commitments restrict committee involvement. As a result the UMC has combined the vice Chair and Secretary Positions.

The change of chair will take place at the spring conference 2018.

MEMBERSHIP

The UMC reviewed its membership roster and currently has approximately 70 people listed as group members.

SUB-COMMITTEES

Utility Management Committee has one subgroup:

1. Asset Management subgroup

The Asset Management subgroup continues to be part of the Utility Management Committee and is chaired by Andrew Tuchscherer from the City of Bellevue. The Asset Management subgroup has a membership, counted in the Utility Managements tally, of about 12.

GOALS AND ASPIRATIONS

The UMC has retrenched to supporting the annual conference with two tracks one specifically on Asset Management and the other related to Management development.

ACTIVITIES

UMC has cancelled two activities in the past year:

1. Asset Management training; and
2. Fall Workshop



Both cancellations were due to lack of interest in the activities, and support for coordination and organization.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Our budget requests funding support for two activities:

1. One late winter Workshop.
2. One fall Asset Management training session.

Currently we are not intent on planning or undertaking these activities, but if we can build support we will provide these events.

We will also support the concept of more centralized coordinated training if this is desired by the board, i.e. a second conference, or extended focused workshop(s).

Thank you for your consideration of this report.

On behalf of the Utility Management Committee Officers

Barry J. Buchanan

Barry Buchanan, Chair.