



American Water Works Association Pacific Northwest Section

PNWS AWWA SPRING TRUSTEE MEETING ENGINEERING COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee Officers

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

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.

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

Expenses	\$2,200	\$1,050
<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.

We also have two additional trainings being planned jointly with the Distribution System committee, but have not included those in the budget projections yet. As we develop a better understanding of the venue and related costs, we will include those in the budget, but we expect that both trainings will produce additional income for the Section.

Committee Meetings

We are planning to hold our 2018 Annual Committee Meeting during the PNWS-AWWA Conference, at 5 pm on Thursday at Harmon Brewery in Tacoma. 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.

Training

Distribution System Assessment, Prioritization, and Repair

The Engineering and Distribution Committee have been working jointly to develop an outline for a training session on the assessment, prioritization, and repair of distribution assets including pipelines and storage tanks. A preliminary list of speakers has been developed and speakers are being contacted to confirm availability. Our plan is to hold two separate offerings for the training, one in June/July in Vancouver and one in the late fall/early winter in the Seattle area.

Events

The committee participated in Engineering-Week festivities in February to further our goal of outreach to generate interest in water engineering. The Committee co-sponsored 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

A total of 5 EIE award nominations were received, with the following winners selected:

- Planning Category – Tacoma Water Gooseneck Replacement
- Small Project Category – North City Denny Clouse Pump Station
- Large Project Category – Lake Oswego-Tigard Water Treatment Plant

This year we have reserved a one-hour technical session during the Thursday morning technical sessions at the PNWS-AWWA Conference to allow each of the winners 20 minutes to present on their excellent projects and to receive their award plaques.

Succession Planning and Membership

The Engineering Committee has three standard officers; 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.