



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 highlights of current work from each Committee.

This quarter's highlight for the Water Science Division is the development of the Wildfires and Water Treatment workshop, scheduled for June 2.

Research Committee

Chair Anna Vosa, Portland Water Bureau
Vice Chair Sophia Hobet, City of Hillsboro
Secretary Andrew Nishihara, Stantec

The Research committee is planning to hold a meeting on May 19 to plan future activities, including a future workshop and 2022 conference sessions. They do not plan to make any changes in their leadership this year, but are looking for a new secretary to replace Andrew Nishihara when he assumes the chair in 2022. Sophia will remain as vice-chair.

Treatment Committee

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

Water Treatment took the lead on the wildfire workshop this past quarter. I haven't yet had a response as to their plans for the summer or a change in leadership.

Water Quality Committee

Chair Charles Dougherty, no longer with MurraySmith
Vice-Chair Kay Rottell, Washington State Department of Health
Secretary - vacant

Water Quality is supporting the wildfire workshop, and likewise has not yet responded on their future plans. At this time, as far as I am aware, it is still only Charlie and Kay. Fortunately, there is a great deal of cross-pollination with Water Treatment and Research, but we still need to try to recruit more members.

Water Resources Committee

Chair Jacob Krall, Geosyntec
Vice Chair Kenny Janssen, GSI Water Solutions
Secretary Andrew Wentworth, GSI Water Solutions

The committee met this winter to follow up on the discussion of training options for 2021, including whether to develop new material and/or re-use the Spokane content, and how they'd like to package their webinars (brown bag, 3-hour sessions, etc.). They also reached out to subsections to assess interest in holding joint training sessions, and received some feedback from folks working on short schools this coming summer. Andrew Wentworth has replaced Jeanne Finger as secretary, who has given up her position following a job re-assignment at Spokane.