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# Report as of 4/17/2024

# **Utility Operations Division**

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### **Committees**

- Subsection Advisory Committee
- Distribution Systems Committee
- Engineering Committee

#### • General Observations

- Efforts are continuing to fill vacant leadership positions. Engineering continues to have a strong succession plan. Distribution and SAC are struggling to fill positions, but the few people involved are doing an amazing job.
- Engineering Committee

(Chair) Taylor Stockton <a href="mailto:tstockton@rh2.com">tstockton@rh2.com</a> (Vice Chair) Greg Loscher <a href="mailto:gloscher@bowencollins.com">gloscher@bowencollins.com</a> (Secretary) Dan Shafar <a href="mailto:dan.shafar@jacbos.com">dan.shafar@jacbos.com</a>

- Committee is healthy and active, holds monthly meetings—some with educational or networking opportunities.
- Have had several new committee members join in the last three months.
- Developed strong 2024 conference technical session and Moderators are finalizing presentations with speakers.
- Had limited attendance at Portland-area high school 2024 Engineering Week event.
   Researching events in other areas for next year.
- Completed Excellence in Engr Award submissions review and judging, announcing award at May conference.
- Hosted in collaboration with Cimco/GC-Systems a specialty valves training on March 19<sup>th</sup>. Was attended by around 70 at the great venue from City of Tualatin, OR. Profitable for section.
- Hosting committee social at the conference: 7 pm at O'Doherty's Irish Grille.
- Current officers plan to seek rotation up into the next positions for standard continuity
  of committee leadership. Have one candidate for Secretary position. Will hold elections
  during meeting portion of the above-noted social event.



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#### <u>Distribution Systems Committee</u>

(Chair) Tonya Reiss <u>Treiss@spokanecity.org</u> (Co-Chair) – Aurelie Nabonnand <u>ANabonnand@carollo.com</u> (Secretary) – Vacant (Safety) James Southern <u>isouther@cityoftacoma.org</u>

- We have regular meetings scheduled and will be working on filling vacant positions.
- 2024-2025 Incoming officers
  - (Chair) Tonya Reiss <u>Treiss@spokanecity.org</u>
  - (Co-Chair) Vacant
  - (Secretary) Aurelie Nabonnand ANabonnand@carollo.com
  - (Safety) James Southern <u>isouther@cityoftacoma.org</u>

The Committee is working on building membership and developing short-term and long-term goals throughout this year.

- o Developed a strong 2024 Conference technical session program.
- o Planning & development of the 2025 Conference technical sessions- Boise
  - Identifying topics to solicit abstracts at the 2024 conference.
- Continue to identify section operator training needs and will be working on future trainings.
  - The -Hands and Eyes on Control Valves and district Metering Training March 21<sup>st</sup> in Walla Walla was well attended.
- James Southern-City of Tacoma is leading the resurrection of the safety component to the committee. We are identifying safety training topics for the section. We will be reaching out to subsections to see if we can recruit a Safety liaison from each subsection to attend meetings so that we can increase involvement across the Section.
  - James coordinated an Asbestos Pipe Worker Training this spring through his employer. Our committee goal is to providing Safety trainings for the operators in our section.
- After the conference we will be working on our 2024-2025 Budget and soliciting abstracts for the 2025 Boise conference. Recruiting members for the committee continues to be high priority as well.



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## • Subsection Advisory Committee-

(Chair) Brian Wilson <u>Brian.E.Wilson@cityofvanocuver.us</u>
(Vice Chair) Loren Searl <u>Isearl@spokanecity.org</u>
(Secretary) Kali Kocdemir <u>Kali.kocdemir@gamil.com</u>
(Western Washington Coordinator) Tom Keown <u>Thomas.keown@covingtonwater.com</u>

- Committee is working to fill vital positions, recruiting at the Subsection level and the PNWS Conference. We still need to put together a time commitment guide for potential candidates. Evaluate the need for state Coordinators and what their role is.
  - Incoming vice chair, State Coordinators, Chair
  - Brian will be transitioning from SAC Chair to Trustee.
- Continue to update the committee ROP & Duties document- in draft form.
- Planning trainings for Subsection Coordination
  - By law updates, roles & responsibilities, etc.
- Competitions
  - Promote and encourage participation.
  - Coordinating competitions in Spokane.
- Subsection coordination quarterly meeting Subsection & Committee updates
  - Add all Subsection board members to improve subsection updates.
  - Encourage Committees to attend and give updates to Subsections.
- Integrating Subsection Chairs into the SAC committee
  - Update Subsections Roles and Responsibilities to include the Chair duties as a SAC board member.