

Past Chairs Report

The committee meet at 11:30 a.m. on October 5, 2017 at Cascade Lakes Brewing Company. In attendance was Lacey Priest-Gores, Kari Duncan, Bob Willis, Bob Ward, Dean Clouse, Jason Cannady, and Randy Black.

Directors Report from Kari Duncan, CA/NV has been pressing for Governance changes regarding a 60-member Directors Board Plus Executive Board; a 15-member board is not very efficient. The Association is seeking feedback for the Board of Directors. Moving issue on how Directors get elected and how many should there be? Tennessee and Kentucky have responded to the new proposal. (See attached letter).

Kari also shared that, at the Trustees retreat in July, that there was discussion on how the list of candidates are selected to run for the position of Association Director, and that this matter would be asked by the Nominating Committee to review and offer up the committee's recommendation. It was shared that the Section's by-laws allow for other members to run for Association Director but should be a person with a long experience with the Section and preferably having served as an officer for two years or more. A short discussion ensued with the matter.

Kari lead a brief discussion on the Section awards that had been put together to be signed off by the Chair for submittal to the Association. They include Abel Wolman Award, Operator's Meritorious Service to AWWA Award, Outstanding Service to AWWA Award, and AWWA Community Engineering Corps Excellence Award. Thanks to the Past Chairs who helped with the work in getting the necessary pieces of documents together for completing the application process for nominating Section members for the awards through the Association.

Brenda Lennox couldn't attend but did share the following formation through an email. She has been very busy since ACE; been at WEFTEK and now Finance Committee meeting in Denver. Travel has been busy. Visited Minnesota (Duluth) Section Conference. Next Section visit – CA/NV in Reno. Scheduled in PNWS: WQTC Portland, APWA Fall Conference – Pendleton, American Water Resources Association (AWRA) PDS

Recruitment of Veterans to water profession. Excited about progress – article in Connections. Look for tool kits by ACE 18 to assist Sections in local efforts.

Also, working on event local to Walla Walla for philanthropic efforts. Please invite folks to watch for details of spring event. Focus of this will be to raise awareness of operator scholarship and increase awareness of operator scholarship and WW Community College program. (potential new members) See you at winter BOD meeting.

Next Gray Matters articles are

Winter 2017 = Jason Canandy

Spring 2018 = Randy Black

Fall 2018 = Lacey Priest Gores

Winter 2018 =

Spring 2019 =

Meeting adjourned at 12:45 p.m. as the Board of Trustees was reconvening the meeting at 1:00 p.m.

Respectively submitted by Randy Black Chair of the Past Chairs Committee