



PNWA ...
Enhancing
economic vitality
in the
Pacific Northwest
since 1934



Gain maximum value from your PNWA membership

Participate in PNWA meetings

We encourage all our members to actively participate with our association, attend meetings and interact with other PNWA members. Meetings are a perfect venue to gather, discuss and learn from others with the same goals and objectives.

“Organizations like PNWA collaborate with their partners to enhance the efficiency of our transportation system while supporting sustainable practices”

U.S. President Barack Obama
(in a 2009 letter commemorating PNWA’s 75th Anniversary)

Mid-Year Meeting: Information updates, guest speakers and in-depth discussion of key issues pertaining to your business.

Annual Meeting: Information updates, guest speakers and discussion on issues. The membership adopts the annual *“Policies and Projects”*, which includes both policy statements and a listing of infrastructure projects PNWA supports. Elect the Board members and officers who will lead the organization in accomplishing its goals.

Regional Meetings: Information updates specific to your business prior to our Mission to Washington, DC.

Mission to Washington, DC: PNWA has excelled in presenting member issues directly to industry leaders, federal agency leaders and the Northwest Congressional delegation. Our Mission to Washington, DC cannot be missed, as our members are able to meet face to face with key decision makers.

Mini-Missions: As opportunities or needs arise, PNWA organizes trips to Washington, DC for staff and a small number of members to lobby on emerging issues.

Special Meetings: As opportunities or needs arise, PNWA invites interested members to meet in the region to discuss issues or projects among the membership or with regional or national decision makers.

Develop PNWA policy

Present your policy issues and projects for *“Policies and Projects”* consideration at the PNWA Annual Meeting. The *“Policies and Projects”* guide the association in all its actions, including lobbying, for the coming year.



“I think the secret of your success is bringing people together behind the same priorities – and then speaking with one voice. That’s really made you a powerhouse in Washington, D.C. and given our region a strong voice – and a seat at the table.”

U.S. Senator Patty Murray
(at the 2005 PNWA Annual Meeting)

Shape the Mission to Washington, DC

Attend Regional Meetings to update PNWA staff and members on your issues and projects for consideration for discussion at Mission to Washington, DC.

“PNWA’s Mission to Washington is a clinic on how a trip to DC should be organized and executed.”

Craig Crotteau, Special Counsel, Ball Janik, LL
(personal correspondence after attending the 2006 PNWA Mission to Washington, DC)

Take advantage of PNWA’s lobbying expertise on policy issues and for regional projects

PNWA staff makes frequent trips to Washington, DC to lobby for our issues and projects. We communicate with Congressional and federal agency staff by phone and email on a daily basis.

Communicate with PNWA staff on issues of importance to you

We are in constant contact with key decision makers in Washington, DC. We are a credible resource for them; however, we need you, our members, to keep us informed as your policy issues develop or change.

Inform PNWA staff of your project authorizations and funding needs

PNWA delivers project authorization requests and appropriations requests to Congress each year. Timely updates are necessary so we can include your projects for funding. We welcome frequent status reports as your project changes, which enables us to keep Congressional offices and agency staff current.

Leverage PNWA’s endorsement in your own lobbying for your projects

PNWA represents multiple industries from the public and private sectors in Oregon, Washington, Idaho and California. Our endorsement demonstrates strong regional support for your project.

Support PNWA special projects

From time to time, PNWA leads groups of members and non-members in completing special projects. Recent examples include *“Making the Case for the Federal Hopper Dredge Fleet in the Pacific Northwest”*; *“River of Plenty,”* a communications plan for addressing salmon recovery; and CEDER’s Marine Transportation System Study, which identifies regional navigation, road and rail infrastructure projects necessary to meet current and future trade demands.

PNWA ... 75 years of successful advocacy for economic development and environmental sustainability in the Pacific Northwest. Learn more at www.pnwa.net.

PNWA is a non-profit 501(c)6 that advocates for federal policies and funding in support of regional economic development. We represent multiple industries in the public and private sectors in Oregon, Washington, Idaho, and California. Members include public ports, navigation, transportation, international trade, tourism, agriculture, forest products, energy and local government interests.

Since our founding in 1934, PNWA led the way for development of economic infrastructure for navigation, electric power and irrigated agriculture on the Columbia and Snake River System. In 1971, we expanded, adding Puget Sound and coastal port members to provide a comprehensive regional perspective. Today, PNWA works with the U.S. Congress, federal agencies and regional decision leaders on transportation, trade, tourism, energy and environmental policy to enhance economic vitality in the Pacific Northwest.