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Elaine Dixon named as Arnie Winkler’s successor at NWPPA

VANCOUVER, WA. – As of today, Elaine Dixon has joined the Northwest Public Power Association (NWPPA) staff as the incoming director of education and workforce development. Dixon has been hired to fill the vacancy that will be created when Arnie Winkler, the current director of education and workforce development, retires on June 30.

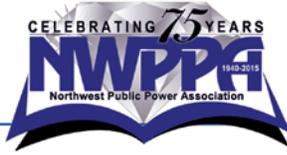


Dixon comes to NWPPA with over 20 years of organizational learning and development experience, and 10 years of experience in the power industry. Most recently she spent eight years with Marsh and McLennan companies (Mercer, Oliver Wyman) as the global head of client delivery and then chief operations officer for the Leadership Development business. Prior to that, she worked for PacifiCorp/Scottish Power as the director of talent management. While there, her team provided organizational development, change management, succession planning, leadership development, learning, and staffing services for Pacific Power, Rocky Mountain Power, Utah Power, and PPM Energy. She has also worked for PacifiCare Health Systems and Nike Inc.

“Elaine was the unanimous selection of the interview panel,” said NWPPA Executive Director Anita Decker. “She has the background and experience to make sure we don’t miss a beat at delivering value to our members with our training and educational programs.”

NWPPA members who attended last October’s Women in Public Power workshop may recognize her name; she consulted with NWPPA on that event.

“I was introduced to NWPPA as a consultant while helping develop Women in Public Power. During my research, I talked with individuals across the membership who provided stories about their background and what is needed to be successful in public power. I was thoroughly impressed by the experience, competence, agility, smarts, and dedication to the work and the needs of the community they serve,” said Dixon. “I find the mission of NWPPA to be compelling and look forward to the opportunity to work with the public power community.”



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Dixon has a bachelor's degree in industrial organizational psychology from Western Washington University, a certification in organizational systems design, and is currently completing her International Coaching Federation certification.

A Pacific Northwest native from Mount Vernon, Wash., she is excited to travel the area and visit with our membership.

“I grew up in the Puget Sound area,” she said. “I have been very lucky to have traveled and worked globally, but I am so grateful for the opportunity to come *home* to work across this beautiful part of our world.”

When not working or traveling, Dixon may be found flying planes.

“A couple of years ago, I checked off a bucket list item by getting my private pilot license,” she said. “I'd rather fly the plane than jump out of it!”

NWPPA is excited to have her and her numerous skills with us!

About NWPPA: NWPPA is an international association representing and serving nearly 150 customer-owned, locally controlled utilities in the Western U.S. and Canada. The Association also serves approximately 300 associate members across the U.S. and Canada who are allied with the electric utility industry. For more information, visit www.nwppa.org, www.facebook.com/NWPPAssoc, or www.Twitter.com/NWPPAssoc.