

Association for Women Geoscientists – Pacific Northwest Chapter

Chapter Annual Report

October 1, 2014 through September 30, 2015

This past fiscal year, the AWG-PNW chapter board was as follows:

President – Kathy Vanderwal Dubé
Vice-President – open
Secretary – Theresa Burton
Treasurer – Elena Ramirez
Past-President – Marcia Knadle

Our chapter has 2 appointed board positions in addition to the elected ones listed above. This past fiscal year Shari Silverman served as Publications Committee Chair/Newsletter Editor but the Scholarship Committee Chair position became vacant early in the year. There are also 2 non-voting positions. Megan Scott and Jennifer DiGiulio were the Portland area representatives. Keith Olsen served as Website Manager. Marcia Knadle continues to act as chapter historian/archivist.

Board Activities

An in-person board meeting was held at the start of the chapter year in October and quarterly board conference calls were also held to coordinate chapter activities. There were several membership activities centered on our 2 main population centers, Seattle, WA and Portland, OR.

Chapter Activities

On April 18, 2015, AWG-PNW held a 30th Anniversary Celebration with a potluck and a talk by AWG member Pat Reed on her experience working with oil sands in Alberta Canada where she worked from 2009-2011. It was a great get-together, talk, and celebration.

Portland members did not have any social/catch up/networking events throughout the year. The last event was a gorge field trip on September 28, 2014.

Field trips were planned by both the Portland and Seattle area sub-groups, but were cancelled due to lack of response.

Outreach

The chapter helped promote the GeoGirls program, a new geophysics/volcanology outreach program conducted by the USGS and Mount St. Helens Institute. The program was a week-long camp near Mt. St. Helens aimed at 7th and 8th grade girls and is planned to be an annual event.

Chapter members judged 2 science fairs in Washington State for AWG.

Due to a communications mix-up, we did not apply for AWGF funding for our annual scholarship this past year and none was offered, but we have corrected the issue and plan to offer a scholarship in the future.

Chapter Outlook

The Pacific Northwest chapter membership includes members from Washington, Oregon, Idaho, California, and Alaska, with most members in Washington and Oregon. Our 2014-2015 membership included 63 members, 33% of whom were students, and one institutional member. Our finances are sound, with \$4,537.52 in the chapter's coffers.

Officers for 2015-2016

President – Kathy Vanderwal Dubé

Vice-President – Brandy Rinck

Secretary – Theresa Burton

Treasurer – Elena Ramirez

Past-President – Marcia Knadle

Appointed voting board positions

Publications Committee Chair/Editor – Shari Silverman

Scholarship Committee Chair – Patricia Reed

Appointed non-voting board positions

Portland-area Representatives – Megan Scott and Jennifer DiGiulio

Website – Keith Olsen

Submitted by:

Kathy Vanderwal Dubé

AWG-Pacific Northwest Chapter President

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