



## Water Science Division Report

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As the Trustee Liaison for the Water Science Division, consisting of Research Committee, Water Resource Committee, Water Quality Committee, and Treatment Committee, I respectfully submit this brief Division report which includes updates for the year and highlights of current Committee work.

On the 'Division' level, we will be holding a Division-wide meeting at the 2020 conference in Spokane on Thursday at lunch in Room 102 C/D. At the end of the day on Thursday at 5pm, we will have a social event at Zola, 22 W Main Ave, a short walk from the conference site.

### Research Committee

Chair Damon Roth, Brown and Caldwell  
Vice Chair Anna Vosa, Portland Water Bureau  
Secretary Andrew Nishihara, Stantec

- At the 2020 Spokane Conference, Damon Roth will end his time as Chair and Anna Vosa will become the Committee's new chair for the coming 2-year period. Andrew Nishihara will be moving to Vice Chair position. We very much thank Damon for his time leading the Research Committee; under his guidance, the Committee has continued to be a successful asset of technical training and education for Section members. We also look very forward to the leadership that Anna and Andrew will bring, and are hoping to recruit someone to fill the Secretary position this year.
- For the 2020 Spokane Conference, Research is hosting two early bird sessions and one full morning technical session.
- Planning a tour (in conjunction with Treatment Committee) of the Portland Water Bureau Bull Run Water Treatment Pilot Plant. Timing TBD; possibly summer/fall.
- Planning continues for a workshop on PFAS in collaboration with Water Quality. Momentum for this has waned, but may pick up speed now that the regulatory requirements are being set. It is hoped that the workshop will take place this year, possibly in Fall.

### Treatment Committee

Chair Jenn Minton, Carollo  
Vice Chair Matt Hewitt, West Yost Associates  
Secretary Josh Kennedy, Jacobs

- For the 2020 Spokane Conference, Treatment will provide two early bird sessions, two, 3-hour technical sessions, and one technical session co-sponsored with Water Quality. Treatment will also lead a pre-conference focused on disinfection and PFAS that includes a tour of the City of Airway Heights facility.
- Treatment is planning a workshop on disinfection for this summer.

## Water Quality Committee

Chair Thomas Bell Games, HDR

Vice Chair Charles Dougherty, Murraysmith

Secretary Kay Rottell, Washington State Department of Health

- Chair position will transfer from Thomas to Charles at the Spokane conference. We are very thankful for all the hard work Thomas has put into Water Quality Committee – keeping it active over the past several years and maintaining a successful Best Tasting Water competition for the Section (with National winners!). We are excited to have Charlie take over the helm!
- For the 2020 Spokane Conference, Water Quality is co-sponsoring an early bird session with Treatment and two, 3-hour sessions with one of the sessions (Washington Department of Health PFAS Rule Making) co-sponsored with Treatment. We are also teaming with Research committee to develop a PFAS workshop for the Fall timeframe.
- Water Quality has been working with Subsections to encourage utilities to submit for the Best Tasting Water competition to be held at the Spokane conference.

## Water Resource Committee

Chair Andrew Austreng, Aspect Consulting

Vice Chair Jacob Krall, Geosyntec

Secretary Jeanne Finger, City of Spokane Water Department

Past Chair DeEtta Fosbury, GSI Water Solutions

- For the 2020 Spokane Conference, Resources has coordinated with the Inland Empire Subsection on providing a Pre-con Workshop focusing on Groundwater Supply Management through the lens of Spokane's regional sole-source aquifer. Resources will also provide two, 3-hour technical sessions.
- Committee planning meetings were held in October and February, and will continue in July for coordination of 2021 conference abstracts.
- Water Resource Committee submitted a Spring Water Matters publication.
- In Spring, a planning survey will be conducted with Constant Contact in an effort to generate 2021 annual conference subject matter topics and identify more opportunities for member engagement.
- We're coordinating with the WateReuse Association to develop a session or two at one of their upcoming conferences and/or to include them in our 2021 conference planning.
- 2020-21 officer selection planning is underway. The tentative slate is Jacob Krall, Chair; Kenny Janssen, Vice Chair; Andrew Austreng, Past Chair; Jeanne Finger, Secretary. However, membership and leadership recruitment and retention continue to be challenges; we are actively seeking future leaders for the committee, and welcome any new participation.

Thank you, and I am very happy to be a small part of the PNWS Science Division. Nobody knows water in the Pacific Northwest better!

Remember to Science safely 😊

