

OAWU Instructor/Speaker Information Sheet

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SPEAKER

Name: Vaughn Barber

Employer: Kennedy/M&H Valve

Address:

Phone: 206-601-2457

Email: Vaughn.barber@kvmhsales.com

SPEAKER CREDENTIALS/BIOGRAPHY (Short paragraph describing background, education, experience, etc.)

I am currently District Sales Manager for Kennedy and M&H Valve covering OR, WA, N.ID and AK since May 2022. I started my career in water with the City of Washougal in 2004 and held several maintenance positions through the years and Water Supervisor since 2008. I have concentrated on distribution system operation and repairs and currently hold Washington state WDM4, CCS and WTPO1 certifications. Outside of work I enjoy spending time outdoors with my wife and raising our 3 boys.

11/30/2022
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SPEAKER

Name: Nicole Alfafara

Employer: OHA-DWS

Address:

Phone: 503-278-1531

Email: nicole.h.alfafara@oha.oregon.gov

SPEAKER CREDENTIALS/BIOGRAPHY (Short paragraph describing background, education, experience, etc.)

Nicole is a Drinking Water Specialist with the Oregon Health Authority-Drinking Water Service (OHA-DWS) Program. She has a Bachelors in Environmental Science and Chemistry, a Masters in Toxicology and is a PhD Candidate in Environmental Management. She has served as a science educator for diverse audiences ranging from 7th graders to environmental professionals for 10+ years. She has served as a research assistant in both the grasslands of New Zealand and in a dozen of lakes troubled with harmful algal blooms. She has worked for public drinking water systems in Minnesota and Oregon and spent some time at a county health department in Detroit MI sampling beaches, rivers, and pools. In her current role with OHA-DWS she serves as technical resource to public drinking water systems on water quality, treatment, distribution, and operational issues and provides regulatory assistance by evaluating and educating compliance with standards.

She is an outdoor enthusiast, Kansas City Chiefs fan, sad Portland Trailblazer fan, coffeeholic, chocoholic, connoisseur of fine and boxed wine, and proud dog mom.

5/3/2023
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SPEAKER

Name: Matt Barrier

Employer: Northstar Chemical

Address:

Phone: 503-625-3770, Cell: 503-793-4516

Email: mbarrier@northstarchemical.com

SPEAKER CREDENTIALS/BIOGRAPHY (Short paragraph describing background, education, experience, etc.)

VP of Sales Industrial Products- Northstar Chemical

25 years experience in water treatment chemicals and distribution

A good deal of experience in working with municipalities to convert from chlorine and SO₂ gas to liquid alternatives

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SPEAKER

Name: Jess Bergers

Employer: Ferguson Waterworks

Address: 3292 South Highway 97, Redmond, OR 97756

Phone: 503-878-1357

Email: jess.bergers@ferguson.com

SPEAKER CREDENTIALS/BIOGRAPHY (Short paragraph describing background, education, experience, etc.)

Education: Bachelor of Science, Business Administration – Eastern Oregon University

Work History: More than 28 years of sales and leadership experience

Profile: Having started my journey in the warehouse, then progressed to customer service, estimating, sales and ultimately sales management, I have gained valuable experience at multiple levels within the waterworks distribution industry. In my current capacity as the Municipal Sales Manager for Ferguson Waterworks, I have the privilege of leading a highly skilled & experienced sales team committed to serving our utility partners in the Pacific Northwest. With a focus on building relationships, differentiating through service and delivering on commitments, our team strives to exceed customer expectations and be the primary solution provider in the Oregon, Washington and Idaho municipal markets.

August 13, 2024

Date

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SPEAKER

Scott Berry

OAWU Circuit Rider

sberry@oawu.net

SPEAKER CREDENTIALS

(Short paragraph describing background, education, experience, etc.)

Scott Berry has been employed by the Oregon Association of Water Utilities since 2004 as a Training Specialist, Circuit Rider/Programs Manager. In this capacity, Scott was tasked with providing training and technical assistance to many utilities in Oregon. Scott has additional experience as the Manager of Luckiamute Domestic Water Cooperative. LDWC is a geographically large system with a distribution area of over 265 square miles. He worked as an operator in Iraq where he provided the U.S. military bases as well as native towns and villages with much the same service as provided by OAWU. In Iraq he gained experience as a Reverse Osmosis Water Treatment Plant Operator as well as troubleshooting, maintaining, and installing water distribution systems. Additionally, Scott has been involved and trained with the local Fire Department and County Sheriff's office in all aspects involving emergencies and hazardous operations.

Scott Berry via email

Signature on file.

1/07/2017

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SPEAKER

Name: Arnab Bhowmick

Employer: AAKAVS AKTIVOVW

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Phone: 425-245-3569

Email: arnab@aakavs.com

SPEAKER CREDENTIALS

(Short paragraph describing background, education, experience, etc.)

Mr. Arnab Bhowmick has more than 21+ years of technical and managerial experience in business and operations, asset management O&M, GIS, emergency management, IT security, strategic planning etc. He is currently the Chair of American Public Works Association (APWA) Asset Management Committee and has been advising the CxO level executives, City and District managers and department heads for couple decades on asset management, GIS and IT strategies, business continuity, technology trends, and e-governance. He has worked for many coveted corporations including Weston, ESRI, Tata Group and founded Aktivov Asset Management and Aakavs Consulting. He has a B.S. in Civil Engineering and couple M.S. in Business Information Systems, GIS, and Sustainable Technologies.

Signature

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SPEAKER

Name: Aron Borok

Employer: Oregon Department of Environmental Quality

Address: 700 NE Multnomah St., Portland, OR 97232

Phone: 503-229-5050

Email: Aron.Borok@deq.oregon.gov

SPEAKER CREDENTIALS/BIOGRAPHY (Short paragraph describing background, education, experience, etc.)

Aron Borok has been working for the Water Quality Standards program for 15 years. He has worked on numerous projects related to water quality standards variances, antidegradation, and development of water quality standards for turbidity, bacteria and designation of Outstanding Resource Waters. Prior to working at DEQ, he worked for ten years at an environmental consulting firm for clients from both large and small communities on a variety of environmental issues, including cleanup, brownfields redevelopment and economics. He has a masters in public administration from Indiana University and a bachelors in environmental engineering from Northwestern University.

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SPEAKER

Name: Jason Branstetter, P.E.

Employer: City of Gresham

Address: 1333 NW Eastman Parkway, Gresham, OR 97030

Phone: 503-849-3387

Email: jason.branstetter@greshamoregon.gov

SPEAKER CREDENTIALS/BIOGRAPHY (Short paragraph describing background, education, experience, etc.)

Jason is a professional engineer in the State of Oregon, he has worked for the City of Gresham Water Division for over 16 years. His primary role is the City Water Capital Program manager overseeing work on distribution system improvements, seismic resilience and water supply planning. He studied Civil Engineering Technology at Mt. Hood Community College

8/28/2024

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SPEAKER

Name: Spencer Cashwell

Employer: City of Bend

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Phone: 541-693-2195

Email: scashwell@bendoregon.gov

SPEAKER CREDENTIALS/BIOGRAPHY (Short paragraph describing background, education, experience, etc.)

Spencer has over 24 years in the utility industry with the City of Bend. In the past 15 years his focus has been on AMR/AMI metering, customer side leak detection, customer facing portal, meter testing and customer service. Spencer is the program technician that has the primary function of managing their Aclara AMI solution and WaterSmart customer portal. Spencer also manages their customer side leak detection program that focuses on customer service and early detection to aid in cost savings, property preservation and conservation efforts on the customer side of the meter.

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SPEAKER

Name: Kerri H. Cope

Employer: Oregon Water Resources Department

Address: 725 Sumer St. NE, Suite A, Salem, OR 97301

Phone: 503-979-9544

Email: Kerri.H.Cope@water.oregon.gov

SPEAKER CREDENTIALS/BIOGRAPHY Kerri has been with the Oregon Water Resource Department (OWRD) since 2014. She has been a water rights caseworker, a transfer caseworker and has been a Water Management and Conservation Analyst and Reuse Coordinator for OWRD since 2016 in the Transfers and Conservation Section. Prior to working at OWRD, she was the Environmental Management System (eMS) and Air Quality Coordinator for the Oregon Military Department for two years and worked for the Kentucky Environmental Protection Cabinet for ten years as an Environmental Scientist specializing in air quality and waste management. Kerri partners with Tamera Smith and has a bachelors (WKU) and masters in geology (SIU).

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SPEAKER

Name: Martina Frey

Employer: Oregon Department of Environmental Quality

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Phone: 503-229-5054

Email: martina.frey@deq.oregon.gov

SPEAKER CREDENTIALS/BIOGRAPHY (Short paragraph describing background, education, experience, etc.)

Martina Frey is a Program Analyst in the Water Quality Division of the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality. Since 2018, she has led DEQ's Water Quality Compliance Policy and Data Management Team and is responsible for electronic reporting for water quality permits. From 1998 to 2018, Martina was a consultant at Tetra Tech, Inc., assisting federal, state, and local agencies with stormwater management policy development, implementation, and permit compliance. Martina earned a master's degree in environmental management from Duke University's Nicholas School of the Environment and Earth Sciences in 1998 and a bachelor's degree in ecology from Tulane University in 1996.

August 14, 2024

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SPEAKER

Name: Brian Ginter

Employer: Consor

Address: One SW Columbia Street, Suite 1700 Portland, OR 97204

Phone: 503-467-1269

Email: brian.ginter@consoreng.com

SPEAKER CREDENTIALS/BIOGRAPHY -

BS in Civil Engineering from the University of Portland. 25 years of consulting engineering experience with Consor. I work with water system's to develop water system plans to address hydraulic deficiencies, identify water supply needs, and develop capital improvement plans to guide investments.

8/28/2024

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SPEAKER Name: Kimi Grzyb

Employer: Oregon Department of Environmental Quality

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City/State/Zip: Portland OR 97232

Phone: 503-229-5349

Email: grzyb.kimi@deq.state.or.us

SPEAKER CREDENTIALS:

Kimi Grzyb is the Oregon DEQ Wastewater Operator Certification Program Coordinator. In this role, she reviews applications to determine whether applicants have met the State's rules for operator education and experience requirements. She has a PhD in Environmental Sciences (Education Track). Signature AUDIO VISUAL NEEDS X PowerPoint Projector Flip Charts Dry Erase Board/Easel Date X Laptop Other internet access

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SPEAKER

Name: Pat Heins

Employer: Oregon DEQ

Address:

Phone:

Email: pat.heins@deq.oregon.gov

SPEAKER CREDENTIALS/BIOGRAPHY (Short paragraph describing background, education, experience, etc.)

Pat is currently the state coordinator for Oregon Department of Environmental Quality's Biosolids and Recycled Water programs. He also serves as a permit writer for state wide general permits. He has more than 20 years experience in contaminant fate and transport, hazardous materials and waste stream management for municipalities and private industries.

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Name: Jeremy Hudson, P.E.

Employer: Rockwood Water People's Utility District

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Phone: 503-665-4179

Email: jhudson@rwpud.org

SPEAKER CREDENTIALS/BIOGRAPHY (Short paragraph describing background, education, experience, etc.)

BSE in Engineering from Walla Walla University. Community Development and utility replacement designs early in my career. District Engineer for Rockwood Water for almost 20 years, managing our water system mapping, waterline improvements and inspections. Planning and preparing for future water demands.

2024-8-30
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SPEAKER

Name: Liz Johns

Employer: 120 water

Address:

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Email:

SPEAKER CREDENTIALS/BIOGRAPHY (Short paragraph describing background, education, experience, etc.)

Liz Johns is an Inside Sales Representative at 120Water. In this role Liz is responsible for assisting utilities across the nation to understand and comply with the Revised Lead and Copper Rule. From assisting with LSLI development, LCR sampling, LSLR planning, and communication outreach, Liz and the 120Water team ensure that each utility is on the right track to compliance. Working together through relationships with State Agencies and Associations allows for these utilities to build clear compliance roadmaps as they transition into a more modern solution for these revisions.

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SPEAKER

Name: Steven Menges

Employer: Alpha Guardian Networks, LLC

Address:

Phone: 646-391-3364

Email: smenges@alphaguardian.net

SPEAKER CREDENTIALS/BIOGRAPHY (Short paragraph describing background, education, experience, etc.)

A B2B innovator and products executive with 25 years of progressive experience, Steven is an industry author and speaker on enterprise computing, data analytics, managed service providers (MSPs), IT Security, regulatory compliance, buyer's journey-based engagement, and OT (Operational Technology) Cybersecurity.

Steven is also an Adjunct Instructor and Capstone/Thesis advisor at the NYU MS in Management and Systems (STEM) and other NYU Division of Programs in Business programs. Mr. Menges is an AFCEA (Armed Forces Communication & Electronics Association) member and an active member of the public water system (PWS) community, including the NRWA (National Rural Water Association), and several other national and state-level organizations.

Mr. Menges lives in Northern California, hails from the mountains northeastern Pennsylvania (Dallas, PA), and has a bachelor's degree and MBA from the University of Pittsburgh.

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SPEAKER

Name: Monty Norris

Employer: OAWU

Phone: 503-837-1212

Email: mnorris@oawu.net

SPEAKER CREDENTIALS/BIOGRAPHY (Short paragraph describing background, education, experience, etc.)

Monty has been a resident of Lebanon his entire life. He spent his early years playing baseball, golf and racquetball as well as fishing and hunting. His hobbies now are mainly fishing and hunting occasionally as well as weekly cornhole tournaments.

He began working at the age of 14 at the local grocery store until he was 19. He worked for 12 years at Entek as an operator and 9 years at the Halsey paper mill as an operator. He got his first taste of treatment working in secondary fiber department and it was something that if he had the chance to do professionally, he would pursue.

In 2015, the paper mill had a layoff and moved him to another department or allowed him to take advantage of the layoff and pursue the WET program at LBCC under the Trade Act. With the support of his wife and daughter, he graduated in 2017 and had his first job working a small conventional plant in Sweet Home for the next 1 ½ years. He moved on to working an SBR plant in Stayton for another 1 ½ years then to The City of Lebanon as an operator and later, the Lead operator and AIC(acting in charge) for last 3 months.

Started working for OAWU as a Wastewater Technician in July of 2022.

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SPEAKER

Name: Tim Owens

Employer: Corrrect Serving water and Wastewater utilities

Address: 300 S. Redwood Street, Suite 135

Phone:

O: 503.582.0555 Ext. 210

C: 503.616.8279

Email: tim@ceipnw.com

SPEAKER CREDENTIALS/BIOGRAPHY (Short paragraph describing background, education, experience, etc.)

Tim has 16 years of experience working with municipalities and engineers for Water Treatment, Distribution, Wastewater Treatment and Wwastewater Collection/Conveyance. He attended Portland Community College and he has had the opportunity to work with with water wastewater professionals across the Pacific Northwest. Tim is passionate about water – reducing the environmental impact of wastewater systems and reducing non revenue water and conservation.

7/19/2024

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Name: Steve Redford

Employer: FloHawks

Address:

Phone: 855-263-1115

Email: steveredford@flohawks.com

SPEAKER CREDENTIALS/BIOGRAPHY (Short paragraph describing background, education, experience, etc.)

FloHawks Industrial pumping business development and solutions. 20 plus years in the business.

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SPEAKER

Name: Robert Smith

Employer: Treatment Equipment Company

Address:

Phone: 541-236-8145

Email: bob@tec-nw.com

SPEAKER CREDENTIALS/BIOGRAPHY (Short paragraph describing background, education, experience, etc.)

Working in the manufacturing sector for much of the time since graduating the University of Washington with a BSME, and having managed many wastewater projects cradle-to-grave, Bob has had the opportunity to see, touch, and smell a lot of wastewater systems for applications as diverse as small communities to beverage bottling plants. In his current role with Treatment Equipment Company, he has the opportunity to work with water and wastewater systems for municipalities and industry, helping to select equipment and processes to assist the operators in accomplishing their important missions.

When Bob is not talking about treating water, he enjoys spending time with his wife, three boys and several animals on his property in Southern Oregon.

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SPEAKER

Name: Tamera Smith

Employer: Oregon Water Resources Department

Address:

Phone: 458-253-0597

Email: tamera.l.smith@water.oregon.gov

SPEAKER CREDENTIALS/BIOGRAPHY (Short paragraph describing background, education, experience, etc.)

Tamera Smith Joined the Oregon Water Resources Department in November 2016, and recently accepted a promotion to Modernization Coordinator and Conservation Analyst in the department's transfer and conservation section. She started out as the customer service representative for the agency; working her way up to support staff for the instream lease and transfers reimbursement authority programs in the Transfer and Conservation Section, then on to be the caseworker for reimbursement authority transfers. Tamera's duties now focus on reviewing water management and conservation plans for the conservation analyst portion of her position.

12/6/2022
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Name of Speaker: Tim Tice

Employer: Oregon Association of Water Utilities

Phone: 503-837-1212

Email: ttice@oawu.net

Education and experience is with industrial hazardous materials and waste, dealing with aspects of environmental and employee protection through regulations and training. Currently employed with Oregon Association of Water Utilities since 2000; working with water systems in providing drinking water protection plans, which include contingency planning and emergency response planning. Training water systems since 2000 has focused on confined space, lock-out tag-out procedures, hazardous materials handling and source water protection. As projects manager, working with water systems in providing rate studies, conservation and management plans, operation and maintenance manuals as well as written safety programs.

Tim Tice, via email
Signature

01-11-2017
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