



Annual Report 2014-2015

Western Pacific Subsection - General Membership Meeting, November 4, 2015

Board Activities

The AWWA-HI WPS Board of Trustees is required to meet at least twice a year according to the by-laws. This year, the Board has met formally three times to address the business of the Subsection, including establishing our non-profit organization (NPO) status, setting up the Subsection's bank account, and for coordinating issues with the Hawaii Section. In addition, the Board of Trustees has been very active in Committee meetings and conference planning for our initial year.

RESOLUTIONS

This year, the Board has adopted several resolutions to address the needs of the Subsection as follows:

- Resolution 01-2015: Authorizing opening of bank account
- Resolution 02-2015: Ratifying appointment of subsection secretary
- Resolution 03-2015: Synchronizing Section and Subsection terms of office
- Resolution 04-2015: Staggering "At-Large" Trustees terms of office for continuity

OFFICERS

The 2014-2015 Officers of the Board of Trustees were elected at the inaugural 2014 General Membership meeting and are as follows:

- Chair: Paul Kemp (to serve as Immediate Past Chair in 2016-2017¹)
- Vice Chair: Ma. Teogenesa (Geigy) Salayon (to serve as Chair in 2016-2017¹)
- Treasurer: Melissa Schaible
- Secretary: Joey Cheng (resigned – Miguel Bordallo appointed to complete term)

The Board also has two at-large Trustees, William Gilman and Kenneth Rekdahl, who will serve until 2016 and 2017 respectively. The Chair wishes to thank the officers and trustees for their past and continued service, and encourages all members to volunteer for committee and/or leadership positions with the Subsection to maintain the positive forward movement being made this year.

NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION (NPO) STATUS

In early March 2015, the Board filed all appropriate documents with Guam Dept. of Revenue and Taxation (DRT) for formal recognition of the Subsection as a non-profit organization, and for tax-exempt status. This required considerable effort to satisfy DRT requirements, and close coordination with the Hawaii Section. As of this date, we are a registered NPO with DRT, and our tax-exempt certification is pending; however, DRT has acknowledged our compliance with filing procedures and confirmed we may conduct activities in line with our stated organizational purposes.

¹ Terms will be extended to May 31, 2017 with passing of amendment to by-laws per Resolution 03-2015

Section Coordination & Activities

SECTION 501·c·3 FILING AND DOCUMENTATION

The Subsection has coordinate several key issues for its inaugural year, including the above-mentioned Tax Code Section 501.c.3 filing and documentation. The Subsection reached out to Hawaii and National AWWA personnel at the end of 2014 to insure that the WPS is organized in line with and under the umbrella of the national organization.

2015-2016 BUDGET COORDINATION

In addition, the Subsection participated in the Hawaii Section's budget process by submitting an estimated budget for the coming year. The Subsection budget submission reflected the experience gained during our first year and initial 2015 Water & Wastewater Conference, and was reviewed and adopted by the Hawaii Section with some modifications. The Subsection should receive financial support

2016 PACIFIC WATER CONFERENCE

Currently the Hawaii Section is in the planning stages for its upcoming Pacific Water Conference, held in conjunction with the Hawaii Water Environmental Associate, in Honolulu on February 3rd & 4th. AWWA-HI issued its call for papers in August of this year, and so far two (2) papers from Subsection members have been submitted for consideration. The Chair encourages those Subsection members who can attend the conference to represent the Western Pacific Subsection in Honolulu.

Subsection Activities

WEB-PAGE AND SOCIAL MEDIA

The Subsection established its own web-site (www.awwa-hiwps.org) under volunteer Webmaster Justin Martinez. He also set up a Facebook account for the subsection. Justin has since relocated, and Subsection member Joe Claveria has volunteered to be the new Subsection Webmaster. Please relay any concerns, announcements or news to Joe Claveria at jclaveria@brwnclad.com .

2015 WATER & WASTEWATER CONFERENCE

On April 13-14, 2015, the Subsection held its first WPS Water and Wastewater Conference in conjunction



with UOG's Island Sustainability Conference. Our first ever conference was well attended with over 80 participants and presenters from the CNMI, Guam, and the U.S. mainland.

Technical presentations covered water and wastewater studies, treatment, infrastructure repair and construction, and regulatory developments, and spanned the Western Pacific Region from the CNMI to Guam to the FSM.

Attendees were also provided with a tour of GWA's Northern District Wastewater Treatment Plant, and enlightened with vendor presentations/demonstrations on fusible PVC pipe technology and in-place UV-cured fiberglass pipe lining.



Overall satisfaction with the event, as indicated by exit survey respondents was high, with strong expressed interest in the next conference event being held on another location within the WPS.

The survey results indicated:

- Primary fields of interest in water/wastewater treatment, transmission, water resources and design/construction



- Conference activity preference for technical presentations, training and education
- Information on new technology, regulatory updates, design and professional development
- Professional challenges with regulatory compliance, technical expertise and aging infrastructure

The Board has expressed its desire to incorporate the survey results as it moves forward with the planning for 2015-2016.





PLANNING COMMITTEE

The Subsection Planning Committee has begun preparing for the upcoming year and welcomes volunteers to help expand Subsection activities in 2016. Preliminary discussions and planning have included the following activities:

- 2016 WPS Water & Wastewater Conference & Tradeshow
- Public Service/Outreach Activity (regional)
- 2016-2017 Training event (regional)

If you would like to volunteer or provide input for planned activities for the coming year, please contact Planning Committee Chair Miguel Bordallo at mcbordallo@gmail.com.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

A new committee has been formed to promote membership in the WPS and AWWA. The Committee will be establishing member incentives and benefits such as:

- Subsection Technical and Resource Library
- Subsection Member Training and Professional Development Materials



Subsection Member Nicole Quan has volunteered to Chair this committee and is looking for volunteers to assist with this important undertaking. Please contact Membership Committee Chair Nicole Quan at nicole@guamwaterworks.org.