



# American Water Works Association Pacific Northwest Section

## **PNWS AWWA Cross Connection Committee April 2018**

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### **Past Committee Meetings 2017 -18**

February 21st, 2018 City of Spokane, WA  
November 3rd, 2017, Clark County PUD  
August 11<sup>th</sup>, 2017 City of Bend

### **Committee Goals**

The PNWS AWWA Cross Connection Committee (CCC) strives to accommodate members by having one quarterly meeting in each State. Meetings will happen on a rotation every February, May, August, and November. The committee hopes members will physically attend at least one meeting per year.

Members who are unable to travel will have the ability to call in by phone. We have finally started moving around the tri state areas for our meetings, our most recent meeting was in Spokane, WA and before that it was held in Vancouver, WA.

The Committee's focus is on cross connection control and backflow training, education, and technical support. The committee provides networking opportunities and a place for Cross Connection Specialist and Testers to turn when needing help and support with their cross connection programs and testing issues.

Through member connections the committee continues to build our membership. We are committed to continued support of other Agencies, Committees and Associations related to Cross Connection Control and Backflow Testing.

Regular meeting agenda items are;  
Cross Connection Instructors report  
Training Committee report  
Oregon ABPA report  
Western Washington The Group report  
Eastern Washington SRC4 report  
PNWS AWWA Section report  
Oregon Health Authority report  
Washington Department of Health  
Idaho DEQ  
Round Table Discussion

We make it a goal to provide at least one CEU approved training/workshop per year. Trainings/workshops are focused on current issues and hot topics with in the cross connection industry. Training ideas often come from our members themselves and relate issues they are currently having or a subject they have an interest in.

Members are encouraged to use our committee as a sounding board for means to gather information used to assist in developing and managing cross connection control programs. Often members will send out a request for information, thoughts and ideas are shared with the entire group through email. Examples of information sharing this last year are;

- The importance of plan reviews
- The importance of conducting surveys
- Testing and how to fill out reports for type II backflow assemblies
- Backflow incident sharing on CCC website, and making it mandatory to report in Oregon
- The ongoing conversation regarding the cross connection and backflow protection of marijuana grow and processing facilities

### **CCC Web Page**

The Committee has a web page on the PNWS AWWA web site at <https://sites.google.com/a/pnws-awwa.org/cross-connection-control/home>

On the Committee site you will find current board member contact information, meeting announcements, meeting minutes, upcoming trainings, and agendas. A link is also provided for committee members to share Pictures, current issues, information, and hot topics.

### **Future**

We are planning on having two one day training/workshops this year, we are still working out the details and locations.

We will also be holding five technical sessions at this year's PNWS AWWA annual conference in Tacoma, WA. Including inspection and surveys, home fire sprinklers and water suppliers, using mobile & cloud technology, site surveys at waste water treatment plants throughout Washington, and backflow prevention methods at water and wastewater treatment facilities.

At this conference Tonya Reiss from the City of Spokane will assume the Chair position, we are currently recruiting for a vice chair and vice chair II. Christine Hollenbeck remains the Secretary/Treasurer and Scott Ruyle will now be the Past chair. The CCC board would like to find an individual who could be a Treasurer and move up the ranks to Chair.

**Cross Connection Committee Meetings 2017-18**

April 26th, 2018, Annual PNWS AWWA Conference

May 4th, 2018, Salem, OR area

August 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018 TBD