



Spring Update, April 2025

Internal Communications

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Committees

Utility Management Committee (UMC)

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

- Elected new officers at April meeting, to transition after May conference: Chair Joe Miller (Conzor), Secretary Emily Murphy (Brown and Caldwell), and Theresa Jurotich will stay on as Secretary for the next year. Joe attended the Fall Training, and has been shadowing Ann Hajnosz, as she transitions off the committee.
- 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.
- UM Committee is hosting a full a full day track at the 2025 Boise conference, with moderators identified.
- Hot topic with committee continues to be around recruitment, and committee is looking for ways to connect across the section for more actions on recruitment efforts.

• Public Information (PI)

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

- The Committee is still actively recruiting for new members, and will be looking for new members at the May conference.
- PI solicited nominations for the Excellence in Communications Awards for the 2025 Boise Conference, and received 30 entries, with 10 winners and 4 honorable mentions. They are looking forward to announcing the awards at the Best Tasting Water Judging Event on Wednesday night including the Best in Show” Award for the highest scored communication entry receiving the traveling plaque. They also brought in revenue from the awards of about \$1,700.
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- Planning is underway for one virtual training in 2025, topic and date still to be confirmed.

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- Jessica continues to send advance notice for publication contributions for each Water Matters issue. She successfully coordinated the Fall, Winter and Spring (preconference) issue, and is working on the Summer issue now.