



# American Water Works Association Pacific Northwest Section

## PNWS AWWA FALL TRUSTEE MEETING ENGINEERING COMMITTEE REPORT

### Committee Officers

Chair – Kyle Thompson  
Vice Chair – Ali Leeds  
Secretary – Jason Branstetter  
Trustee Representative – Dan Sleeth

### 2018 Budget as Submitted

Currently, the Engineering Committee is estimating a net income of \$6,597 back to the Section, exceeding our budgeted income of \$1,800 presented at the Fall Trustee Meeting.

The reasons for exceeding the 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 are also co-sponsoring a second training with Distribution in October where we anticipate receiving additional income of \$2,250.

### Committee Meetings

We held our 2018 Annual Committee Meeting during the PNWS-AWWA Conference 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.

We also held our annual meeting in August to review abstracts and develop a technical program for the conference. The meeting was at McMenamins Olympic Club in Centralia, WA.

### Training

#### Distribution System Resiliency: Prioritization, Assessment, and Replacement or Rehabilitation

The Engineering and Distribution Committee have collaborated to develop a training session on the assessment, prioritization, and repair of distribution assets including pipelines and storage tanks. A list of speakers has been developed and continuing learning credits have been applied for and received. Our plan is to hold two separate offerings for the training, one in October in Vancouver and one in the late fall/early winter in the Seattle area.

We are also researching a waterline construction inspection training.

### 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.

A tour of Theo Chocolate Factory in Seattle with a social afterwards was organized by Ali Leeds and held on July 11. Erika Murphy organized a tour of the Joint Water Commission Water

Treatment Plant upgrade project. The tour is scheduled for October 17 and will include a social get-together afterwards.

### **Excellence in Engineering Awards**

Nominations for the Excellence in Engineering Awards will be accepted this fall with winners selected in the spring. We anticipate having the same three categories of Planning, Small Project, and Large Project.

### **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.