



Winter Update, January 2025

Internal Communications

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Committees

Utility Management Committee (UMC)

Ann Hajnosz, Chair, Harris & Associates; Theresa Jurotich, Secretary, Raftelis

- Transitioning the role of Chair to Joe Miller (Conzor), and will officially turn over the role by the 2025 Conference, and Theresa Jurotich will stay on as Secretary for the next year. Joe attended the Fall Training and was able to share out about the Committee through the roundtable activity.
- Continuing monthly meetings (10-14 participants), held the third Thursday of the month (10:00 – 11:00) via Teams, with 1-2 new members attending for the past several meetings.
- Planning underway for a full day track at the 2025 Boise conference, with moderators identified.
- Held successful training on January 15, 2025 at the Vancouver Water Resources Training Center, featuring topic on “Recruit, Train, Retain in the Water Industry”, with 50 attendees from around the Section. Received feedback that the training was “Outstanding”, and informative from attendees.

Public Information (PI)

Tacy Steele, City of Hillsboro & Kristen Zimmer, City of Spokane, Co-Chairs

- Both Tacy and Kristen attended the Fall training, and were able to spread the word about the Committee through the roundtable activity. The Committee is still actively recruiting for new members, and will be looking for new leadership by the May conference.
- Planning is underway for running the Excellence in Communications Awards for the 2025 Boise Conference, after taking a one-year break, with the top award for the highest scored communication entry receiving the traveling plaque for “Best In Show” Award.
- Planning is underway for one presentation track at the 2025 Boise Conference, with the moderator identified.
- Planning for one virtual training in 2025, topic and date still to be confirmed.

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- Jessica has continued to do an excellent job taking on role as Publications coordinator, from Melissa, in May, with getting out the calendar announcements for the upcoming Water Matters issues to solicit entries ahead of the deadline and coordinating the issue publications. She successfully coordinated the Fall and Winter issues, and is working on the Spring issue now.