



Report as of 1/21/2025

Utility Operations Division

(Trustee Liaison) Brian Wilson – Brian.E.Wilson@cityofvancouver.us

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 – **Looking for volunteers.**

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

(Tapping Coordinator) Loren Searl – lsearl@spokanecity.org

(Meter Challenge Coordinator) Chris Hicks – chicks@cityoftacoma.org

(Hydrant Hysteria Coordinator) Pat Everham – teverham@ci.richland.wa.us

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

(Gimmicks & Gadget Coordinator) – Ryan Murphy –

rdmurphy@cityoftacoma.org

- SAC Committee needs to fill the Secretary position.
 - Recruit Secretary at the Subsection level and the PNWS Conference. The plan is to evaluate the need for state Coordinators and what their role is.
 - State Coordinators
 - Gimmicks & Gadgets has a new coordinator, filled by Ryan Murphy with Tacoma Water (applause please!)
- Subsection Board Roles and Responsibilities Template
 - Beginning with Treasurer Role, estimated for review late February mid-March timeframe.
 - Greg Dye from SW Idaho has agreed to be the “first” participant to ensure responsibilities are identified in Treasurer position.
 - Will move forward with other roles as time allows.
- Subsection Coordination Trainings



- PNWS Treasurer Jamie Porter hosted “Training for Treasurers” on December 4, 2024
 - Great turnout attended by 7 out of 12 Subsections.
 - Presented examples and overview of current By-laws, reporting requirements, monthly/quarterly financial reporting, meeting overview approval, documentation, general roles & responsibilities, etc.
 - Feedback was mostly positive, Subsection Treasurers seemed to appreciate smaller focus and “virtual” networking.
 - Several Treasurers offered to assist with questions/training.
- Competitions
 - 10 Subsections are currently signed up/signing up to host competitions.
 - Water Quality Committee is working with Subsections to assist in Best Tasting Water
 - SAC Chair & Vice Chair will attend Boise competitions, King County Subsection Water Olympics and possibly South Sound Water Olympics.
- Subsection Advisory Council Quarterly Meeting (updates) 12/19/2024
 - All Subsection board members invited, typically 1-2 board members attend.
 - MEDC presented membership database.
 - Scholarship committee spoke about process.
 - Utility Management Committee shared “Workforce Development” training opportunity.
- Subsection participation
 - Low/no participation from two Subsections. Uncertain if this is due to workload or other issues but SAC will be reaching out specifically to these to see how we can assist moving forward.
 - May enlist assistance of neighboring Subsections to nudge neighbors and rally interest.
- Integrating Subsection Chairs into the SAC committee
 - SAC will work with each Subsection to ensure attendance for minimum of one member of each Subsection Board to attend quarterly meetings.
 - Asking each Subsection to include invitations for SAC Chair, SAC Vice Chair (and eventually the SAC Secretary) to their monthly meetings and events, we’ll attend as time permits.
- SAC Website
 - Annual report templates link provided.
 - Competition forms and contact information link provided.
 - Goal is for Roles to be posted late 2025.
 - Anticipate creating future “Open Positions” where Subsections can post the need for Volunteers in any open roles to solicit interest.



? **Distribution Systems**

(Chair) Tonya Reiss Treiss@pnwsawwa.org
(Vice-Chair) – James Southern – jsouther@cityoftacoma.org
(Secretary) – Aurelie Nabonnand – Anabonnand@carollo.com
(Safety) – James Southern – jsouther@cityoftacoma.org

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

Tonya has retired from the City of Spokane and has since not responded or attended the last meeting. There may be a need to promote James Southern to Chair or find another willing participant.

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

- o Planning & development of the 2025 Conference technical sessions- Boise
- o Abstracts are complete, they are identifying moderators for the trainings.
 - Working on a Fall 2024 training
 - Planning our 2025 trainings.
- o 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**

(Chair) Greg Loscher gloscher@bowencollins.com
(Vice Chair) Dan Shafar – dan.shafar@jacobs.com
(Secretary) Evelyn Choudhary – ChoudharyE@bv.com

- o The committee meets on the first Wednesday of each month via Teams. They typically have 8 to 12 committee members attend the meetings.
- o Committee members are actively attempting to recruit new members.
- o This year they had fewer overall abstract submissions but were able to fill their technical tracks for the 2025 Conference, including a couple of final solicited presentations from the committee.
- o Training & Tours:
 - The committee is working on a Sulzer Pump training and facility tour that will occur during the spring.
 - They are working on a Willamette Water Supply WTP tour in April.
 - They are working on a construction inspection workshop/training for engineers and operators.
- o The committee has been soliciting for this year's Excellence in Engineering Awards.



American Water Works Association
Pacific Northwest Section

PO Box 872467
Vancouver, WA 98687
T 503-760-6460
F 360-254-0695
www.pnws-awwa.org

- They would like to strengthen their local presence and participation in Engineering Week activities in each of the respective geographic areas (Seattle, Portland, Spokane, Boise, etc).