



Report as of 9/30/2024

Utility Operations Division

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Committees

- Subsection Advisory Committee
- Distribution Systems Committee
- Engineering Committee

- General Observations

- **Subsection Advisory Committee-**

(Chair) Amerika Stodola – amerika.stodola@covingtonwater.com

(Vice Chair) Bill Reynolds – billr@paceengrs.com

(Secretary) Vacant

(Western Washington Coordinator) Tom Keown Thomas.keown@covingtonwater.com

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(Top Ops Coordinator) Bill Reynolds – breynolds@ci.tacoma.wa.us

(Gimmicks & Gadget Coordinator) – Vacant

- The committee is working to fill a few positions. They will continue to recruit at the Subsection level and the PNWS Conference. Getting a time commitment guide for potential candidates will help with understanding the roles. The plan is to evaluate the need for state Coordinators and what their role is.
 - State Coordinators, Gimmicks & Gadget Coordinator, Secretary
- Update the committee roles and responsibilities document – SAC will be streamlining this document to align with current and future roles.
- Planning trainings for Subsection Coordination
 - By law updates, roles & responsibilities, etc.
- Competitions
 - Promote and encourage participation.
 - Coordinating competitions in Boise.
- Subsection coordination quarterly meeting – Subsection & Committee updates
 - All Subsection board members will be invited to improve subsection updates.



- All committee chairs will be invited and encouraged to attend and give updates to Subsections.
- Integrating Subsection Chairs into the SAC committee
 - SAC will work with each Subsection to coordinate this role into the chair roles and responsibilities.
- SAC Website
 - Streamline Resources tab on website to organize annual reporting templates, competition information, subsection training and best practices which will include a general “duty” list for each subsection board member.

- **Distribution Systems**

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(Vice-Chair) – James Southern – jsouther@cityoftacoma.org

(Secretary) – Aurelie Nabonnand – Anabonnand@carollo.com

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We have monthly meetings scheduled and will be working on filling vacant positions.

The Committee continues to work on building membership, providing section trainings, developing a 2025 Conference technical session program.

- Planning & development of the 2025 Conference technical sessions- Boise
 - Identifying topics to solicit abstracts at the 2024 conference.
 - The number of abstracts submitted are lower than we were anticipating so our team is reaching out to fill in the gaps.
 - Continue to identify section operator training needs and will be working on future trainings.
 - Working on a Fall 2024 training
 - Planning our 2025 trainings.
 - James Southern-City of Tacoma continues to lead 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.
- **Engineering**
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- Committee meets on the first Wednesday of each month via Teams. We typically have 8 to 12 committee members attend the meetings, and committee members are active in recruiting new members.
- We met in late August as a committee and selected the lineup for our 2025 Conference technical sessions.
- The committee organized a successful site visit to the Sammamish Plateau Water's Interim North Lake Lift Station Capacity Improvements project in Fall 2024. We are working on plans for additional trainings and tours.
- We will solicit applications for next year's Excellence in Engineering Awards before the end of the year (we are looking to start the process earlier than last year).
- We are looking to strengthen our local presence and participation in Engineering Week activities for next year.
- We would like to partner with subsections for training to increase reach throughout the section.