



PNWS AWWA Young Professionals Spring 2019

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

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. We will be promoting the YP committee and advertising our committee meeting at breaks during the technical sessions to help drive attendance.

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 is underway for this year's event and will continue ramping up over the coming months. We want to recognize this year's largest sponsors, RH2 and Murraysmith, who will be hosting venues for the end of the Scavenger Hunt. Other sponsors we would like to thank for supporting this major



networking opportunity include the Northwest Oregon Sub-Section, Southern Oregon Mafia, Northwest Washington Sub-Section, and hopefully more to come. 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!

2019 NW YP Summit

2018 PNWS Summit Review

The PNCWA YP Committee led the 4th Annual Pacific Northwest Young Professionals Summit (Summit) on Friday, September 21st. Michael Lubovich coordinated with PNCWA YP for the planning of the Summit, which was held at the Water Resource Education Center in Vancouver, WA. The theme of the 2018 Summit was Innovation, with the full-day event focusing 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 YP Summit

To continue to improve leadership succession in the YP committee we plan to send our Communications Coordinator, Amie Batham, to the National YP Summit in Nashville, TN in March, 2019. Amie is very active in our committee and has been doing great work to update our website in addition to frequent high-quality email communications. Training specific to YPs and their future leadership is a key benefit of attending this conference.

2019 Leadership Symposium and YP Summit

The first annual PNWS Leadership Symposium will be held September 26-27 in Yakima, WA. As part of the symposium the YP's will be offering a full-day track dedicated to YP's as the evolution of the YP summit. Planning for this track is just beginning, but we have identified several members who are eager to take on the task. We look forward to working with the rest of the Leadership Symposium planning team throughout the spring and summer to put together a successful event.



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 Schaefer</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>Josh Miner</i>
Scavenger Hunt Coordinator	<i>Erica Rodriguez</i>

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

Thank you again for your continued support,

Josh Miner, PE
PNWS YP Committee Chair