



RE: NWAHA Membership

With resurgence in hydropower opportunities in our region, we in the industry have the ability to access new resources and incentives to finance renewable waterpower projects. As climate change continues to dominate regional and national agendas, the question for Northwest hydropower operators is how their emission-free, renewable resource fits into the nationwide debate.

2012 Conference

NWAHA in February 2011 experienced record participation at its annual conference, reflecting renewed interest in the industry. If you missed the conference, you can refer to the presentations posted on our website. The 2012 conference synopsis will be available on line in September 2011. The conference will be held at the Marriott Downtown Riverfront Hotel in Portland, Oregon, February 21-23, 2012.

Other Events

We hold a technical workshop each year in May (see postcard in this folder) and a small hydro workshop in the fall. The May 17-18, 2012 technical workshop will be held in Everett, Washington, including a tour of the new Snohomish PUD small hydro plant. The small hydro workshop will be held September 22-23 at the Riverhouse Convention Center in Bend, Oregon. We will also be co-hosting another regional workshop on October 4, 2011 with the National Hydropower Association in Bellevue, Washington. (See more about these functions at our website: www.nwhydro.org.)

Membership Benefits

With membership in NWAHA, your staff can take advantage of the workshops we have scheduled in 2011 and 2012. These workshops will take place at various locations in the Northwest to make NWAHA accessible to all our members. Workshops are provided at a minimal fee, as the fee enables us to predict attendance and offer refreshments. We hope you and others in your organization can participate and we welcome your input on topics that would be of interest for future workshops, the annual conference or other events.

Our membership fee provides membership benefits for all staff members of the entity. All members of your firm receive discounted registration. We believe this approach will encourage more participation from individuals and add to NWAHA's strength as an organization.

Annual Membership Meeting

All members are invited to the Annual Membership Meeting that occurs the first day of our annual conference. The next meeting takes place at our 2012 annual conference, February 22nd, 2012, at the Marriott Downtown Waterfront Hotel in Portland, Oregon.

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NWHA Website

In addition to the annual conference and workshops, NWHA continues to provide industry information at our website that we hope everyone in your company can utilize: www.nwhydro.org. All of our workshops and agendas will be listed on our website calendar as details become available. In addition to notifying you of upcoming events, the website features background information on hydropower operations, laws and regulations (including pending federal, state, and judicial activity). Much of this material is linked to useful source documents, so please take the time to explore this new resource.

Working Committees

NWHA has a number of working committees, which are referenced at our website. If you have an interest in taking part in either committee, please contact our Executive Director, Jan Lee (jan@nwhydro.org) and she will put you in touch with committee leadership.

Your NWHA

Finally, please know that we are interested in hearing from our membership, and from prospective members, about opportunities to provide better information and services to bring value to you through NWHA membership. We also welcome active participation from your staff in developing future workshop and conference topics. Being active in NWHA committees (or as a board member) is a great way to interact with other members who share your interest in the hydropower industry and can provide an opportunity to exercise those leadership skills! If you're interested in getting more involved, please contact me. We look forward to a great year in 2011-2012. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have questions or for more information about your NWHA membership.