



# American Water Works Association Pacific Northwest Section

## PNWS AWWA WINTER TRUSTEE MEETING ENGINEERING COMMITTEE REPORT

### Committee Officers

Chair – Scott Duren  
Vice Chair – Kyle Thompson  
Secretary – Ali Leeds  
Trustee Representative – Lynn Stephens

### 2017-2018 Budget as Submitted

Currently, the Engineering Committee is estimating a net income of \$3,370 back to the Section, nearly doubling our budgeted income of \$1,800 presented at the Fall Trustee Meeting.

	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Budget to Date</b>
<b>Income</b>	<b>\$4,000</b>	<b>\$4,420</b>
<i>Excellence In Engineering Awards</i>	\$1000	\$500
<i>Training</i>	\$3000	\$3,920
<i>Adjustment</i>		+ \$420

<b>Expenses</b>	<b>\$2,200</b>	<b>\$1,050</b>
<i>Excellence In Engineering Awards</i>	\$300	\$300 (estimated)
<i>Engineers Week</i>	\$1000	
<i>PSEC – Engineering Fest</i>		\$200 (KC Subsection co-sponsorship)
<i>Portland E-Week Engineer's Banquet</i>		\$250 (NW Oregon Subsection Co-sponsorship)
<i>Training</i>	\$900	\$0
<i>Merchandise for Events</i>		\$100 (estimated)
<i>Annual Meeting</i>		\$200 (estimated)
<i>Adjustment</i>		- \$2,025

The primary reasons for exceeding the 2017-2018 budgeted income were increased attendance at our first training held on 1/24/2018 and an increase in the rate that was charged for attendance. Obtaining sponsorship of food and a venue for the training, and finding cosponsors for Engineering Week activities also significantly reduced our budgeted expenses for the year to date.

### Committee Meetings

We are planning to hold our 2018 Annual Committee Meeting during the PNWS-AWWA Conference, at 5 pm on Thursday. We have traditionally held our meeting in this time slot, immediately following the end of technical sessions for the day, but before many of the planned

evening festivities commence. We are hoping to hold the meeting at a venue off-site, but are still working on the arrangements.

## **Training**

### Maintaining High-Quality Water in Distribution Systems: Meeting and Exceeding Customer Standards

On January 24, 2018 the Engineering Committee arranged and held a full-day training course on water quality in the distribution system at the Vancouver Water Research Center. 49 total registrants attended the training event, and feedback was very positive. Fees were set at \$80 for members, and \$90 for non-members, and we were able to provide 0.6 CEUs in both WA and OR. Many thanks go out to Tyler Clary for pulling the event together, with help from Kyle Thompson, Ali Leeds, and Scott Duren. We also want to thank all of our speakers who provided excellent and informative presentations, including the following:

- Melinda Friedman and Alex Mofidi of Confluence Engineering
- Jeff Austin of Suez Utility Service Group
- Matt Huang of Carollo Engineers
- John Roth of Clark Public Utilities

Finally, we need to thank Suez for generously sponsoring the catered lunch for attendees, and MurraySmith for sponsoring breakfast and snacks.



### Corrosion Symposium

Similar to last year, we are in discussions with NACE of Portland to participate in hosting a Corrosion Symposium at the end of February. Details are still to come, but we hope to advertise the event to AWWA membership and participate in organizing the event and collecting a portion of registration fees for AWWA members.

### Distribution System Training

Preliminary discussions on a co-sponsored training session later this year with the Distribution Committee have been initiated. Details on the agenda and location are still being determined, but we hope to hold something during the summer months of 2018.

## **Events**

Engineering-Week festivities are planned for February, with the Committee co-sponsoring a booth at both the Seattle Engineering Fest and the Portland area E-week with the South Sound and Northwest Oregon sub-sections, respectfully.

## **Excellence in Engineering Awards**

The close of nominations for the EIE awards was extended a few weeks to allow folks to recover from the holidays, and allowed us to receive a few additional nominations. A total of 5 nominations were received, with at least one in each category including large, small, and planning projects. Judging of the nominations is currently underway, and we anticipate notifying winners by January 31<sup>st</sup>. This year we have reserved a one-hour technical session at the Tacoma PNWS conference in April to allow each of the winners 20 minutes to present on their excellent projects. We also plan to announce the winners during the opening session of the Tacoma conference, to continue to build the recognition and prestige of the award.

## **Succession Planning and Membership**

The Engineering Committee has three standard Officer; Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary. While the positions are voted on each year, it is standard practice that the officers transition from Secretary to Vice Chair, and Vice Chair to Chair. Additionally, the Past Chair assists the Chair during their tenure. So normally the Secretary is the only new officer elected from the membership.

One person has already inquired about the Secretary position for the coming year, so it appears that we will continue to pull in new volunteers. The Committee's membership is active and consists of approximately 15 to 20 members, and we seem to gain new members each year that help supply renewed energy and ideas for the committee.