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NWPPA Hires New Director of Learning and Workforce Development

Vancouver, Wash. – The Northwest Public Power Association has hired Mike Hyatt-Evenson to be the association’s director of learning and workforce development effective February 18. Hyatt-Evenson fills the position left by Elaine Dixon, who retired earlier this year.



Hyatt-Evenson comes to NWPPA with nearly 20 years of leadership experience in the learning and development industry. For the past 15 years, he has served as the head of global sales learning and development for Verizon Media and worked for Yahoo! before it was purchased. In these positions, he developed learning strategies; managed a team of learning and development professionals; and partnered with business leaders and influencers to build learning programs that furthered organizational goals and strategy.

“A core mission of NWPPA is to provide up-to-date and dynamic education and training for our members. Our director of learning and workforce development must oversee more than 250 unique events, which touch more than 6,000 utility employees, per year,” said NWPPA Executive Director Scott Corwin. “Mike’s passion for and experience with professional and leadership development is a prodigious match for this position. I am excited to welcome him as we elevate our training opportunities to an even higher level for our members.”

Prior to Verizon Media, Hyatt-Evenson worked for Learning.com as a training and support manager, and for Riverdeep Interactive/Smartstuff Software as an education program manager. He earned a bachelor’s degree in education from the University of Wisconsin. He is also a certified facilitator and certified speaker.

Last year he was named one of Corinium’s top 50 most influential L&D leaders in the Americas. At the time he said, “I believe that L&D professionals need to be educators at heart, with an inherent drive to help people grow and succeed. It has been that drive that has helped me grow as a professional and led me to my current role.”

***About NWPPA:** NWPPA is an international not-for-profit trade association representing and serving over 155 customer-owned, locally controlled utilities in the Western U.S. and Canada. The Association also serves approximately 350 associate members across the U.S. and Canada who are allied with the electric utility industry. Visit www.nwppa.org or our social media channels for more information.*