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As PNWA's Executive Director, Kristin Meira leads the association's work with Congress, federal agencies and regional decision makers on transportation, trade, energy and environmental policies and projects. PNWA's membership includes over 130 public ports, transportation providers, agriculture and forest products producers, public utilities, manufacturers, labor groups and others in Washington, Oregon, and Idaho. Meira joined the PNWA team in 2002.

Meira moved to Portland in 2000 after spending five years on Capitol Hill in Washington DC, where she worked for U.S. Senator Patty Murray and U.S. Senator Bill Bradley. Her political experience also includes work as a legislative assistant for a N.J. State Assemblyman, briefing aide to N.J. Governor Jim Florio, and work on several campaigns around the nation.

Meira has a BA with a dual major in Political Science/History and a double major in English from Rutgers University. She makes her home outside Portland, Oregon.



Scott Clemans, Communications Director
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Scott Clemans leads the planning and implementation of communication efforts for and with PNWA members, and works to increase relationships and communication with the news media and broader public. Clemans brings over 15 years of professional communications experience to PNWA, including as a public affairs specialist with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, U.S. Forest Service and U.S. Army Reserve, as well as telecommunications and software companies. He earned a master's degree in Communications from Portland State University, and a bachelor's degree in Political Science from Willamette University. Clemans lives in Vancouver, Wash., with his wife and two daughters.



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Randi Besser joined PNWA in 2019 as the association's Office Manager. Randi assists the PNWA membership and staff, plans PNWA events, and manages bookkeeping. She has extensive administrative and event planning experience.

Randi graduated from the University of Illinois with a BS in Elementary Education. She is the proud mom of two sons and makes her home in Portland, Oregon.