



PNWS AWWA Young Professionals

Winter 2018

Activities for 2018 Annual Conference

We are excited to bring our traditional activities to the 2018 PNWS AWWA Conference in Tacoma, WA. We expect strong YP representation in various volunteer roles, and in the technical program, as well as in the Thursday night Scavenger Hunt and expanded Fresh Ideas Poster Competition.

In addition to all of the abovementioned activities, we will be actively recruiting new YP's to take leadership roles prior to the Annual Conference. This is a key part of our succession planning that is described in more detail at the end of the report.

Fresh Ideas Poster Competition

We are keeping the expanded the Fresh Ideas Poster Competition to include two tracks:

- Research Poster Competition, with the winner representing PNWS at ACE (the traditional competition).
- Project Poster Competition of non-research based topics (i.e., student design project, O&M techniques, project summary and update, etc.).

We have recruited a task force including Josh Miner, Muhanned Al Murib, Esther Chang, and Amie Batham to start soliciting posters for the competition.

Traditional Scavenger Hunt

The traditional Thursday night Scavenger Hunt format will be coming back to the Tacoma Conference. We have already secured two venue host sponsors, Murraysmith and RH2. We have a task force of YP's including Samantha Schreiner, Alec Vowels, Josh and Libby Miner, Kevin Wyckoff, Alena Thurman, and Amie Batham helping organize this year's hunt. The Hunt will follow the First Time Meet and Greet.

YP Technical Track

The 2020 Vision Initiative and YP Committee have teamed up to do the first ever (at least in our memory) YP Technical Track. We will have Thursday Early Bird, Morning, and Afternoon sessions, which will include 30 and 60 minute presentations, and a half hour of 5-minute lightening talks to encourage YP's to participate in short tech talks as an introduction into longer presentations in coming years. We hope to have up to 5 lightening talks in our session.



YP, 2020, and Membership Committee Collaboration

Combined Calls, Roles, and Budget

This year, the 2020 Vision Initiative and YP Committee have consolidated efforts and collaborated more than in years past. We have combined our monthly meetings/calls, presented our budgets together at the Fall Trustees Meeting, and are planning to combine efforts to plan PNWS Conference activities. Looking forward, we are keeping a cooperative mindset as we recruit new members to fill roles and responsibilities within our groups, and we are excited to keep working with PNWS Trustees as we continue to evolve and restructure to best meet the needs of the youngest members of our organization.

2017 PNWS AWWA YP Summit

The third annual PNWS/PNWCA YP Summit was held on November 3rd, 2017, at the Brightwater Education Center in Woodinville, WA and a satellite location at the Columbia Boulevard WWTP, in Portland, OR. The Summit brought together over 100 YPs and SPs from around the PNW for a day of inspiration, leadership development, and networking. The theme this year was "Reach Your Peak" with sessions focused around goal setting, effective communication, and leadership skills. Speakers Michael Lubovich (Kennedy Jenks), Randy Black (Lakewood Water District), Gina Hortillosa (City of Mill Creek), and Monica Van der Vieren (King County) shared their experience as leaders and offered career advice in a leadership panel. Each aspiring leader left with a goal setting activity book and a copy of "The 7 habits of highly effective people", but most importantly with a new energy to reach for new heights and shape their future. Thanks to the planning committee for all their effort, and special thanks to Michael Lubovich, who was the lead organizer for the event. Additionally thanks to our sponsors:

Platinum: TetraTech, Kennedy Jenks Consultants, Brown and Caldwell, BHC Consultants, and Otak

Gold: Murray Smith, Carollo, Sybis, PNWS-AWWA South Sound Subsection.

Venue Sponsors: King County and Portland Bureau of Environmental Services

2018 National WEF/AWWA YP Summit

Kristen Zimmer will be representing the PNWS YPs at this year's National WEF/AWWA YP Summit in San Antonio, Texas. This year's Summit will take place February 19-20.

YP Committee Succession

Below is a summary of the current YP Committee Leadership.

Past Chair	<i>Dan Reisinger</i>
Chair	<i>Kysa Schaefer</i>
Co-Chair	<i>Josh Miner</i>
Communications Coordinator	<i>Amie Batham</i>



Membership Coordinator	<i>Alena Thurman</i>
Student Chapter Coordinator	<i>Esther Chang</i>
Fresh Ideas Coordinator	<i>Muhanned Al Murib</i>
Conference Events Coordinator	<i>Josh Miner</i>

We will be actively recruiting YPs to fill volunteer roles before the PNWS Conference. We are planning to have an on-site committee meeting as well as an offsite lunch Friday so that incoming officers can meet to discuss goals for the year and get a clearer delineation of expected tasks.

We want to thank the Board and all the seasoned professionals for their continued support of the YP Committee. We appreciate the investment of your time and money to help us develop our networks, skills, confidence, and excitement for the water industry.

Respectfully,

Kysa Schaefer, Chair YP Committee