



American Water Works Association Pacific Northwest Section

Conference Program Committee Report Spring Trustees Meeting Tacoma, WA April 24, 2018

2018 Conference Program – Tacoma, Washington

By the numbers:

- 4 full-day and 1 half-day pre-conference seminars
- 7 tracks of 1-hour early bird sessions on Thursday
- 8 tracks of two 2-hour technical sessions on Thursday
- 8 tracks of two 3-hour technical sessions on Friday
- 162 technical presentations, plus 8 new 15-minute vendor education sessions
- 214 speakers
- 1.7 drinking water CEUs available for all 3 states
- 1.2 Oregon, 1.55 Idaho, 1.7 Washington wastewater CEUs available

I also want to recognize Jacki Masters for her invaluable assistance this year. She's done the heavy lifting, including processing the abstracts, fielding the draft program requests, keeping track of speaker release forms, assembling the CEU applications, working with the state certifying agencies, and handling day-to-day communications with moderators as they continue to work with their speakers. This year seems to have had more than its share of last-minute cancellations and changes, which makes it especially difficult to keep up. Doing so is crucial to our mission of providing quality training at our conferences and it's a difficult job to do well, but as expected, she was more than up to it.

2019 Conference Program – Vancouver, Washington

We're still on the lookout for a vice-chair for the Vancouver conference, and I hope to follow up on a couple of suggestions this week. The abstract submittal form has been updated, tested and is ready to go when the call for abstracts opens on May 15. I am also planning to send a gentle reminder to the committee chairs that the upcoming conference is an excellent time to being recruiting speakers for your next program.

Respectfully submitted,

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