



Small Systems Committee Report, April 2018

For Spring Trustees Meeting

We are still trying to find an Oregon State Regulator representative for our resource page. We have had some contact from people interested, and are trying to build contacts. We've reached out, and found we need to try something different than in the past. We've found out how to gather information on small systems, for contact info, but we find to contact them directly when they are not interested is not very productive. We've decided we need to be more of a support and resource. We have an informal gathering at the Tacoma Conference, just to reach out, and make our presence known, but our main objective of the meeting is to find out what they are specifically looking for, and what we can help them with. We think the most valuable angle would be to be a reliable resource. We are also working on finding speakers for a Small System track at the 2019 Conference.

Another consistency with Small Systems is that they all rely on a Board. We see a lot of overlapping with other committees on training. We're not sure how cost effective it is for a board member to come to the conferences, but we are recommending to other subsections to provide more board training; record keeping, rate structure, regulatory mandates, (inviting them to classes like Day with DOH) and a possible webinar for the 50,000 foot view of how a water system works. Also networking board members into events could help them see the true value of this community.

We see a lot of overlapping with the TCC Committee, the CEC, and the Public Relations Committee. The more discussions we have, the more we realize we can become an effective gateway to many of the present resources within the PNWS Section.

We are also looking to network with Rural Community Assistance Council. We are networking with the DOH, DEQ, and looking at other resources we can put in one spot, on our webpage, that respects their limited time and resources. We feel that we can spread this word of mouth,

and that if we are successful in helping a few, they will hopefully tell others in their community about us and want to become more active.

We are looking to provide critical criteria for funding and grants. The biggest current problem across the board is finding the funds to update utility systems. Again, our goal is to have these resources in one place, easy to find, easy to access, and just basically provide help and assistance to those that reach out.

We have an email list we are working on growing that will be a source at some point to provide quarterly information on free trainings, webinars, and or changing funding and grant information. We hope this will continue to grow as word spreads that we're here to assist. These are our current goals we're working on.

Committee webpage: <https://sites.google.com/a/pnws-awwa.org/small-systems-committee/>

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