



## **Water Quality Committee (WQC) Report October 2017**

**2018 Annual Conference Planning.** The WQC is planning several events for the PNWS-AWWA Annual Conference May 2018 in Tacoma, 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. In 2017, the BTW contest was held during the WFP Silent Auction which seemed to be a well-suited venue for BTW. 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. For the Tacoma conference, the WQC will again consider having special 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 committee will continue to work with subsections to streamline the water sample storage process for the competition. The winner of the section's contest will move on to compete at the best tasting water competition held at the AWWA ACE in Las Vegas, NV in June 2018.
- **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 regulatory roundtable update with state and federal regulators and a session covering water distribution water quality issues and responses following water events.

### **2017 AWWA Water Quality Technology Conference (WQTC)**

The WQC will be well represented at the upcoming WQTC November 12-15 in Portland. In addition to many committee members attending the conference, WQC members are taking active roles as room monitors for the conference. In addition to serving the Association well as room monitors during the technical sessions, WQC members can be "committee ambassadors" for other local conference attendees to promote the WQC and its activities.

### **Upcoming Workshops in 2018**

A WQC sub-committee hopes to resume work on developing a Water Quality Basics workshop for the section. The WQC hopes to utilize prepared training materials available throughout and section and possibly through AWWA. Classes will use a mix of

local WQ experts and WQC members to lead the training. The class format would be a full day training session which would carry CEU credits for attendees. The WQC plans to launch the workshop Fall 2018.

**Committee Leadership.** At the May 2017 meeting, the Committee established a new leadership core designed to fill immediate needs for the vice-chair and secretary/treasurer positions. Though the Committee's membership roster is fairly robust, there are still only a small number of active members participating in Committee activities. This leadership core is committed to reaching out to new members and YP members with the understanding we need to listen and learn to reach new generations for future leadership roles.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Grimm, Chair

Yone Akagi, Vice Chair

Thomas Bell-Games, Secretary/Treasurer

Jessica Dorsey, Past-Chair