



PNWS AWWA Young Professionals Winter 2016 Trustee Report

Thank you Trustees for your support! We're pleased to present our accomplishments since our last update in September. Below summarizes what we have been up to in the past few months and what we see in store for the future.

PNWS YP Sub-Section Events

Northwest OR Young Professionals – Lake Oswego Tigard Water Partnership

On September 2nd, NWOR YPs hosted a lunch presentation about the Lake Oswego Tigard Water Partnership at Round Table Pizza in West Linn. Kari Duncan with the City of Lake Oswego spoke about the Partnership and the infrastructure projects that will transmit water from the Clackamas River to Lake Oswego and Tigard. Pat Van Duser with Black and Veatch talked about the River Intake Pump Station improvements and Austin Peters with MWH talked about the Water Treatment Plant Improvements. The presentation was followed by site visits and tours of both the River Intake Pump Station and Water Treatment Plant.



Northwest OR YPs – Giving Back to the Community

To kick off the Holiday Season, the NWOR YPs met at the Oregon Food Bank for a night of giving back. The weather on November 12th was blustery but hearts were warmed as 27,500 apples were sorted into family sized portions for distribution throughout the state.

United Water Idaho Treatment Plant Tour

The Young Professionals in Boise, ID sponsored a tour of the United Water Idaho Marden Water Treatment Plant on October 21st 2015. It was a very informative tour that covered the entire process from intake through distribution, highlighting backwater reuse, evaporation and water quality at each step in the process.





Young Professionals Summit, Vancouver, WA November 6, 2015

On Friday, November 6th, 92 young professionals from Idaho, Oregon, and Washington converged in the Water Resources Education Center in Vancouver, WA for the first PNWS AWWA / PNCWA YP Summit. The Summit provided a half-day of interactive discussions addressing a variety of topics including: communicating with elected officials, creating good workplace habits, mentorship, networking, tips and leadership skills. Discussions were led by City of Vancouver Mayor Timothy D. Leavitt, Kraig Moodie of FloWav, Kristel Fessler of City of Hillsboro, Clean Water Services Business Services Director Mark Poling, Chris Young of DN Tanks, PNWS AWWA Chair Randy Black, and PNWS AWWA 2020 Vision Coordinator Meredith Noble.



The Summit Planning Committee would like to thank all of the YP's and seasoned professionals who showed up to support this event. We would also like to extend our thanks and appreciation to our great speakers! Your diligence, preparation, positive energy, and support of our regional young professionals was evident in your talks, and we enjoyed learning from you! Finally, we would like to thank our Platinum Level sponsor, Tetra Tech, our Gold Level sponsors Clean Water Services, Stantec, and Sunrise Water Authority, and our Silver Level sponsors BergerABAM and DN Tanks. We couldn't have done it without your gracious financial support!

2020 Vision: Uniting YPs and the Water Industry

Meredith Noble took on the role of 2020 Vision Coordinator this past year and did a fantastic job. Meredith has recently accepted a position with Stantec in Alaska and so will be transferring out of our section. We will greatly miss her involvement, passion and leadership in the PNWS-AWWA. Rich Reavis of Pharmer Engineering, has graciously accepted the role as our new 2020 Vision Coordinator. Thank you, Rich for taking on this new leadership position. The 2020 vision meetings are held monthly. If you are interested in getting involved or would like to be on the emailing list, please contact Rich Reavis at rreavis@pharmereng.com.





Below lists the goals for implementing the 2020 initiative. We're well underway with several of the goals and have others slated to begin soon.

Planning

- Perform annual planning at Annual Conference.
- Develop professional promotional materials.
- Develop contact database for each subsection of YPs & students.
- Develop contact database for every college in the PNWS. Identify a YP & SP for each.

Tools for Success

- Develop an event toolbox with easy "how-to" instructions.
- Design a page on the PNWS AWWA website that can serve as a central place for connecting YPs, students, and other water professionals.
- Grow our Facebook account following from 250 followers to 1,000.

Implementation

- Support each sub-section in planning and hosting at least two events per year with local students and YPs.
- Support each sub-section in attending one career fair annually in partnership with other committees.
- Support our existing Student Chapters at Portland State University, Clackamas Community College, Lane Community College, and University of Washington.
 - Support the creation of new Student Chapters at WETRC, Boise State University, Spokane Community College, and Washington State University.
- Partner with PNCWA in new geographies and co-host ten events per year.
- Mirror PNCWA's Mentorship Program and implement among our members.
- Develop a plan for better connecting with operator training programs.
- Have Fun!

PNWS Upcoming YP Events

YP Summit in San Diego, CA

We are getting geared up for the YP AWWA/WEF Summit February 22nd -25th. The National YP committee will be hosting a chair training the day before the actual summit. Julie Smitherman and Daniel Reisinger will be attending this year's summit. It will be a wonderful experience and we sincerely thank the Board for allowing us to have this opportunity.





2016 Boise Conference

On our monthly call we have been checking in with each other's progress on activities related to the upcoming Annual Conference. Our next meeting will be held on February 9th at 2:30-3:15 PST.

Fresh Ideas Poster Competition in Boise, ID- **Now Open to All Young Professionals**

The Young Professionals Committee is soliciting poster applications for the Fresh Ideas Poster Competition the upcoming 2016 Annual Conference in Boise, Idaho May 5th -7th. The Fresh Ideas Poster Competition is a unique opportunity for all young professionals, not just students to present their research to a diverse audience. The competition is judged by a field of experts with the winner representing PNWS at the AWWA Annual Conference and Exhibition (ACE) in Chicago. Additionally, cash prizes will be provided for first, second, and third places.

Application, submittal, and scholarship information can be found at <https://sites.google.com/a/pnws-awwa.org/young-professionals/home>. Interested

students and young professionals need to submit an application with an abstract describing the subject of the poster presentation to Dan Reisinger at dreisinger@carollo.com. The deadline for submitting is **February 29, 2016**.



2016 Boise Conference Scavenger Hunt

Young Professionals Scavenger Hunt: The 12th Annual YP Scavenger is scheduled for the evening of May 5th at this year's annual conference in Boise, ID! This is an incredible opportunity to get to know other Young Professionals as well as network with seasoned professionals in the water industry and have a lot of fun!! The Young Professionals Committee is currently looking for sponsors for this year's event. We are grateful for the sponsorships we receive. The involvement and generosity of members of the AWWA-PNWS, is what makes this event such a huge success.





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Communications

The Young Professionals Committee has kept a steady presence on social media throughout the year. The Facebook page is updated at least weekly with event, job and training announcements, and we continue to get new followers. After a trial run on Twitter, the Committee found that this outlet was not reaching nearly as many people as Facebook. The Committee decided to move away from Twitter and focus on Facebook instead, where we receive the most engagement with young professionals. Our page has seen a 10% increase in followers in the past year, with each post reaching 70 people on average. Visit our Facebook page: PNWS of AWWA Young Professionals to stay connected with us!

Also, check out our events calendar on the PNWS website for information on upcoming YP and Student events at www.pnws-awwa.org. To submit information on events and/or pictures please contact Natasche O'Brien Legg at obrienlegg.n@gmail.com.

Participate and Stay Connected!

There are many ways for YPs to get involved including, event planning, leadership roles, career fairs, scavenger hunt planning, helping get a student chapter going, and beyond! For more information contact YP Committee Chair Julie Smitherman at smithermanj@ashland.or.us or Co-Chair Daniel Reisinger at dreisinger@carollo.com.

We look forward to another successful year! Thank you for all of your support!

Respectfully submitted,

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