



RE: NWAHA Membership

Let's face it. We slow for interesting transformer stations, point out to great transmission lines to any passengers in our cars, we like fish, and seem to have an endless stream on our phones of great dams we have seen recently. We are keenly aware that hydropower is at a turning point in our region as we face increasing renewables, changing climate landscape, and new challenges in balancing environmental considerations with development. The place we are able to compare notes, collaborate on solutions, and of course share photos, is through NWAHA membership.

NWAHA here to foster communications and we continue to provide ample space and opportunities to share about our most pressing challenges and largest opportunities. You can see below, how your membership provides promotion of waterpower as clean and efficient while protecting the fisheries and environmental quality which makes the area so uniquely beautiful. This is a network that offers the space to learn, engage, and affect change. With the 2019-2020 membership program, it is our hope that you would take advantage of the full array of opportunities.

Annual Conference

NWAHA in February 2018 experienced record participation at its annual conference. If you missed the conference, you can refer to the presentations posted on our website. The 2019 conference will be held at the Marriott Downtown Riverfront Hotel in Portland, Oregon, **February 20-22, 2019**. We are excited to announce that the annual conference will be at the new Hyatt in Seattle in 2020.

Other Events

Combined Technical and Small Hydro Workshop: Tentatively Sept. 10-11, 2019

In the fall of 2019 we are combining our technical workshop with our small hydro workshop, holding the event in Central Oregon. More information will be available on our website as planning continues. There will be a tour and discussions relevant to members working in small hydro and technical content to support our understanding of the hydro landscape in the Pacific Northwest. Our 2018 technical event held in Walla Walla, WA was our largest technical event ever.

Fall Regional Workshop: Fall 2019

Every other year, NWAHA provides a potpourri of hydro topics at our Fall Regional Workshop. Our last event was held in September 2017, hosted by Puget Sound Energy in Bellevue, WA. The next event will be in the fall of 2019.

Membership Benefits

With membership in NWAHA, all of your staff can take advantage of the discounted prices for the events we have scheduled. 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; the fee enables us to predict attendance and offer refreshments. We hope you and others in your organization can

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participate and we welcome your input on topics that would be of interest for future workshops, the annual conference or other events.

Annual Membership Meeting

All members are invited to the Annual Membership Meeting that occurs during our annual conference the third week of February each year. The next meeting takes place during our 2019 annual conference, at the luncheon on Wednesday, **February 20th**, at the Marriott Downtown Waterfront Hotel in Portland, Oregon.

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 and the presentations that are offered at our events. Our members are listed in the membership section with links to their websites.

Working Committees

NWHA has a number of working committees, which are referenced at our website. If you have an interest in taking part in a committee, please contact me (brenna@nwhydro.org) and I will put you in touch with committee leadership.

We also have working groups for specific programs: a Small Hydro Working Group, a Technical Seminar Work Group for operators, a Young Hydro Professionals Group (groups based in Portland, Seattle and Boise), the Women in Hydropower Professionals Group (based in Portland, Seattle and Spokane), and the Pumped Storage Committee. Our Awards Committee annually accepts nominations for the Pamela E. Klatt Award honoring someone who has made major contributions to the Northwest hydropower industry.

In addition, we recently established the Julie A. Keil Women in Hydro Scholarship Fund. If you or your company wish to donate to the fund, refer to the website for instructions.

As everyone in your entity is a member as the result of the entity's membership, others in your group may join in any of our activities or committees.

Board and Officers

Our elected directors and officers are listed at the website, along with their contact information, so that you may contact them as well. The board election is held annually. Interested members may self-nominate for the three-year director positions that will be on the February 2019 ballot.

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. Please don't hesitate to request more information about your NWA membership.

How are you going to be an active voice to shape the future of hydropower in the Pacific Northwest? By continuing your membership of NWA. We look forward working with you this coming year.

Warmest regards,

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