



American Water Works Association Pacific Northwest Section

PNWS AWWA WINTER TRUSTEE MEETING ENGINEERING COMMITTEE REPORT – WINTER 2019

Committee Officers

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

2019 Budget as Submitted

Currently, the Engineering Committee is estimating a net income of \$2,900 back to the Section in 2019. Actual net income will be dependent on the number of attendees at planned trainings. Obtaining sponsorship of food and a venue for trainings will reduce our budgeted expenses for the year and allow for additional income.

Committee Meetings

The committee held informal meetings over the telephone to finalize the 2019 conference program in the fall of 2018. We will hold our annual meeting during the 2019 PNWS AWWA Conference in Vancouver in May.

Training

The Engineering and Distribution Committee collaborated to develop a training session on the assessment, prioritization, and repair of distribution assets including pipelines and storage tanks. The training was held in Vancouver, Washington on October 4, 2018 and had 64 people registered. This event was a big success, generating several thousand dollars of income for the Section and exceeding our estimated budget. The committee will consider holding this training in 2019 in the Seattle area.

We plan to research a waterline construction inspection training for the future.

Events

The committee is participating in Engineering-Week festivities in February to further our goal of outreach to generate interest in water engineering. The committee budgeted sponsoring a booth at the Seattle Engineering Fest.

Excellence in Engineering Awards

Nominations for the Excellence in Engineering Awards were received in January. Entrants are being evaluated by a group of volunteers with winners anticipated to be selected mid-February. Five nominations were received for the Large project category, three were received for the Small project category. No nominations were received for the Planning category.

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.

The Engineering Committee was 124 contacts in Constant Contact. Of those, approximately 15 to 20 members are routinely active, helping shape and guide the activities of the committee. We continue to gain new members each year.