



PNWS AWWA Young Professionals Fall 2018

Thank you Trustees for your support! Below summarizes key efforts through the 2019 PNWS Conference.

Continuing Student and YP Engagement

Site Tours and Social Events

In July the Northwest Oregon subsection coordinated with the Willamette Water Supply Program for YPs to tour the construction of a new 66-inch diameter steel pipeline as part of a regional water supply project. In August the King County and South Sound Subsections YPs were hosted by Seattle Public Utilities for a tour of the Cedar River Water Treatment Plant. Both tours were followed by a social event afterwards. We plan to continue to engage with PNWS YPs and students at the subsection level whenever opportunities arise be they site tours or simply a chance to get together with fellow YPs and socialize. Our goal is for subsection YP Chapters to host at least 2 events and/or educational tours throughout the year.

Webinars

Last year the YP committee experimented with hosting our first webinar training event, which was well attended and revenue positive. The webinars provide an opportunity for YPs in the Section to share their knowledge with their peers for all of us to learn about a new topic in the industry. This year we are looking to expand on that effort as we now have the equipment needed on hand (special thanks to Kevin Wyckoff!) and members experienced with putting on the events. Our goal is host four total webinars with the first one coming this fall and hosted by the Lakewood Utility District.

2018 NW YP Summit

PNWS Summit

The PNCWA YP Committee will lead the 4th Annual Pacific Northwest Young Professionals Summit (Summit) on Friday, September 21st. Michael Lubovich is coordinating with PNCWA YP for the planning of the Summit, which will be held at the Water Resource Education Center in Vancouver, WA.

Last year we experimented with a satellite location so that YPs who were unable to travel might still be able to benefit from the training opportunity. We learned from this experience that remote attendees may find it difficult to engage with presenters and determined that rotating the location of the event would provide a better experience than continuing with satellite locations.



The theme of the 2018 Summit is Innovation. This full-day event will focus on career-building inspiration, leadership development, and networking of presentations capped by a presentation from Erin Mosley. Erin is a licensed civil engineer who has served as Vice President and Global Director of CH2M and a past board member of both the Water Environment Federation and New England Water Environment Association.

National AWWA/WEF Summit

To continue to improve leadership succession in the YP committee we plan to send the Co-Chair to the National YP Summit in Nashville, TN in March, 2019. Training specific to YPs and their future leadership is a key benefit of attending this conference.

YP Committee Succession

There has been a push to verify the Subsection Liaisons contact list and fill all roles within the YP Committee. Transitions have made this a challenging and ongoing task, but the Committee has a strong leadership core in place to continue soliciting involvement and encouraging succession. Below is the current YP Committee Roster:

Past Chair	<i>Kysa Cronrath</i>
Chair	<i>Josh Miner</i>
Co-Chair	<i>Erica Rodriguez</i>
Communications Coordinator	<i>Amie Batham</i>
Career Fair Coordinator	<i>Chelsea Hanna</i>
Student Chapter Coordinator	<i>Esther Chang</i>
Fresh Ideas Coordinator	<i>Muhanned Al-Murib</i>
Scavenger Hunt Coordinator	<i>TBD</i>

We want to thank the Board and all the seasoned professionals for their continued support of the YP Committee.

Strong Activities for 2019 Annual Conference

We expect strong YP representation in various volunteer roles, and in the technical program, as well as in the conference-wide Scavenger Hunt and Fresh Ideas Poster Competition. To help students and YPs attend, we expect to give out all of the available conference scholarships.

In addition to all of the abovementioned activities, we will be actively recruiting new YP's to take leadership roles leading up to and at the Annual Conference. This is a key part of our succession planning that is described in more detail at the end of the report.



YP Technical Session Track

We are very pleased to be able to offer a full YP technical session track at the 2019 Annual Conference. Our track will focus on soft skills for YPs in the water industry including leadership skills, strengths in the work place, resume building, and networking tips. This is the second time we have been able to offer a full YP track to conference attendees and it is our goal to continue doing so in the coming years.

Fresh Ideas Poster Competition

We will maintain the two-track Fresh Ideas Poster Competition, which will include:

- Research Poster Competition, with the winner representing PNWS at ACE (the traditional competition).
- Project Poster Competition of non-research based topics (i.e., student design project, O&M techniques, project summary and update, etc.).

First Time Meet and Greet

We plan to hold the traditional First Time Meet and Greet one hour before the start of the Scavenger Hunt.

Scavenger Hunt

Last year saw the return of the traditional format of the Scavenger Hunt and it was a massive hit. Planning has not yet commenced, but we hope that Vancouver provides enough venues within walking distance to ensure that YP's and students stay safe while partaking in traditional Scavenger Hunt activities. The Scavenger Hunt and First Timer's event are critical for us in engaging YPs and encouraging them to find a role on the committee. We hope to see both events flourishing in 2019!

Thank you again for your continued support,

Josh Miner, PE
PNWS YP Committee Chair