

**Association for Women Geoscientists – Pacific Northwest Chapter**

***Chapter Annual Report***

October 1, 2015 through September 30, 2016

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

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

Chapter historian/archivist – Marcia Knadle

***Board Activities***

An in-person board meeting was held at the start of the chapter year in early November and quarterly board conference calls were also held to coordinate chapter activities.

***Chapter Activities***

A joint meeting with Seattle AEG was held on Thursday January 21, 2016 with member Brandy Rinck presenting “Hidden Landforms and Buried History – Alluvial Geoarchaeology in the South Puget Lowland. Brandy gave a repeat performance in a joint Portland AEG/AWG meeting on March 17, 2016.

We met on May 7, 2016 at Pacific Lutheran University in Tacoma where our 2016 scholarship recipient (see below) was presenting her senior research project, “A climatological comparison of Antarctic glaciomarine sediments” followed by dinner afterwards.

Portland members held a Happy Hour meeting on Thursday May 26, 2016 with wine tasting and general networking and plan a day hike to the Oregon Coast (Saddle Mountain) on October 29, 2016.

A field trip to Point Roberts, WA and Vancouver BC is planned for September 30-October 2, and a social event at Big Al’s Brewing in Seattle is planned for September 29.

Quarterly newsletters were published with information on past and future AWG events, regional geology, and other geologic activities in the area.

### **Outreach**

The chapter helped promote the GeoGirls program, a 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 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls and is planned to be an annual event.

Chapter members judged the Bremerton science fair in Washington State and a science fair in Homer, Alaska.

The chapter Janet Cullen Tanaka scholarship was offered and nine people applied. The scholarship was awarded to Adrianna Peters from Pacific Lutheran University

### **Chapter Outlook**

Our 2 main population centers are Seattle, WA and Portland, OR, and we have active groups with meetings and field trips in both areas. 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 53 members, 34% of whom were students. Our finances are sound.

### ***Officers for 2016-2017***

President – Heather Nielson  
Vice-President – Brandy Rinck  
Secretary – Megan Faust  
Treasurer – Theresa Burton  
Past-President – Kathy Vanderwal Dubé

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