

# NW Oregon Subsection Meeting

Location: City of Tigard

Date: February 21, 2013

- **Introductions:** Kyle
  - Sophia Hobet, City of Salem – Past President (not attending)
  - Chandra Hingston, JWC – Secretary
  - Doug Priest, City of Salem – Treasurer
  - Corie Peterson, MWH – Vice President
  - Kyle McTeague, MSA – President
  - Jim Whynot, City of West Linn – Incoming Officer (not attending)
- **President's Message:** Kyle
  - Welcome
  - Thank you to the City of Tigard for hosting, Jennifer Joe, and other staff who helped put the meeting together
  - Thanks to John Scholz and Scott Dickman at Alexin Analytical for providing the lunch
  - Today's program: Top Ops and Operator Innovations Competitions
- **Vice President's Report (Future Meetings):** Corie
  - 3/21/13 – City of Salem for Best Tasting Water
- **Treasurer's Report:** Doug
  - Balance is \$21,597
- **Committee Reports:**
  - Waterworks School – Chair Jim Whynot, City of West Linn
  - Membership – Chair Chandra Hingston, JWC: **The committee will be meeting in the next month or so if anyone would like to join. Will have more details later.**
  - Safety – Chair Mike Jacobs, TVWD
  - Activities – Chair Gerald Arredondo, City of Salem: **The meeting next month in Salem will include the Best Tasting Water contest. Contact Gerald if you'd like to get bottles.**
  - Education – Chair Corie Peterson, MWH: **The committee is meeting next Thursday 2/28 if anyone would like to join.**
  - Water For People – Chair Carla Ralston, PWB: **We broke the \$1 million mark! The gala was a big success this year.**
  - Scholarship – Chair Betty Johnson, Clackamas River Water
  - Young Professionals – Chair Anna Zaklikowski, HDR: **Jennifer Garbely reminded everyone of the Pioneer Award. Nominations should be submitted ASAP.**
  - Website – Andrew Nishihara, MWH: **Corie told us that anything that needs posting to the website should be sent to Andrew.**
- **Old Business:**
  - The Winter Subsection Advisory Council Training and Trustee Meeting was a great success - Brenda Lennox reminded us of the new website and told us that the TCC is putting together a new training website.
  - Water For People Gala was great this year.
  - Engineers Week dinner – Pat VanDuser told us about the event. The dinner was held last night (2/20). 343 high school students attended the event, there were 15 tours held, and the speaker from OHSU was very interesting and relevant. Thanks to the Subsection for being one of the sponsors of Engineers Week.
- **New Business:**
  - Chuck Kingston reminded us that the Section Conference is being held in Spokane this year. It's happening in May and registration is going on now.
  - Chuck also informed us that a date has been set for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Wine for Water event. Save the Date – August 23<sup>rd</sup> 2013!
- **Special Announcements**
  - Women in Leadership Symposium

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- PNWS Board Election Results!  
Welcome our new Section Chair Elect-Elect and Trustees:  
**Jason Canady** (City of Grants Pass) – Chair Elect-Elect  
**Todd Heidgerken** (Tualatin Valley Water District) – Oregon/Idaho Trustee  
**John Roth** (City of Washougal) – Washington Trustee  
**Lacey Goeres Priest** (City of Salem) – Trustee At-Large
- **Door Prize:** Thanks to Frank Ray from EJ for bringing in great prizes to give away! He brought water bottles, golf balls, and golf tees. We also had a Starbucks gift card to hand out, so in total 5 lucky attendees won a gift today!
- **Program:** Top Ops and Operator Innovations competitions
  - **Operator Innovations:** We had two competitors –  
Don Calkins (Sunrise Water) created two different styles of lid pullers.  
DJ Ezell (Rivergrove Water) created a backflow testing station.

**Congratulations to Don who was our winner this year!**

- **Top Ops:** We had two teams competing –  
**Team Sunrise** (Don Calkins, Tyler Ehredt, and Kevin Jean all from Sunrise Water) and  
**Hydro-Illogical** (DJ Ezell & Rick Ezell of Rivergrove and Brian Dixon of the City of Forest Grove)

**Congratulations to Hydro-Illogical for winning the contest!**

Thanks to our wonderful Top Ops judges –  
Lacey Goeres Priest (City of Salem)  
Jim Shaver (PACE Engineers)  
Alan Schacht (North Clackamas County Water Commission)